



**OREGON YOUTH
SAILING FOUNDATION**

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

a non-profit for the future of sailing

From the Director

First, I'd like to thank all of our donors and partners for making last year our most successful yet. OYSF's mission is to get more youth sailing and increase access to the water. In 2023, our flagship Community Sailing Program nearly doubled the hours on the water, the number of organizations we partnered with, and had an outstanding total of 150 participants in classes.

We ran everything from immersive, two-week camps to leisurely two-hour sails for traditionally underrepresented youth communities with limited access. During our Community camps, 35 teens from four different PDX youth organizations spent two weeks each at Willamette Sailing Club building a wooden skiff with expert instructors from Wind & Oar Boat School, having lunch on the docks, and then sailing with certified coaches. Additionally, another 115 students from six other groups sailed and paddled the Willamette River during customized classes. OYSF covered all sailing expenses, healthy food, and subsidized the boat building. We are proud to say that we didn't turn a single person away!

Elsewhere throughout the state, we sponsored six weeks of Thursday Night Community Sailing and potlucks for the residents of Cascade Locks, OR at the Columbia Gorge Racing

Association (CGRA) as well as Monday Night Open Sails in Hood River run by high schoolers from the Gorge Sailing Team. We also sponsored all the youth clinics and regattas at CGRA, teamed up with the Gorge Sailing Team to fundraise for brand-new Zim Flying Juniors (our matching grant purchased one of the two much-needed new race boats), granted funds to Eugene Yacht Club for coach powerboat fleet upgrades, and helped the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Portland State University collegiate teams with annual fleet repair, travel, and coaching expenses.

As Executive Director for OYSF, Program Director at Willamette Sailing Club, and a lifelong sailor, I know the positive impact our sport can have on a young person's life. Sailing strengthens both the body and the mind. It teaches teamwork, problem solving, and appreciation for the outdoors. It builds confidence and life skills. Teaching young people to sail on their own empowers them and fosters independence. With your support, we have *and* will continue to fulfill our mission of getting more Oregon youth sailing.

Matthew Berger, OYSF Executive Director



L: OYSF jibs and Polar Seltzer main sails flying at the PNW high school Forest Cook regatta in Hood River.



R: Coach Kendall delivering our first class in Mandarin with the Albina Chinese Immersion Program.



L: All smiles on this Willamette River cruise with the Ukrainian Foundation.



R: Smooth sailing around Ross Island with the African Youth Community Organization.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Coming in for a landing on our Catalina 22 Community Sailing vessel *Wildfish*.



Gorge Sailing Team looking fast in their new Flying Junior.



Whose boat will float? Buoyancy experiments with the African Youth Community Organization.

Community Sailing Summer Camps for 150+ students with over 200+ program hours at Willamette Sailing Club. Increased river access and provided job training for traditionally underrepresented Portland Metro youth communities.

Six Weeks of Sailing & Potluck Nights for residents of Cascade Locks and Hood River with Columbia Gorge Racing Association and Gorge Sailing Team.

US Sailing Reach Grant Recipient implemented STEM science-based learning in our programs and events.

Collegiate Sailing Support for Portland State University, Oregon State University and University of Oregon. Grants for fleet repair, coaching, travel, and new class-legal sails.

Eugene Yacht Club joint fundraising campaign for coach powerboat fleet upgrades.

Official Sponsor of the Columbia Gorge Racing Association's 2023 youth regattas and clinics in Cascade Locks. More than 150 sailors over two weeks.

Gorge Sailing Team Matching Grant for two new Flying Junior high school racing dinghies in Hood River.

Columbia Sportswear Employee Store Pass spring and fall campaigns raised over \$14,000.

ILCA Dinghy Raffle with 180 tickets sold raised \$18,000.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

African Youth Community Organization
Center for African Immigrants and Refugees
Coalition of Black Men

Fred Hampton Camp
Fulbright Program
Gorge Canoe Club
Imagine Possibilities
Portland Opportunities
Industrialization Center

Ukrainian Foundation
iUrban Teen
Willamette Sailing Club
Wind & Oar Boat School
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Thursday night Community Sailing and Paddling with the Gorge Canoe Club in beautiful Cascade Locks.



Monday Night Open Sailing at Hood River Yacht Club run by the Gorge Sailing Team.

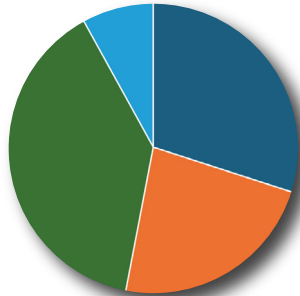
2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME Total \$84,171

■ Corporate & Foundation Grants
\$25,500
30%

■ Individual Donations
\$18,896
23%

■ Equipment Donations
\$7,100
8%



■ Fundraising Events
\$32,675
39%

■ Program Support Expenses fund new and ongoing partner organization activities, such as fleet replacement, facility improvements, event sponsorship, coaching, etc. See 2023 Highlights for details.

■ 2023 Expenses were significantly greater than Income due to carry over from pandemic-related 2022 Dept. of Education summer learning grants that specifically supported our robust Community Sailing programming.

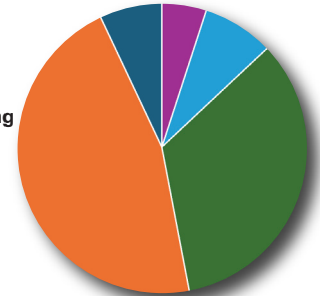
EXPENSES Total \$140,441

■ Collegiate Sailing
\$9,410
7%

■ Community Sailing
\$64,605
46%

■ Program Support
\$47,574
34%

■ Fundraising & Outreach
\$11,851
8%



■ Administration
\$7,001
5%

OYSF INITIATIVES

- **DEVELOPMENT** – Supporting and enabling sailors with equipment, travel, coaching and mentorship funds
- **OUTREACH** – Raising awareness with online and printed resources as well as sponsorships and organizational support for Oregon programs and events

- **COMMUNITY** – Increasing access through our Community Sailing Program and contributing to similar projects
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** – Providing places to sail by funding facilities and boats for programs throughout the state

ONGOING MAJOR PROJECTS

- **Community Sailing Program** provides free sailing and job training to students in the Portland area with limited river access
- **Sustainable Sailing Campaign** for fleet replacement throughout Oregon

- **Collegiate Sailing Fund** sustains college sailing in Oregon by supporting coaching, travel and program costs
- **Equipment Fund** accepts cash and in-kind donations to provide equipment for youth sailing programs.

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Help enrich the lives of Oregon youth by sharing the joy of sailing!

Donate today @ OregonYouthSailing.org



Ukrainian Foundation learning their essential sailing knots on the dock with Coach Ben.



Keel boat cruising day with the crew from iUrbanTeen.



The third summer of sailing and boat building for Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center's "Green Team".



This Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization group from Tanzania taught us sailing terms in Swahili and we taught them how to have a great time on the Willamette River.

Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that establishes programs and makes grants for the support of youth dinghy sailing in Oregon. OYSF aims to keep sailing alive and active in Oregon by making it accessible to young people, with a focus on those who otherwise would not have the opportunity to be on the water.

OYSF succeeds by accomplishing its mission to get more Oregon youth sailing from all walks of life!

THE OYSF TEAM

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