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2023 Programs Report
**Community
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The mission of Community Boating: To build a diverse community, promote personal growth, and inspire appreciation of the natural environment through sailing.



Our vision:
Sailing for All!



Our values: Learning | Volunteerism | Community | Inclusivity | Excellence | Fun

Letter from the Executive Director



Dear CBI Corporation Members,

In 2023, CBI's sailing season rebounded effectively from the disruptions caused by the pandemic in 2020-2021. Membership levels in all three of CBI's core programs, Junior, Universal Access, and Adult, are consistent with pre-pandemic levels.

Financially, CBI is in the strongest position in its history as a result of government pandemic relief assistance programs, major endowment gifts, and the strength and resilience of CBI's programs.

Our management team and staff have once again delivered best in class programming supporting our mission. Volunteers continue to be invaluable resources. CBI is also partnering with other organizations to expand our community reach beyond the boathouse. This includes old friends such as The Esplanade Association, The Tenants' Development Corporation, The American City Coalition, The Leadership Brainery, Boston Blind Sailing, The Carroll Center for the Blind, and Special Olympics to name just a few.

Investments we are making today for a better tomorrow

CBI is currently partnering with the DCR through the Matching Funds Public Private Partnership Program to replace the leaky roof and install solar panels. We expect to initiate a major upgrade to CBI's database over the next 48 months, as well as other projects such as upgrading engines in both of CBI's FL Tripp launches. CBI is actively seeking grant funding for discrete projects in support of our mission.

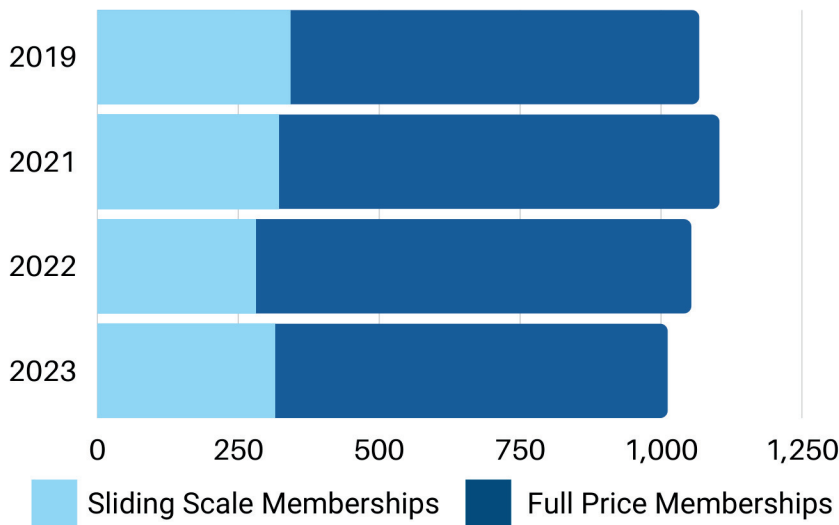
The best investment we make in our future is to support our management team and staff. This group of leaders individually are examples and role models of excellence in community sailing. Together as a team they are a "force of nature". As a result, today CBI is commonly recognized for the breadth and depth of its programming, which is constantly exploring new ways to bring our mission of "Sailing for All' forward.

Sincerely,

Charlie Zechel
CBI Executive Director

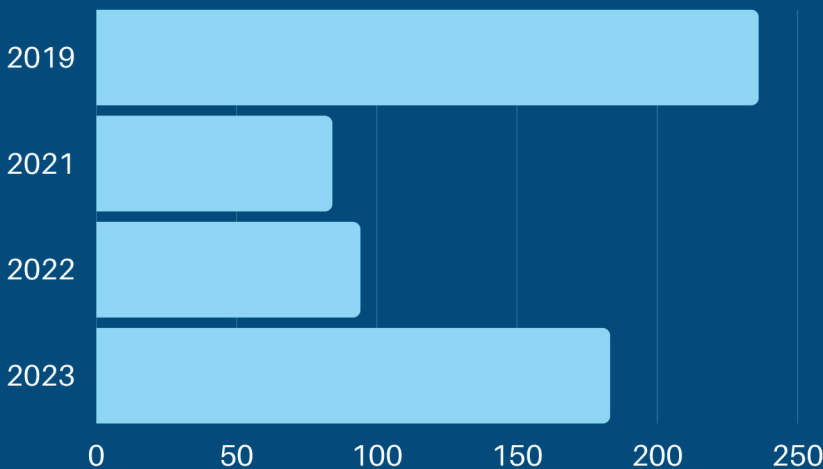
Memberships

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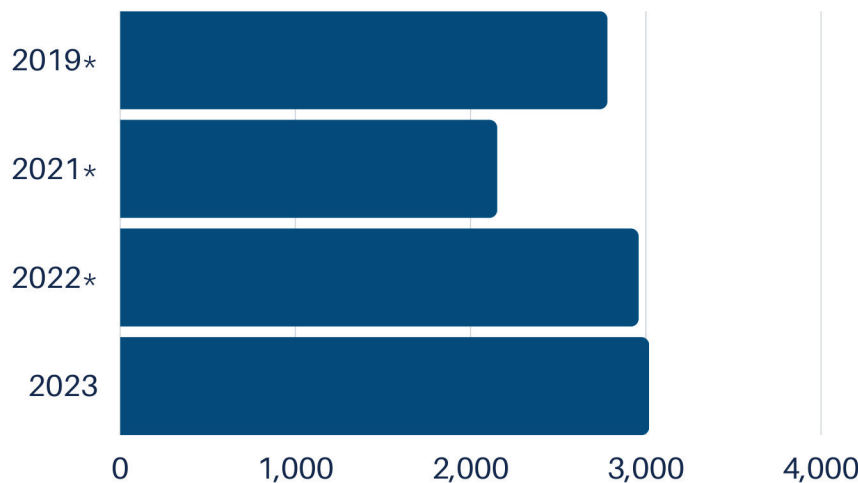
Junior Program

Junior Program memberships in 2023 (1011) were slightly lower than in the previous two years, 1104 in 2021 (including 311 memberships rolled over from 2020) and 1053 in 2022. However, sliding scale memberships rebounded from 29% (321) in 2021 and 26.7% (281) in 2022 to 31.2% (315) in 2023. We observed an increase in total class enrollments of 4.39%. These developments indicate positive trends in program participation and accessibility.



Universal Access Program

We continue to see growth in our membership numbers as we work towards fully recovering to our pre-COVID-19 levels from 2019. Currently, we have reached 78% of our 2019 numbers. The addition of groups has significantly contributed to our progress toward this goal. In addition to our outreach efforts with groups, we have maintained our tradition of prioritizing individual lessons. These lessons assist our members in refining their sailing skills and building overall confidence on the water.



Adult Program

2023 was a robust season for CBI. Membership numbers increased to over 3,000 as of October 15th, including 2562 Full Year memberships. Despite a rain filled summer, participation levels were high. Continuing the trend from 2022, there was an increase in fleet utilization, especially for Mercuries.

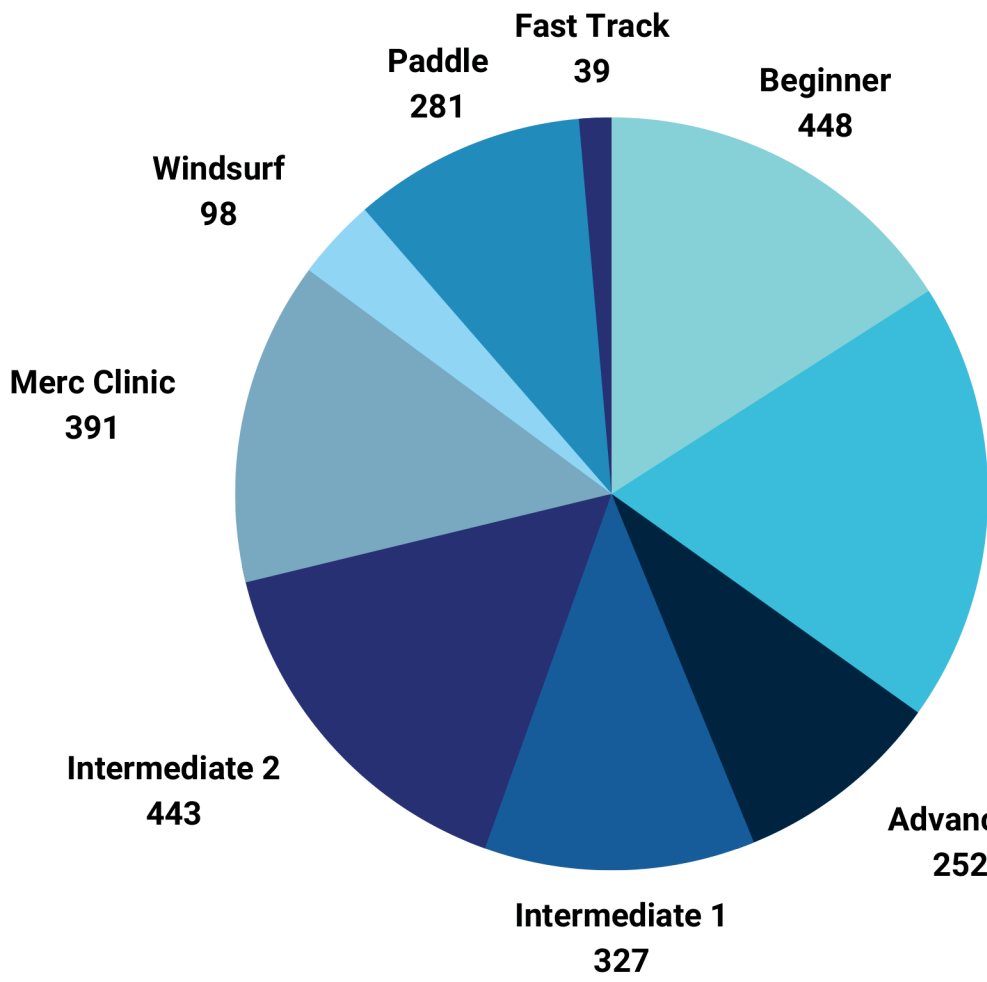
*Membership numbers include up until December 31st

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Throughout the 10 weeks of the Junior Program, we observed increased participation in our advanced classes and greater sign-outs from the high performance fleet, which in turn bolstered our Race Team and IIT program. Responding to a rise in demand, as well as feedback from parent surveys, we increased the number of advanced classes resulting in more Junior enrollments in those offerings. With more than 1,000 memberships sold and nearly 3,000 class sign-ups, it's evident that more Juniors are extending their participation throughout the summer.

Our program offers Juniors the flexibility to take multiple classes per day, providing a structured full-day experience while preserving the option for open sailing. In line with our commitment to "Sailing for All," we witnessed a rise in the number of Juniors benefiting from sliding scale discounts compared to the previous year. Three out of every ten Juniors benefited from a discounted membership, with the vast majority paying only \$1 for their participation.

\$130,000+ 
sliding scale scholarships offered



This chart provides a breakdown of enrollments by class type. The distribution between Beginner, Intermediate, and STEM classes highlights a significant number of Juniors engaging in full-day programming and taking more classes throughout the summer.

STEM 532

- **Stem:** Includes 3 Classes
 - Intro to Microscopy - 49
 - Environmental Science - 472
 - RoboSub - 11
- **Advanced:** Includes 3 Classes
 - Keelboat - 77
 - Laser - 57
 - 420 - 118

Junior Program Racing

Friday Race Days

This year, we introduced an addition to our program - Friday Race Days. These weekly events saw each class taking to the water, grouped by their respective fleets. The atmosphere around the dock was consistently buzzing with enthusiasm for our Friday Race Days. Notably, these race days delivered not only enjoyment for the participants but also yielded a discernible enhancement in the racecraft skills of our young sailors as the summer unfolded.

420 Regattas

This past summer, our program participated in four Club 420 regattas, namely Marblehead, Quincy, Cottage Park, and Scituate. Marblehead marked our inaugural regatta of the season, featuring stiff competition and resulting in a mid-fleet finish for our team. At Quincy, our performance was impressive, with one of our boats securing a commendable 2nd place and another securing 5th. Cottage Park saw one of our boats clinching 1st place and the other securing 3rd. In the Scituate regatta, one of our boats achieved 6th place, while the other placed 20th in a fleet comprising 55 boats.

In addition to these regattas, we also participated in the T-Cup regatta hosted by the Courageous Sailing Center. These T-Cup events provided an excellent opportunity for our newer sailors to experience racing beyond the Charles River.

Race Team - Practice

Throughout the year, practice sessions were held daily, spanning from 12pm to 3pm. To ensure a well-rounded approach to training, each day of the week was dedicated to specific aspects of racing. On Mondays, our focus was on mastering starts, while Tuesdays were devoted to tactics and strategy, often incorporating the last beat drill. Wednesdays were dedicated to refining boat handling skills and enhancing speed. Thursdays we engaged in team racing activities, fostering teamwork. Finally, on Fridays, our sailors spent the entire day immersed in racing competitions, putting their skills to the test.



Junior Program - STEM

Environmental Science Class

Within the Environmental Science class, our instructors combined fun and education in every session. The Junior participants particularly cherished a set of engaging experiments that became weekly highlights. These experiments included crafting and launching baking soda-vinegar rockets in the park along the Esplanade, exploring paper airplane design while delving into principles of lift, drag, and Newton's laws of motion, fashioning water filters using locally sourced materials, embarking on environmental science scavenger hunts aboard kayaks, experimenting with chlorophyll-infused leaf art, illustrating ocean stratification effects through M&M and Skittle art, crafting cells from playdough, and constructing anemometers.

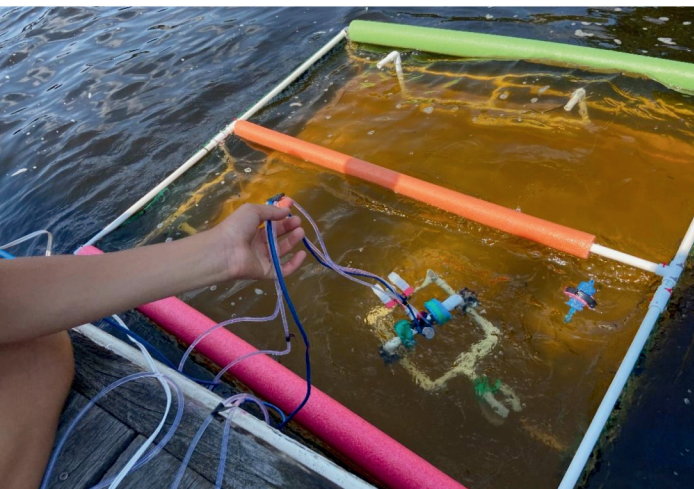
The support of the Cambridge Community Foundation played a pivotal role in enabling these enriching experiences within the Environmental Science Class.



Robosub

The new RoboSub program at CBI seamlessly blends teamwork, engineering, and technical skills, creating a distinctive and stimulating challenge. Throughout our summer sessions, our Junior members worked on designing, constructing, and remotely controlling their own submersibles to tackle a range of tasks. Armed with PVC pipes, pool noodles, and a medley of materials, students grappled with concepts like buoyancy and motor placement as they fine-tuned their underwater creations.

A pivotal catalyst for our RoboSub success was the support we received from SeaGrant at MIT, initiated by CBI volunteer Diane Brancazio. Drawing inspiration from the well-established "Sea Perch" underwater robotics program, we adapted and molded our RoboSub program to suit our unique objectives. This adaptation introduced our Junior members to the realm of soft robotic mechanics, leading them to craft and install silicone grippers onto their submersibles.



Junior Program - STEM

Cyanobacteria Lab & Water Quality Testing

Water testing this season yielded remarkable and unexpected results. We received generous support from The Cabot Family Charitable Trust to help fund our research. Our Cyanobacteria Laboratory Technician, led a dedicated team of interns, including Connor and Anna, both of whom are Junior Program members. Together, they conducted daily sample collection outings at consistent times throughout the week. Connor and Anna skillfully utilized microscopy and fluorometry to measure the samples, subsequently interpreting the data to gain insights into the water quality of the Charles River Basin.

Anticipating higher cyanobacteria levels due to increased rainfall and flooding, the team was surprised to discover that most of the readings were considerably lower compared to the previous year. Anna put together graphical representations that visualized these trends.

Our Lab Director collaborated with Microbiologist (and CBI volunteer) Dr. Gary C. du Moulin to submit their research findings to the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). This collaborative effort led to our Lab Director, Connor, and Anna having the honor of presenting their research at the SETAC conference in Dublin, held in May.

Intro to Microscopy

This year marked the launch of our innovative "Intro to Microscopy Class," led by the dedicated volunteer Dr. Gary du Moulin. In this engaging class, our Junior participants embarked on kayak expeditions along the river to conduct field studies and collect water samples. They delved into the fascinating world of microscopy, acquiring essential skills such as sample preparation on slides and microscopic observation.

As a result of this experience, students gained the ability to explore and identify various microscopic species, including cyanobacteria, diatoms, dinoflagellates, and green algae—many of which they encountered for the first time. Furthermore, by scraping boat hulls, they unearthed communities of microorganisms within biofilms, which were then meticulously examined through microscopes. This initiative opened up new dimensions of discovery for our Junior members.



Junior Program - Additional Programming

Junior Program x Universal Access Program Crossover

Building on last year's success, we continued to expand our collaborative efforts between the Junior Program (JP) and the Universal Access Program (UAP). This year, we introduced three distinct classes: Beginner, Intermediate 1, and Intermediate 2. While UAP members typically schedule one-on-one appointments with instructors, we achieved a significant breakthrough by developing combined classes, with the presence of a UAP instructor, to enhance the accessibility of sailing for youth participants.

This innovative approach enabled us to extend the benefits of the program to two UAP x Juniors, allowing them to participate in more weeks of sailing during the summer. We are enthusiastic about the potential for future UAP and JP classes, striving to create more inclusive opportunities that foster the love of sailing for all.

Instructors in Training

This year, our Priebatsch Instructor in Training Coordinator continued to support and create programming for our Instructors in Training (IIT). The generous support of the Frederick Bailey Trust and the Norman Priebatsch Endowment fund played a pivotal role in the success of this program. IITs actively display leadership and teamwork skills by contributing significantly to our Junior Program. Their involvement spans a wide range of activities, from assisting instructors during class sessions and overseeing boat launches to organizing events, leading boat rides for new sailors, and engaging in numerous other program initiatives. Given their skills and experience, once our IITs turn 16 they are encouraged to apply for Adult Program dock staff positions.

2,770+ hours



105 IITs

Paid Instructors in Training - *new*

This year, we introduced the Paid Instructors in Training (IIT) program to address the gap between the legal working age and the typical hiring age of 16 for our Adult Program. Many of our young members seek summer employment to support their families or save for college, often resulting in them leaving CBI.

The Paid IIT program is specifically designed to provide opportunities to \$1 sliding scale members who have demonstrated initiative and dedication to CBI. This program is an extension of our existing IIT program, offering more significant responsibilities and a variety of tasks to distinguish it from a purely volunteer position.

Our primary aim is to enable students to continue sailing with CBI and, ideally, become part of our team once they reach the age of 16. Recognizing the challenge of retaining young members beyond this age, our goal is to help them maintain their connection with sailing and our community. We are pleased to have welcomed two junior members into this role.

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 12 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
- Commonwealth School
- Natick High School
- Needham High School
- The Newman School
- Newton Country Day School
- Park Street School
- Quincy High School
- The Winsor School
- Newton North High School

This Fall we are hosting 6 schools, mainly running learn to sail programing and prepping their new sailors for spring sailing and racing.

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



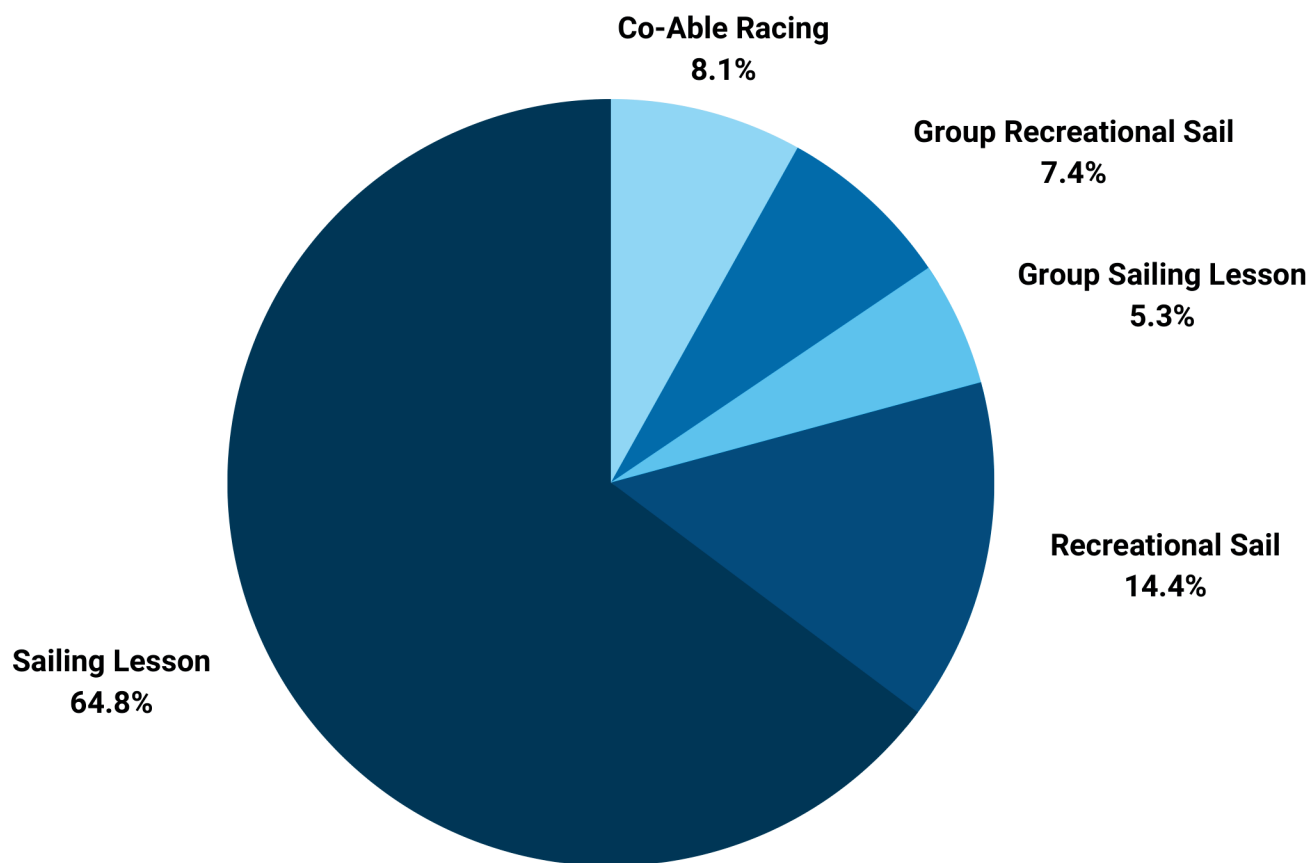
UNIVERSAL ACCESS PROGRAM

The Universal Access Program operated from May 1st until October 15th this year. While we've made considerable strides towards returning to pre-COVID enrollment numbers, there is still room for growth. One significant challenge at the start of the summer was facilitating the arrival of groups via their accessible vans. However, through collaborative efforts with the DCR and other partners, we successfully secured vehicle access to the boathouse for these groups.

Our accessible sailing partnerships for 2023 expanded to encompass more than seven diverse organizations, including the Robbins Center at Emerson College, Advocates, CHAI Works, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Multicultural Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation Center, Vinfen, and Adaptive Sports New England. Together, we've worked diligently to make sailing more accessible and inclusive for all.



800+ hours of Accessible Sailing



As demonstrated by the chart, we place a strong emphasis on our long history of individualized lessons for each of our sailors, with the majority of our appointments being dedicated to individual sailing lessons. The next significant portion of our appointments involves recreational sailing, which embraces the therapeutic aspects of being out on the water in the sun. Over the past year, we've also emphasized racing, as it motivates individuals to learn more and challenge themselves by trying new things.

Additional Accessible Programming

2023 Para Games

Community Boating supported sailors Shan McAdoo and Maureen McKinnon as they prepared for the 2023 World Sailing Championships in the Hague. Their training regimen started in late May, with regular sailing sessions in our RS Venture Connects on most Thursdays and Fridays throughout the Summer. This dedicated effort continued until the championships in early August.

Special Olympics of Massachusetts

We hosted the Special Olympics Massachusetts State Championships on August 7th. This event is the culmination of practice throughout the summer with three levels of competitors. There were seven boats on the water with 16 athletes. We've been a proud host of this regatta for almost 15 years.

Carroll Center - SailBlind Program

The SailBlind Program at The Carroll Center specializes in introducing the joy of sailing to individuals with visual impairments. Over the course of the season, we dedicated over twenty Saturdays to preparing two to four Sonars while hosting 26 unique blind sailors. Each day, specific boats were designated for various learning opportunities, allowing participants to enhance their skills throughout the season.

Boston Blind Sailing

Our fellow non-profit partner, Boston Blind Sailing, is the premier blind sailboat racing organization in New England, specializing in practicing with Sonars and Ideals. This past summer, Boston Blind Sailing had an average of three boats over the course of 15 practice days.

MS Sailing Day

MS Sailing Day is a special occasion for individuals with Multiple Sclerosis to discover that MS doesn't have to limit their horizons. This year, we hosted the first MS Sailing Day since the onset of Covid on May 14th, with a total of 10 participants.

Co-Able Keelboat Racing

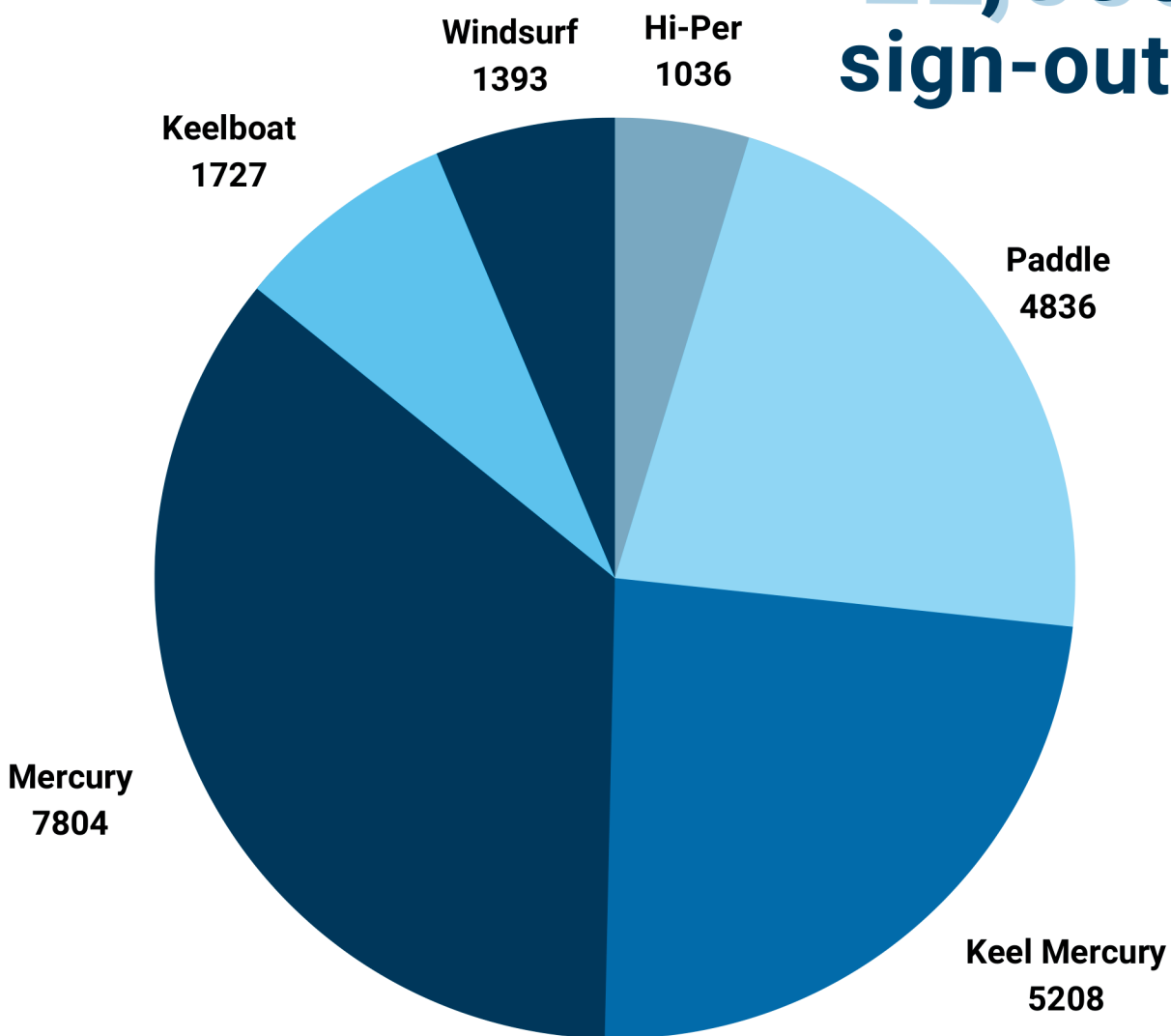
Co-Able Keelboat racing is the means through which we offer racing opportunities to members of our Accessible Sailing Program. Accessible and Adult Program members sail together in the Sonar and Ideal fleet on Wednesday nights. This year saw an increase in racing sessions, rising from 24 last year to 37 this year. We had competitive racing every Wednesday evening, spanning from June 14th to August 16th, with as many as six Sonars on the starting line.



ADULT PROGRAM

The Adult Program had a successful year, even in the midst of a wet summer. From June through mid-September, rain affected 14 out of the 17 weekends. Throughout the season, we conducted more than 500 classes, providing over 1,115 hours of instruction to our participants. As of October 1st, we've granted a total of 5,867 ratings. The achievement of ratings closely follows membership sales. Despite a 4.7% decrease in overall ratings, we observed over a 10% increase in Mercury Yellow Ratings. Over the past three years, the usage of the Mercury fleet has displayed consistent growth, reaching a peak of 7,804 signouts.

22,000+
sign-outs 



This chart displays a breakdown of signouts by boat type. Notably, Mercury and Keel Mercury account for the majority of signouts, with paddling closely following. Most of the paddling sign-outs can be attributed to rentals. Paddling rentals contribute to our revenue, supporting our charitable mission

Community Boating Groups

Women's Sailing and Racing

The goal of CBI's Women's Sailing and Racing is to support women sailors to advance their skills and gain ratings at commensurate rates as CBI's membership at large. Throughout the 2023 sailing season, social sailing sessions were organized every Tuesday, catering to beginners and intermediate sailors. Overall, Women's Sailing and Racing welcomed upwards of 100 unique participants. Racing took place every Thursday and saw active participation, particularly during the peak summer months when 420s were in use. This racing series attracted around 70 unique racers, contributing to the vibrant sailing community at CBI.

Tiller Club

CBI's Tiller Club is committed to replicating, on a smaller scale, the racing experience that participants can expect at larger regattas beyond CBI. This includes providing components such as Notice of Races and Sailing Instructions, conducting races in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, managing protests, and preparing novice racers for any sailboat racing event. Tiller Club had a great year with 12 regattas and 15 days of multi-weekend series serving approximately 80 unique racers. Throughout the year, Tiller Club organized nearly 20 Intermediate Race Practices and hosted three Learn to Race courses, equipping members with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the world of competitive sailing.



Volunteers

New Onboarding

This season marked the rollout of an updated volunteer onboarding process. The new and improved onboarding aligns our process with industry best practices, while also allowing more flexibility for new volunteers who are completing the onboarding.

Volunteers now complete a self paced anti-abuse training, SafeSport, to promote a safe and positive experience for participants. Furthermore, volunteers must pass a criminal history background check ensuring that we entrust individuals who meet our integrity standards and contribute to an inclusive, safe, and respectful learning environment.

Other facets of the process include an interview with CBI staff, and modular training units which allow volunteers to direct their efforts to become qualified in the specific element of our programs they are most motivated to contribute in.

89 certified volunteers

New Scheduling

Volunteer scheduling was overhauled during 2022-2023 off season. The new schedule is now part of the CBI Membership On-Line Self-Service Portal (Member Portal). This move allows volunteers to manage their schedule alongside other existing functionality within the Member Portal.

When volunteers sign up for a class, they now receive a confirmation message, which includes access to curated class materials for their review and preparation. Additionally, we've introduced signup reminders sent 24 hours before the scheduled class time. This reminder ensures that volunteers are well-prepared and don't miss their commitments.

In the event that an instructor needs to cancel a class, our system automatically notifies other qualified instructors, requesting coverage for the vacant slot. This proactive approach helps us ensure that instructor positions are promptly filled when necessary, by backfilling unexpected openings.

These improvements to our volunteer scheduling process are designed to enhance the overall experience for our volunteers, making it easier for them to participate, stay informed, and contribute to our mission.

900+ volunteering hours



New Offering

Guided Sail

Guided sail is a new class offering in the Adult Program that gives beginner sailors access to on-the-water instruction with a partner and a certified instructor in the boat with them. Informal Instruction and First Sail were phased out this season with the launch of Guided Sail.

Key Points

- **Hands-On Learning:** Participants in Guided Sail not only learn the theory of sailing but also gain practical, hands-on experience by actively sailing the boat with guidance from the instructor. Class is 90 minutes, allowing each student 45 minutes at the helm and another 45 minutes to observe and reflect with their partner.
- **Instructional Partnership:** In Guided Sail, new sailors are paired with a partner, and both individuals have the advantage of a CBI certified instructor onboard. This instructional partnership ensures a supportive and informative learning environment.
- **Certified Instructors:** Our certified instructors bring their experience to the class, providing valuable insights, tips, and coaching to help new sailors build their confidence and competence on the water.
- **Transition from Previous Classes:** With the introduction of Guided Sail, we have retired the Informal Instruction and First Sail classes. This change reflects our commitment to offering a more structured and effective learning experience for our Adult Program members.

We believe that the Guided Sail class has enhanced the learning journey for beginners in our program, offering a supportive and educational environment that fosters skill development and bridges the gap from conceptual learning to independent on-the-water experience. This season we offered over 300 sessions of Guided Sails in a joint effort between volunteer instructors and staff.

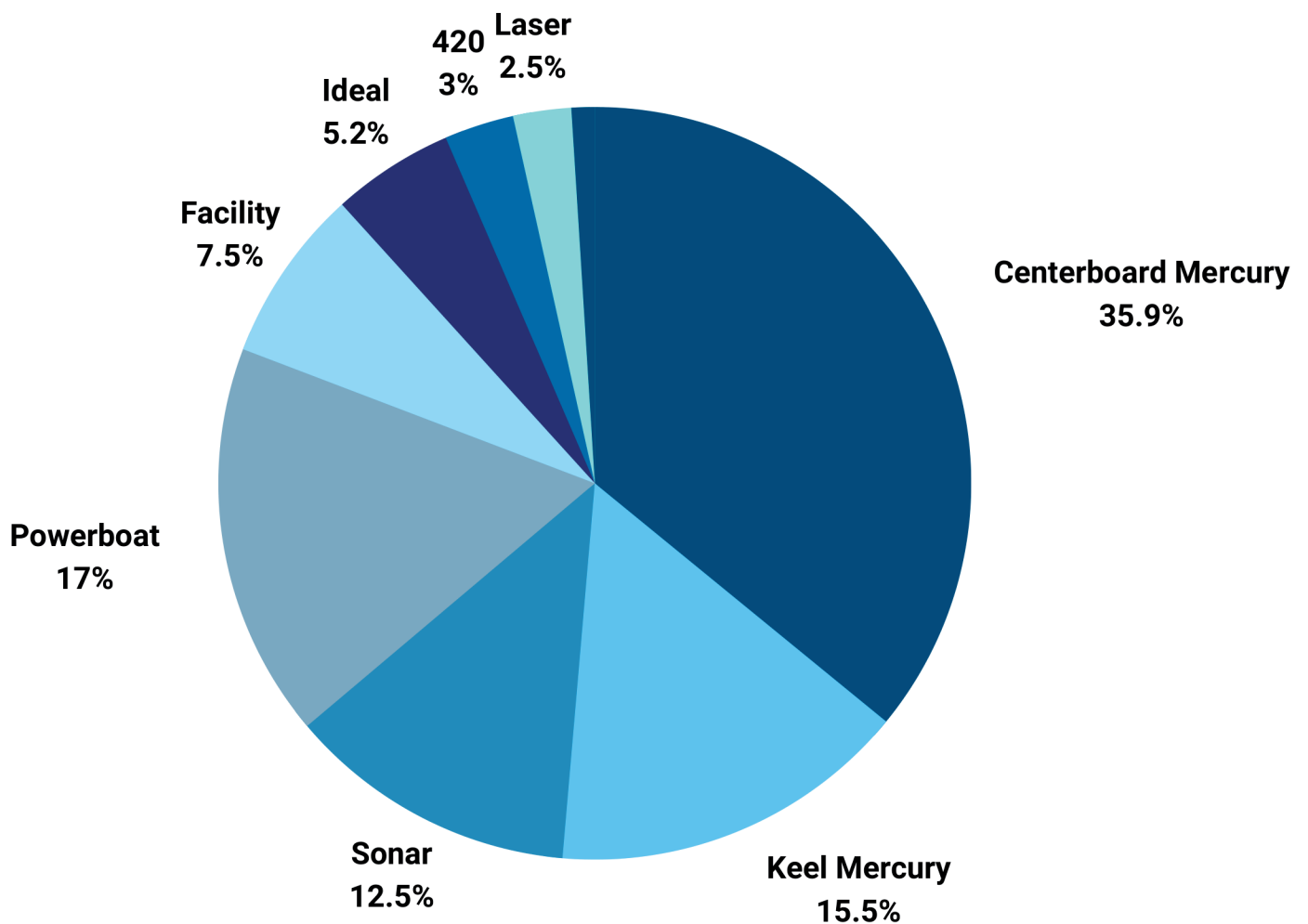
210+ volunteer led Guided Sails



FLEET & FACILITIES

At Community Boating, our shop mission is to ensure the proper operation of all facilities and vessels while optimizing program efficiency through dynamic scheduled and reactive maintenance. We are dedicated to ensuring the safe and reliable operation of CBI's fleet, continuously striving to improve performance. Our commitment to safety extends to our Community Boating members, with an emphasis on scheduled and reactive maintenance practices. And through applying technical and project planning expertise, we actively contribute to the continued growth of Community Boating, and its vision "Sailing for All."

This chart shows the breakdown of reactive maintenance filed and completed for each boat type between 4/1/2023 and 8/1/2023. This chart does not include planned scheduled fleet maintenance, scheduled facility & fleet improvements, or reactive windsurf, rudder or sail maintenance.



Goals for 2023-24 include but are not limited to:

- Overhaul 2 Sonars
- Overhaul 1 Ideal 18
- Convert 3 centerboard Mercuries to Keel Mercuries
- Continue replacing old Mercury keels with new ones.
- Update coach boat electronics/fiberglass and motor
- Continue refurbishing Keel Mercury fleet

Fleet Upgrades & Large Projects

Sonar 1

This year, we started a new goal for overhauling our Sonar fleet. As part of our ongoing commitment to maintenance and improvement. Our objective is to overhaul one to two large keel boats during each off-season. We are excited to present a comprehensive list of improvements made to Sonar 1, now known as "Fred," over this past winter. This overhaul encompassed a series of upgrades aimed at enhancing its performance and appearance.

Our initial step involved the application of a fresh coat of New Awlcraft 2000 topside paint in "Astira" Blue to the hull. This specific paint and color are known for their resistance to stains and the eventual deterioration that occurs along the waterline of the boat during the season. To prioritize safety and functionality, we introduced new Tough Tread low VOC non-skid for improved traction on board. In addition, we repainted the cockpit in Awlcraft 2000, featuring our traditional "moon dust" color. Attention was given to the boat's structure, which included sanding and refinishing of all woodwork. We also addressed two major fiberglass repairs, including a critical keel repair.



Enhancements to the sailing experience were a top priority. We installed two new Lewmar series 7 stainless steel winches, a new Harken MKIV rolling furler, and a new Harken Midrange 3:1 Traveler Kit to enhance control and ease of handling. The addition of two new Harken 57mm Carbo Air® Fiddle Blocks optimized sail control. All cleats and rigging were replaced to ensure reliability and safety. Moreover, this overhaul involved the replacement of two stainless steel shrouds, a routine maintenance item for our Sonar fleet.

Sonar 1 was renamed "Fred" in memory of Fred Brustman.



Fleet Upgrades & Large Projects

Safety Launch 1

After 11 years in service, Safety Launch 1 had developed a waterlogged hull and endured extensive weathering below the waterline, leading to diminished performance and reliability. To address the waterlogged hull, we drained, dried, and resealed the foam core. The hull below the waterline underwent a complete resurfacing to restore its structural integrity and removed years of old bottom paint. A fresh Awlcraft 2000 paint job enhanced both aesthetics and long-term durability. New non-skid paint was applied in the cockpit to improve safety and comfort.

In addition to these structural and cosmetic improvements, we focused on enhancing Safety Launch 1's functionality and safety. This included the integration of updated lighting and a complete rewire of the 12V accessory wiring. This will ensure current reliability and to accommodate future equipment upgrades.

A pivotal aspect of this overhaul was the installation of a new Suzuki DF60AV engine, featuring a larger lower unit. This strategic upgrade was chosen to provide Safety Launch 1 with significantly improved performance, responsiveness, and efficiency. The larger lower unit enhances the launch's acceleration onto plane and towing capacity.



New Keels

In our ongoing efforts to maintain and improve our fleet, we have acquired seven brand-new keels, in addition to the twelve received in 2022. These keels were prepared in-house, painted with an Interprotect 2000e barrier coat, aligned, and had their keel bolt soles drilled out by CBI's maintenance staff. To further enhance our fleet's performance and safety standards, we replaced a total of eight keels within our keel Mercury fleet, with plans for additional replacements in the coming year. We firmly believe that this investment will not only contribute to the longevity of our keel boats but also enhance their performance and reliability.

Continuing our commitment to fleet excellence, we carried out rehabilitation efforts for the centerboard and keel Mercury fleet throughout winter 22-23. One-third of our keel Mercury fleet received full rehabs, with an additional five receiving fresh topside paint. We also continued with our scheduled rehabs and full overhauls of our centerboard fleet.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community Relations at CBI involves engaging with the local community through outreach, partnerships, and events to promote sailing opportunities and connections. This includes advocacy for accessibility in the sport of sailing, fundraising, marketing, and grant writing. Overall, we aim to strengthen ties within the community, raise awareness about our programs, and ensure long-term success in fulfilling our vision of "Sailing for All!"

Community Events & Offerings

- Spring Work Parties
- Open Houses
- Morning Dock Yoga
- July 4th Sailabration
- All Boats on the Water Race
- Summer Solstice Sails
- Kids Sail the Stars
- Ed Long Regatta - Postponed
- Summer & Fall Dock Parties
- CBI Talks: Maureen McKinnon
- Volunteer & Member Night Sails
- Halloween Regatta

Highlights

After Racing Beers on the Basin: We built upon last year's trial of Friday Night Dock Beers, nearly doubling the number of events and rebranding it as "After Racing Beers on the Basin." We experienced ongoing success in terms of attendance and noticed increased participation in Informal Friday Night Racing during these occasions. While we had limited sponsorship support from Night Shift, we predominantly covered the expenses ourselves. Our primary focus was on providing the CBI community with these enjoyable events, and we willingly absorbed the cost to make them happen

Safe Boating Week: This Spring, we took part in the National Safe Boating Council's Safe Boating Week. Each day we explored various topics to promote safety on the water. As part of these efforts, a "Capsize Clinic" was hosted specifically for beginner sailors. The Capsize Clinic aimed to address the common fear new sailors often face; their boats capsizing. By providing a controlled and supportive environment, the class helped these beginners become more comfortable with their boats tipping over. During the clinic, participants gained crucial safety skills, such as learning how to safely exit a capsized boat and effectively managing the situation once in the water. The emphasis was on practical training, allowing beginners to practice capsizing, swimming to a safety launch, and successfully boarding the boat.

Kids Sail the Stars: Each summer, we celebrate the dedication and efforts of our Junior Program Instructors in Training, talented Race Team members, and all-around outstanding Juniors at Kids Sail the Stars. This year was no exception, highlighting the contributions of IITs who dedicated their free time throughout the summer to the benefit of their peers. Stars from our Board of Directors and Certified Volunteers, as well as representatives from key partners - EF Education First, Boston Duck Tours, and the Boston Fire Department - joined the juniors in an evening of races. The night was punctuated by an awards dinner where the IITs were recognized with superlatives and the top contributors were honored.

Family Sails: As our Junior members honed their sailing skills throughout the summer, we extended an invitation for them to showcase their newfound expertise to their families during our "Family Sail" events. This year, we hosted three such events, each drawing nearly 100 participants.

New & Continued Partnerships/Outreach

Youth Peer Leadership Program: The Tenants' Development Corporation (TDC), based in Boston's Historic South End, is a nonprofit focused on property management and housing development. They have a track record of rehabilitating housing and expanding affordable housing options 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. This ongoing program, which began in Fall 2022, takes place every Tuesday and Thursday in the Spring and every Thursday in the Fall, we have hosted almost a dozen youth who range from 13-18. These sailing lessons introduce these young individuals to new experiences and opportunities they may not have otherwise discovered.

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.

Home Base: We organized two Home Base Program's Adventure Series events during the summer and fall. The Adventure Series provides opportunities for military families to strengthen their bonds before, during, and after military deployments. Despite encountering rainy weather conditions, we successfully hosted over 100 veterans and their families. These events enabled them to explore new sports, connect with fellow military families, and gain insights into the clinical services, education, and research offered by Home Base.

The Leadership Brainery: This year, we initiated a new program in collaboration with the Leadership Brainery, UNCF, EE Just, and Lighted Pathway. The Leadership Brainery, along with their partner organizations, arranged for students from historically black colleges and universities to come to Boston for internships. We played a crucial role by offering students a chance to explore the city and gain new experiences while making connections with each other. During these outings, we hosted two sailing events, each accommodating approximately 18 students. Students had the opportunity to savor the river's beauty and sail aboard a Sonar. We eagerly anticipate the continuation and expansion of this partnership in the future, providing more students with valuable experiences on the water and within our vibrant community.



Community Relations

CBI in the Media - 2023



"Sail Blind program gives people who are blind the chance to learn to sail"

bostonguide.com

"High 5: Boston By Water"



"Community Boating Holds Open House"

SAIL-WORLD

"An interview with Sidaulia Lyons on the 2023 Special Olympics of Massachusetts Sailing Regatta"



"More fun than a water slide: How to summer in Boston"



"Open House For Community Boating Inc"



"Five US Athletes to Compete at the 2023 Para Sailing World Championship"

MEN'S JOURNAL

"4-Day Weekend in Boston: History, Sailing, and Seaside Eats"

Key Supporters - Grants

Community Boating's grant strategy focuses on our core charitable programs: the Junior Program and the Universal Access Program. In line with current funding priorities of many foundations and grantmakers, we target funding sources to support the STEM education and leadership building components on the Junior Program, and the inclusivity and empowerment of the Universal Access Program. During 2023 we received funding from the following sources:

The **Cambridge Community Foundation** is a 501(c)3 public charity that is the local giving platform for the city of Cambridge. Through its grantmaker program it invests in organizations that provide social services, academic support, cultural enrichment, and economic mobility and opportunity to the residents of Cambridge. In 2023 Community Boating received \$3000 to support the Junior Program's **Environmental Science Program**.

The **Frederick A. Bailey Trust U/Will** was established to make grants "to pay to and among such Massachusetts corporations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, including the encouragement of art and the prevention of cruelty to children or animals." A perennial supporter of Community Boating, in 2023 we received \$5000 for the **IIT Leadership Program**.

The **Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation** was formed in 1999 by Dr. Peter Buck and Carmen Lucia Buck as a private family foundation. Its funding focuses on "giving motivated people the tools they need to help themselves," supporting organizations that show initiative, leadership, and innovation in solving issues that are meaningful to the Buck family and the communities where they live. As a first time applicant to the PCLB Foundation, Community Boating received \$3000 in **General Operating** support.



The **Cabot Family Charitable Trust** was created in 1942 by Godfrey Lowell Cabot and his wife Maria Moors Cabot. The trust supports non-profit organizations in the city of Boston and contiguous communities, focusing on arts and culture, education and youth development, environment and conservation, health and human services, and for civic and public benefit. While our most recent award from the Cabot Family Charitable Trust came in 2022, we were able to rollover leftover funding from the \$15,000 grant to 2023. This funding was directed towards our **cyanobacteria water quality monitoring program** and helped send two of our Junior Program members to the SETAC conference in Dublin, Ireland to present on their work.

Key Supporters

List of contributions October 2022 - October 2023

Organizations that have contributed at least \$500.

- **Abraham Kaplan Charitable Foundation:** Community Boating Endowment
- **American Dreams, An Advisor Group Foundation, Inc.**
- **Boston Duck Tours:** JP & UAP Current Operations
- **Cambridge Community Foundation:** Junior Program Environmental Science Program ¹
- **Cape Cod Healthcare** ²
- **Charles River Swimming Club, Inc.**
- **Daniella Priebatsch Place and Skyler Place Family Fund**
- **Davenport Realty** ²
- **David T. Ting Family Fund** ²
- **Education First:** UAP Endowment
- **Ferrante LLC** ²
- **Frederick A. Bailey Trust:** IIT Leadership Program¹
- **Gannett, Welsh, Kotler** ²
- **GitHub**
- **Google Inc.** ³
- **Goulston & Storrs** ²
- **Hingham Institute for Savings:** Junior Program STEM Education
- **Kahuna Fund**
- **Lindsay L. and Charles A. Coolidge III Charitable Trust:** Junior Program Environmental Science Program
- **McGraw Hill** ³
- **Moderna Therapeutics** ³
- **Polar Beverages**
- **S.R. Weiner & Assoc.** ²
- **Stephen Lynch Family Giving Fund** ²
- **Susan Davies and Rick Talkov Fund** ²
- **The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
- **The Meek Family Foundation**
- **The Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation** ¹
- **Tini Lulu Fund**
- **Wolf Family Charitable Trust** ²
- **WS Asset Management, Inc.** ²

¹ Grants we applied for

² David Mugar Statue Fund

³ Employer matches

Individuals that have contributed at least \$500.

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