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Community Boating Inc.

2022 Programs Report



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Letter from the Executive Director



CBI back on an even keel in 2022

It is a genuine pleasure to welcome all of you back to an in person Annual Meeting. In our Programs Report I hope you will find a wonderful story of how our past year went and enjoy some reminiscences. The 2022 sailing season was a year full of good news. While 2021 was a meaningful recovery year from the worst of the pandemic, in 2022 CBI truly bounced back. Our Adult Program memberships were even or above historical levels. Ratings were earned at a high level. Tiller Club, Women's Sailing/Racing, Intermediate Racing, Windsurfing, all experienced robust levels of participation as did kayak rentals. CBI launched a pilot program of water monitoring by conducting tests for cyanobacteria. Interns from our Junior Program received a taste of scientific fieldwork. Taken together with CBI's full range of open houses, dock parties, the July 4 Sailabration, Friday Night Dock Beers (something new in 2022), our celebration of the Priebatsch Pavilion, and The Ed Long Regatta, CBI's programs successfully delivered our mission of **"Sailing for All"**.

Our finances are on a strong footing. Coming out of 2021, when CBI significantly benefitted from the various government pandemic recovery programs – PPP, EIDL, FRCA, ERC (what an alphabet soup!), and combined with our positive operating result in 2022, we are well positioned to execute on important initiatives securing CBI's future.

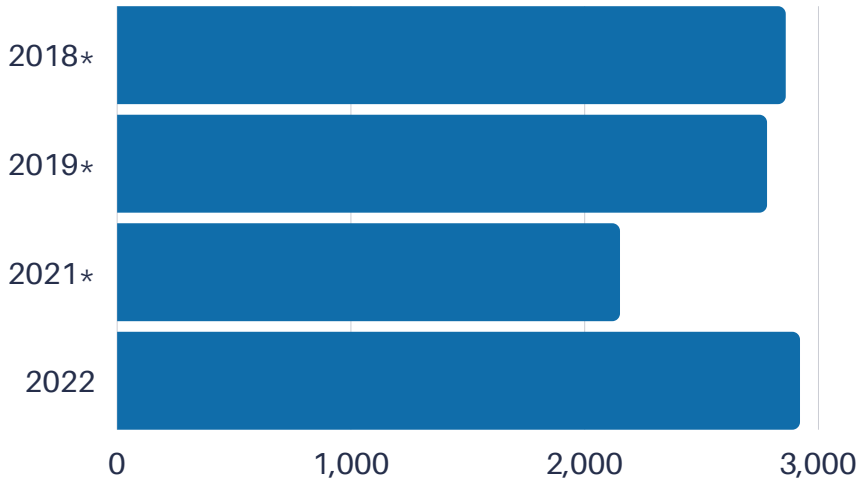
Over the past three years it cannot be overstated how much CBI benefitted from the talents and energies of CBI's management team and our many volunteers. Not only was CBI able to navigate a way through two years of the pandemic crisis, but we've come out on the other side, robust, enthused, and energized. Looking forward we will focus on improvements to our program offerings. We will reinvest in CBI's floating stock, launch engines, sails, rigging, and facility. Most importantly, CBI has a talented management team and staff who, working with our many volunteers, will build on our accomplishments in 2022 delivering sailing for all in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Charlie Zechel
CBI Executive Director

Memberships

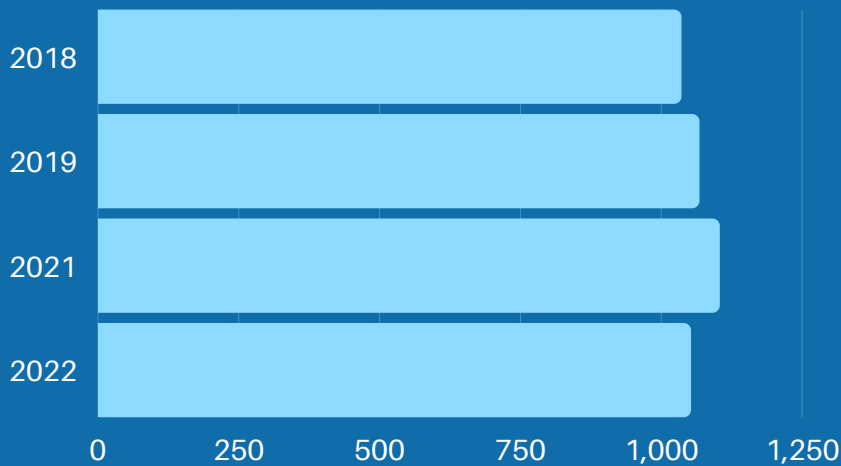
The data sets below display number of members by program.



Adult Program

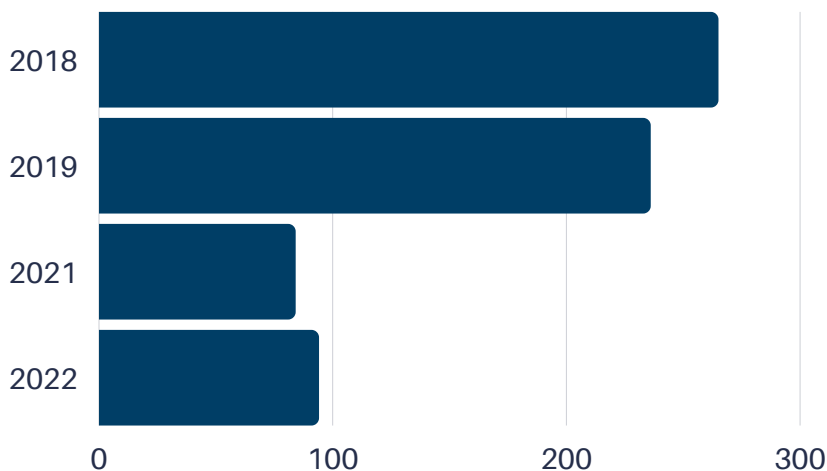
Membership numbers have recovered to their pre-pandemic levels as we return to our first full seven-month season of sailing since 2019. With 2515 Full Year Adult Program memberships sold through mid-October we have eclipsed our 2018 memberships. We have also seen higher member utilization of the fleet and program throughout 2022 with increases in sign-outs and class enrollments.

*Membership numbers include up until December 31st



Junior Program

The Junior Program saw a slight decrease in overall membership from 2021, but remained on par with previous years. Our plan is to launch the membership and class sign-ups in late November for the 2023 season in an effort to expand member sign-ups to those who desire to sign-up early for the program.



Universal Access Program

We saw a slight uptick in Universal Access Program membership numbers in 2022 compared to 2021. Prior to the pandemic the bulk of UAP memberships came from various group homes and facilities. Many of these organizations are continuing to exercise caution and not engaging in external activities. As such we continued to focus on individual lessons, helping members hone and develop their sailing skills and confidence on the water.

Adult Program

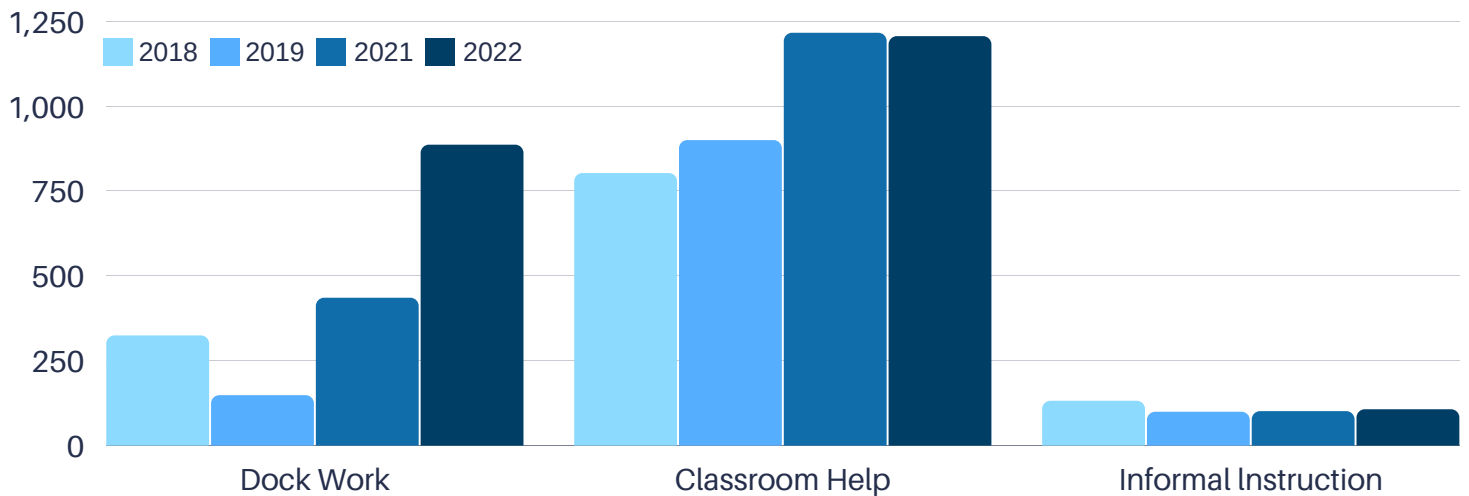
Our volunteers play an integral role in upholding CBI's "Sailing for All" motto through their coverage of classes and offering of informal instruction. Their enthusiasm for Community Boating has encouraged countless members to embrace a new passion for sailing. Over the Summer, we welcomed our new Volunteer Coordinator, Alfonso Morell. Alfonso has been a part of Community Boating for nine seasons, starting in the Junior Program in 2014. Dana Norton, the preceding Volunteer Coordinator, shared the same enthusiasm for the volunteer program. During her tenure, Dana onboarded new volunteers and streamlined the process. This Summer, we welcomed twelve new volunteers to the program. We were pleased to see the more experienced volunteers step up and provide their guidance to the new members, which was a testament to the volunteer faculty as a community. Thanks to this community, almost half of the classes in the Adult Program were taught by a volunteer so far this season. We are extremely grateful for their contributions, and we look forward to a strong 2023 season.

59%

Volunteer coverage of **beginner on-the-water** classes



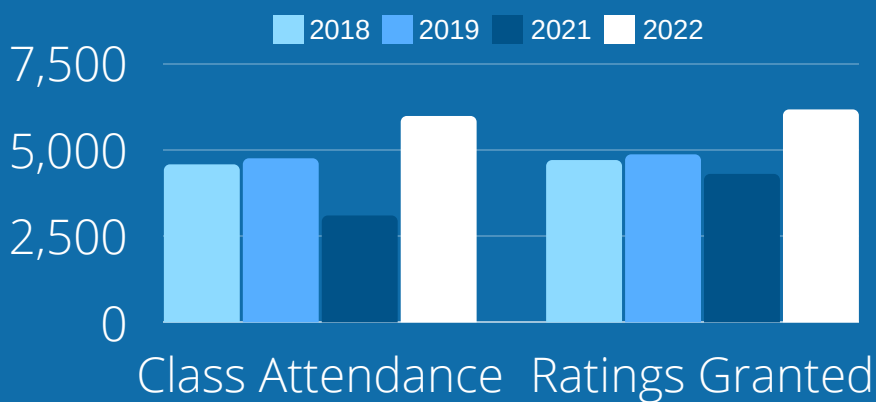
Junior Program - Instructors in Training



Shannon Fitzgerald took on the role of the Priebatsch Instructor in Training (IIT) Coordinator. Shannon provided opportunities for the Juniors by leading them in planning and executing the weekly theme days. Some theme days included, "Pirates Day", "Spy Day", and "Fictional Character Day" where Juniors (& instructors!) had the chance to dress up. A great accomplishment this year was an IIT led bake sale hosted in front of CBI where they raised over \$500 for the Junior Program.

This year we expanded our IIT assignments in an effort to progress training for future paid instructor and dock staff positions. These duties include dock management, rigging assistance, hiper dock management which led to an increase in overall "dock work" hours.

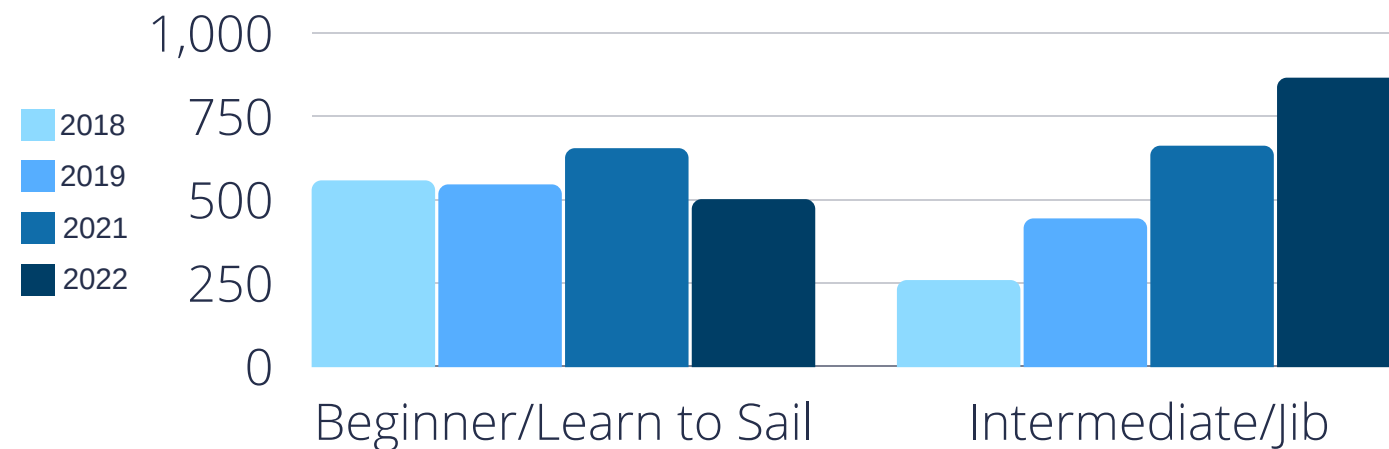
Adult Program



We saw an uptick in ratings this year, commensurate with increased class participation. With the introduction of report cards for on-the-water testing, members were able to receive direct actionable feedback when testing for their yellow and red ratings.

>1,100 Hours spent in classes!

Junior Program - Mercury Classes



After switching in 2021 to a one week Intermediate Class model that could be taken multiple times, we made the decision to reconfigure to a part 1 and part 2. We added a new class, Mercury Clinic, which was held once per weekday and designed to supplement the juniors that were in need of further on-the-water coaching for their yellow or red rating. **Total Juniors enrolled in Mercury Clinic, 278.**

Universal Access Program - Number of appointments booked



The Universal Access Program ran this year from May 14th until September 18th. We returned to offering two appointments per time slot during the peak summer times. In 2022 we welcomed back groups from partner organizations as well as new groups, bringing us to a total of six unique sailing groups within the program.

Universal Access Program

Open Sailing

This season we continued our Open Sailing opportunities for UAP members. Sailors within the program who have demonstrated the ability to rig and derig, launch and land independently, and sail an on-the-water course are able to book hour-long appointments to sail on their own on green and yellow flag days. Through the middle of September UAP members had logged 41 hours of Open Sailing!

Adaptive Sports New England

During the 2022 season we continued our partnership with Adaptive Sports New England, an organization dedicated to increasing participation in sports among youth and young adults who have visual or mobility impairments. Kids and their families came down for practices each Wednesday from July 13 to August 31 to work on improving their sailing skills and knowledge in Rhodes 19s and Sonars.

Carroll Center for the Blind

Following the success of last summer's partnership with Carroll Center for the Blind's Sailblind sailing program, we hosted 8-10 sailors every Saturday from the middle of June until the end of September.

Special Olympics of Massachusetts

We hosted the Special Olympics Massachusetts State Championships on August 6th. There were seven teams in Sonars and Ideal 18s, varying from levels 1-3, competing! We've been a proud host of this regatta for over ten years.

Boston Blind Sailing

We hosted 18 weeks of Boston Blind Sailing practices leading up to and including the David Vieira Boston Blind Open Memorial Regatta.

Universal Access X Junior Program Hybrid Offering

During the final weeks of the Junior Program we ran a collaboration between the Universal Access Program and Junior Program to host our first accessible Beginner class. Typically UAP members schedule one-on-one appointments with UAP instructors, however, we were able to develop a combined class, with a UAP instructor present, to make sailing even more accessible to Juniors. We hope to offer more of these UAP and JP classes going forward.

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ADAPTIVE
REGATTAS HOSTED

41

HOURS OF
OPEN SAILING

533

HOURS OF
ADAPTIVE INSTRUCTION

School Programs

CBI hosts grade schools and high schools for learn-to-sail and racing in the Spring and Fall. Our fleet of 420s continues to serve us particularly well in hosting high school practices and races.

In the spring, we were happy to be able to host high school sailing teams in Mercuries and 420s. We hosted 8 schools in all. We hosted the Mass Bay Leagues (MBLs) Zimba Fleet Race Championship in May which was the conclusion of the Massachusetts High School Sailing season. In addition to MBLs we also hosted seven race days for the High School C Division of the Mass Bay League.

- Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
- Beaver Country Day
- Buckingham-Brown and Nichols
- Natick High School
- Needham High School
- Newton Country Day School
- Quincy High School
- The Winsor School

This Fall we are hosting 5 schools, mainly running learn to sail programming and prepping their new sailors for spring sailing and racing.

- The Advent School
- Cambridge Rindge and Latin
- The Commonwealth School
- Needham High School
- Newton High School



Adult Program

Women's Sailing

The goal of CBI's Women's Sailing Program is to support women sailors to advance their skills and gain ratings at commensurate rates as CBI's membership at large. During the 2022 sailing season, organized sailing for beginner to intermediate women sailors was offered every Tuesday. Participation was consistent with occasionally as many as 30 women participating. Informal racing on Thursdays had good attendance all season with 5 - 11 boats competing. Additionally, activities included two pot-luck lunches, a "Learn to Start" clinic, as well as a class designed to teach techniques for light weight individuals in higher winds. Participation in these initiatives has helped improve sailing skills and worked to enrich the community of Community Boating.

Tiller Club

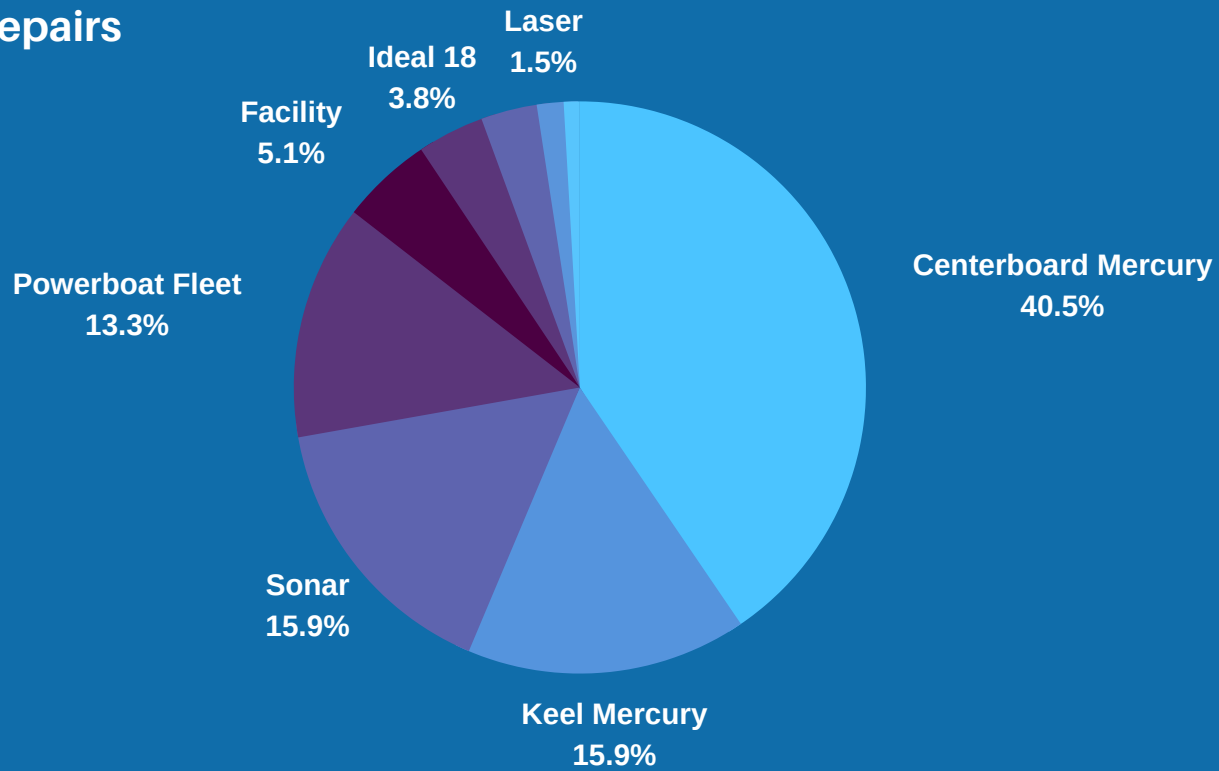
The Tiller Club strives to offer on a small scale what racers are expected to experience when participating in large regattas outside CBI by providing Notice of Races and Sailing Instructions, running races following the Racing Rules of Sailing, managing protests, and everything to prepare new racers for any sailboat racing event. We had another great season, with ten regattas and three multi-weekend series, with excellent attendance from regular racers and new joiners.

Windsurfing

Windsurfing had a strong year at CBI in 2022. Over the winter, we received a generous donation of equipment, and also bought some new equipment boards to facilitate the progress of new and experienced windsurfers. We were able to deploy a full set of boards for our sailors, with 10-12 boards available for each level (green-yellow-red). Furthermore, we increased the number of sails available in the windsurfing shed, so there would be 14 sails for yellow- and red-rated sailors and 12 sails for green-rated sailors. While this required some creative storage in Norman's Escape, the equipment allowed us to match demand in summer weekends, so sailors were able to find equipment without delay. Our Introduction to Windsurfing classes were oversubscribed most of the year; we should find a way to alleviate the wait times our members are experiencing attending their first class. With the new equipment, we were able to encourage many sailors to progress to higher levels, so that we had more yellow- and red-rated sailors. This has created a demand for more advanced instruction, so we hope to introduce more levels of classes next year.



Fleet Repairs



What does this graph include?

This chart shows the breakdown of fleet repairs filed and completed for each boat type. The data is based entirely on information from the Broken Boat Book. This does not account for time the maintenance department devotes to fleet upgrades, routine fleet checks, items found in the broken rudder and sail bins, long term restoration and beautification projects, or general shop and facilities upkeep. These charts do not include windsurf repairs executed in concert with volunteers.

Large Projects & Fleet Upgrades:

- Added 2 new Sonars to fleet with new masts and rigging
- Replaced forestays and sidestays on 5 sonars with HandiLock style turnbuckles and adjustable forestays
- Worked with West Salisbury Foundry to produce and receive 6 new Cape Cod Mercury Keels
- Replaced all Cape Cod Mercury keel through bolts with high quality stainless steel to allow for safe removal of keels for storage and replacement
- Repainted 25 Cape Cod Mercury topsides
- Added 9 new Mercury rudders built with high grade marine plywood to the fleet with 21 more in production due before the end of 2022
- Replaced old PVC style tiller extensions on 36 Mercury rudders with Dwyer carbon fiber extensions
- Returned Tripp 3 to service with a new Mercruiser 6.2 L engine
- Returned Coach boat to service with new 60HP Suzuki outboard and Hydraulic steering
- Replaced aging high performance dock rubber dock guard with new recyclable composite teak panels

Goals for next season:

We plan to focus on rehabbing our entire Keel Mercury fleet, to include new paint, hardware, and new keels for those in need. Carbon fiber tiller extensions for the remainder of the fleet. A full overhaul of 1 Sonar and Ideal 18.

Community Events & Offerings

The 2022 season saw a return of all CBI's events along with new offerings.

Opportunities that made a full return:

- Spring Work Parties
- Open Houses
- Morning Dock Yoga
- July 4th Sailabration
- Navigation Workshops
- Icebreaker Regatta
- Kids Sail the Stars
- Ed Long Regatta
- Summer & Fall Dock Parties
- CBI Talks/Lectures: Tania Aebi
- Volunteer & Member Night Sails
- Halloween Regatta

New offering

Friday Night Dock Beers: In an effort to offer additional social opportunities for members, we piloted Friday Night Dock Beers one Friday per month from May-September, hosted after Friday Night Informal Racing. Our Race Committee came up with fun superlative awards as a way to get members excited to go out on the water and come back to the dock to see if they won free drink tickets for “Best Collision with Race Committee”, “Best High Five”, and “Most Stylish Boat”. If the weather cooperated we had an emptied rudder rack and as many as 70 members and guests stick around for drinks and socialization after sunset. Having Harpoon and Arctic Chill's sponsorship was key for this initiative. We are looking forward to see how we can expand on this next season.

Special Event

Priebatsch Pavilion Dedication & Celebration: On June 9th we were excited to finally be able to host the dedication of the Norman Priebatsch Pavilion. The night included appetizers and dinner from a variety of food trucks, dessert from an ice cream truck, an open bar, DJ and dancing, raffles, and casino games. The night ended with a bang, a fireworks display set up just on the other side of the island. We are grateful to the Priebatsch family who continues to support CBI in Norman's memory.



CBI in the Media

- Cruising World: [*Boston's Community Boating on the Charles River Open to Sailors of All Levels of Experience*](#)
- Boston Globe: [*Its finally warming up. Here are 7 waterside spots around Boston to cool down.*](#)
- Washington Post: [*How to start sailing cheaply and easily.*](#)
- CN Traveler: [*Where to Watch the Fourth of July Fireworks in Boston 2022*](#)
- Boston.com: [*2022 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular*](#)
- Boston Magazine: [*Finally, Boston's Fourth of July Fireworks Are Spectacular Again.*](#)
- WBZ News Radio: [*TikTok Video*](#) and a full day of hourly stories
- The Boston Calendar: [*12 Date Ideas in Boston That Aren't Just Dinner & Drinks*](#)
- The Boston Herald: [*Where are are Boston's most romantic places?*](#)
- Channel 7 Boston: [*July Events*](#)

New Partnerships & Outreach

Youth Peer Leader Group: The Tenants Development Corporation (TDC) is a property management and development corporation located in Boston's Historic South End. This nonprofit has been involved in housing rehabilitation while increasing the number of affordable housing available for low to moderate-income families. In addition to this work, they offer a School Youth Peer Leadership Program. Through that program we have partnered with the TDC to offer their youth leaders sailing lessons. Every Thursday through the Fall, we host 11 youth who range from 13-18 years old. These sailing lessons are a way to engage this group with new experiences and opportunities they may not have realized are available.

The American City Coalition: The American City Coalition (TACC) is a nonprofit based in Roxbury. Their mission is to "help improve urban neighborhoods so that families flourish in safe environments and fully benefit from the economic opportunities of American cities." We participated in their free 'Sailing + Science' program, along with the Museum of Science, on June 11th. TACC provided complimentary shuttles from Roxbury and dropped families off just across the footbridge. Approximately 80 people spent time on the dock playing lawn games and eating lunch while CBI volunteers brought over 20 families out sailing in Sonars.

Boston Green Academy: This Summer through our Junior Program, we hosted the Boston Green Academy (BGA) for an abridged beginner sailing course as part of their Project Week. The BGA Project Week engages students with the world outside of the classroom through hiking, biking, and sailing across the Greater Boston area.

Local Lunchbox: Through a new partnership with The Shah Family Foundation, The YMCA, Local Lunchbox, The DCR, and The Esplanade Association, locally cooked complimentary meals were provided for not only all of our junior members, but any child 18 or under that visited the Esplanade on summer weekday afternoons from mid July to the end of August.

List of contributions October 2021 - October 2022

Below you'll find a list of **organizations** that have contributed at least \$500.

- **Polar Beverages**
- **Frederick A. Bailey Trust:** IIT Leadership Program*
- **The Meek Family Foundation**
- **Cabot Family Charitable Trust:** STEM Education, Cyanobacteria Water Quality Monitoring Program*
- **Needham Bank:** Norman Priebatsch Endowment**
- **Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Racing Association:** JP Current Operations
- **WS Asset Management, Inc. *****
- **Channel 7 Foundation, Inc. *****
- **Lindsay L. and Charles A. Coolidge III Charitable Trust:** JP Envi Sci Program
- **Boston Duck Tours:** JP & UAP Current Operations
- **Boston Opera House Ventures *****
- **W.S. Development *****
- **The Fallon Co, LLC *****
- **Boston Blind Sailing, Inc.**
- **Kahuna Fund:** JP Endowment
- **Education First:** UAP Endowment
- **NED Management L.P**
- **Abraham Kaplan Charitable Foundation**
- **Tini Lulu Fund**
- **Harpoon & Arctic Chill:** in-kind

* Grants we applied for

** Priebatsch Match Challenge

*** In memory of David Mugar

Below you'll find a list of **individuals** that have contributed at least \$1,000.

- **Henry Becton**
- **Paul Bedrosian**
- **Joseph Caruso**
- **Steven Conine**
- **Kymm Coveney**
- **Franklin Davis**
- **Suzanne Erwin**
- **Joshua Fox**
- **Harvey Freishtat**
- **Pamela Harvey***
- **Philip Haughey**
- **Ikay Iwobi***
- **Andrew Kotsatos**
- **Eben Kunz**
- **Michael Lauf**
- **Dick Marks**
- **Brian McManus***
- **Marian Morgan**
- **Brian Munden**
- **John O'Connor**
- **Suzanne Priebatsch**
- **Seth Priebatsch**
- **Thomas Ragno**
- **Gregory Raiz**
- **Linda and Larry Rodman**
- **Cassie Ryan**
- **Louis Schepp**
- **Scott and Jenna Signore**
- **Craig Speck**
- **Samantha Spencer**
- **Tiampo Family**
- **Adam Weiner**

* CBI members of the corporation