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**Olympia
Community
Sailing**

Annual Report 2022



Photo: Opti Green Team sailors having fun



FOR the kids.

WELCOME Aboard

"Monitor and adjust" ...it's the mantra one is taught by US Sailing when becoming a certified sailing instructor. Over the years this mantra has become a guiding light. Life is full of stressful situations, and unknown variables – the challenges we face never have a playbook for how to solve or overcome them. Yet, if we trust ourselves, listen, be patient, pay attention, and change our actions accordingly we can sail through even the fiercest tempest.

Olympia Community Sailing's evolution has been a long journey. There have been many stewards at the helm, and various iterations of this small (but mighty!) local sailing program. From Evergreen University El Toro camps on Capitol Lake in the 80's, to the Corinthian Juniors program led by the late Jan Visser, there has been a sailing program on Budd Inlet for decades. Jan's Corinthian Program finally settled at the Olympia Yacht Club and as partners they fostered the program to become nearly year round with summer camps and racing for youth.

After Jan's passing the program waned. A big adjustment was in order. The Olympia Yacht Club and families of the few competitive sailors rallied, and the program committed to hiring a full time Coach and Director to run the program. The goal was to provide continuity and elevate the program... It was the right investment. In time, the program became so successful that it was no longer surviving, but thriving. Winning State Championship titles, exceeding summer enrollment numbers, national recognition, and so much more. But with success came another set of challenges: how to manage the growth and, more importantly, harness the momentum to continue evolving to serve the community?

There are youth in Olympia who face barriers when it comes to learning the joys of sailing and boating. Some children (but not enough) may be able to enjoy a sailing camp through a scholarship – but what if they want to become the next Olympic Laser sailor? There are countless youth and adults alike who only interact with the precious resource that is Budd Inlet by driving over the isthmus, or glimpsing it from a walk downtown. If community members can't access our waterways they can never develop an appreciation for them, let alone become stewards of the environment.

These challenges have inspired a vision: for our community to access beautiful Budd Inlet. A boating center with resources for all to boat and sail with community, passion, and purpose... From this vision Olympia Community Sailing was founded. Founded to not only maintain and grow the local sailing program, but to foster a community with a place to call home.

With the continued support of the generous Olympia Yacht Club, and a multitude of other local partners, Olympia Community Sailing now operates out of two locations; partners with the City to run classes; has STEAM programs; supports youth racing; and runs access-for-all events. Seeking one day to establish a space unto itself where our programming can grow and evolve to serve countless more community members, and in turn create a community that not only is engaged with its waterways, but values them for generations to come.

Now that you know a little more about our journey, consider supporting Olympia Community Sailing, help us adjust our sails, and serve the community. It's with great pleasure we present our inaugural Annual Report. Learn more about what we do and how you can get involved!

Fair winds and following seas,

Sarah Hanavan
Executive Director
Olympia Community Sailing

How We Supported Our Mission in 2022

6 Youth Race Teams
33 Regattas Attended
8 National Level Events
4 Hosted Regattas
7 Community Events
7 Community Partners
61 Classes
1628 Hours of Programs

OUR MISSION

Supporters of Olympia Community Sailing are committed to building a diverse, inclusive community of sailing in the Olympia area. We seek to develop strong youth and school-based sailing teams, provide opportunities for sailing to all members of our community, and strive to create Olympia's first Community Sailing Center.



Photo: Harbor Mice sailors enjoying
their first sailing experience



SUMMER
Learn to Sail

STEAM & Sailing

This was our second year running STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) programming alongside our longstanding learn-to-sail classes, and they've proven to be widely popular with the kids. Learning everything from the physics behind sailing to local marine biology, sailors had the chance to explore Budd Inlet hands-on, developing a personal connection to our local waters.

Running out of Swantown Marina, OCS staff and students interfaced with the local sailing community much to everyone's enjoyment.

With partners from the Pacific Shellfish Institute and Olympia's local Estuarium, sailors had the chance to participate in citizen science programs. Sailors learned about Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and assisted scientists in identifying and counting microorganisms in samples they collected from Budd Inlet. Our sailors contributed to eleven weeks of data that NOAA used to track water quality and trigger shellfish harvesting closures in South Sound when HABs could lead to shellfish poisoning.



STEAM sailors collecting microorganisms off of Port Plaza dock in downtown Olympia with PacShell.



STEAM sailors using microscopes to identify algae species and other microorganisms.

Program Growth



2018

340 Students



2022

423 Students



2026 Projection

550 Students

100% of Instructors grew up in our program

Summer Fun

Summer 2022 was our biggest season yet. With over four hundred youth participants ages 6-18 from the greater Olympia area, our summer camps were a huge hit. We were excited to see growth in all classes, especially the teen learn-to-sail programs. Quite a few of the sailors we taught this summer came back in the fall to join our race teams, having fallen in love with the sport.

Junior Instructors

The Junior Instructor program is a multi-week internship program designed to take sailors from student to Instructor. Youth ages 13-15 work alongside Instructors to build leadership, organization, and communication skills as they work hands-on with learn-to-sail students under the wings of certified Instructors.

19
Summer
Instructors

16
Junior
Instructors

278 Hours
on-the-water
Training

COMMUNITY Impact

“ For the past six years, Avian has been sailing competitively as part of Capital High School’s sailing team. He started in their kids’ summer camps and eventually moved up the ranks from the middle school team to Varsity. “I’ve made lots of friends and everyone on the team is accepting and supportive of me being queer,” said Avian. ”

The Advance, South Puget Sound Community College
[May 6, 2022]



Photo: c420 sailors at c420 Nationals

Thurston County Inclusion



Sailors during the Thurston County Inclusion event.

Supporting Peer Connections

This summer OCS partnered with Thurston County Inclusion to help 40 youth experience sailing for the first time. For some, this was their first experience with watersports ever. Participants got the chance to not only experience being on a sailboat but help trim sails and steer, empowering them to take the experience into their own hands.

[Thurston County Inclusion's] mission is to provide opportunities for individuals with and without disabilities to create, build, and strengthen relationships that will last a lifetime.

Mentorship & Support

OCS partnered with the local Olympia/Lacey chapter of Give Something Back this summer to provide a teambuilding experience for eight high school students.

Volunteers from the greater sailing community came together to assist OCS in taking students out on an all-day sailing trip in South Sound where they worked together to sail, developing communication and leadership skills. For many students, this was their first time on the water.

Give Something Back (Give Back) provides academic assistance, long-term coaching, and support services to students who have experienced barriers to success.

giveback



Olympia Harbor Days

OCS participated in the 2022 Olympia Harbor Days for the first time in our program's history. We provided dinghy sailboat rides to community members while some race team sailors showed off their roll-tacks in the inner harbor for spectators.

Community Outreach

OCS sponsored a Bingo Night at Well 80 in March, exposing Olympia residents to our organization and mission.

OCS also hosted a community outreach event in conjunction with our spring youth regatta. While spectators were able to watch young sailors compete, high-school sailors took community members out on dinghy sailboat rides to give them a first hand experience of what we do.

YOUTH Racing

Youth race teams are the heart and soul of Olympia Community Sailing. Sailboat racing teaches confidence, integrity, leadership, teamwork, and a level of grittiness that is hard to find in any other sport. Our sailors value hard work, and strive to work together towards common goals.

Our youth racers are more than just strong sailors – they are strong people with hearts of gold.



Photo: Opti sailors, including OCS sailor Siri B. (blank sail), competing in Seattle.

6 Race Teams
702 Hours of Practice
636 Hours of Competition

High School Sailing

High School Sailing has long been the heart of Olympia's youth sailing scene. We are proud to boast a co-ed High School team consisting of over 30 sailors from five different Olympia area schools. Sailors from all schools practice and travel together, but compete separately for their individual high schools at regattas.

High School Accomplishments



Left to Right: Peter K., Charlie S., Miles K., Ella H., Yuri B.

2nd Place

Fleet Race District Champs
(Olympia High School)



Left to Right: Evan G., Yuri B., Peter K., Charlie S., Sophia H., Ella H., Miles K., Emy K.

2nd Place

Team Race District Champs
(Olympia High School)



Left to Right: Coach Niki, Ramona H., Hailey D., Sophia H., Alyssa L., Caleigh M., Emy K.

7th Place

Girls National Invite
(Olympia High School)

Opti Racing

With over 150,000 Optimists being raced worldwide, the Opti is well-known to be a fantastic boat for youth racers. Interest in the Opti within OCS has grown dramatically in the last twelve months, with fall 2022 drawing nearly double the number of sailors we saw in fall 2021 and more than twice the attendance at regattas. We had several Opti sailors invest in personal race boats, taking a huge leap in responsibility and maturity as they learned to care for their own equipment.

Opti Accomplishments

10

Total Regattas

25

Year-Round Sailors



Optis sailing in the Columbia River Gorge.

Laser Racing

The Laser program has grown significantly in the last few years, growing from only 5 sailors in 2019 to 12 sailors in 2022. Another handful of sailors have invested in race gear, and we expect that number to increase in 2023. Three sailors participated in two national events, and four sailors participated in district championships.

c420 Racing

Interest in c420 sailing has exploded. Numbers have grown from four sailors in 2019 to 16 sailors in 2022, with c420 sailors attending almost every local regatta and six OCS sailors attending c420 Nationals in Alamitos Bay this summer.

Laser & c420 Accomplishments

5

National Events

2nd Place

Area L Bemis Qualifiers
(Charlie S. & Sophia H.)



Laser sailor Esther I. competing at a local regatta.

Photo: Skipper Sophia H. and crew Yuri B.
sailing at practice in Olympia, WA.

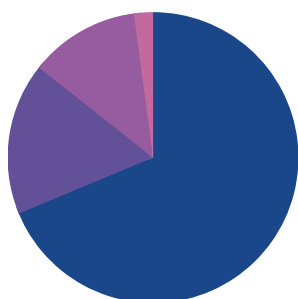


“One of the things I like best about this youth sailing program is that it’s co-ed and inclusive.

Learning how to be part of a team with people who are different than you is a great skill to learn when you’re young.”

Angie Fritz

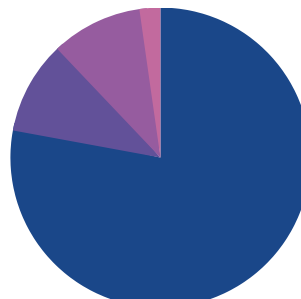
FINANCES



Revenue

69% Programming (\$196,010)
17% Unrestricted Contributions (\$48,263)
12% Restricted Contributions (\$35,000)
2% Grants (\$6,026)

Total: \$285,280



Expenses

78% Programming (\$170,925)
10% Facilities & Equipment (\$21,978)
10% Administrative & Insurance (\$21,597)
2% Fundraising (\$4,930)

Total: \$219,430

REDUCINGBarriers

Scholarships

We recognize that one of the most significant barriers to accessing any activity is cost. OCS offers a robust financial aid program with scholarships for team dues, learn to sail classes, competition travel, and sailing gear as well as payment plans.

Sponsor a Sailor

Supporting a youth sailor on their journey is an intensely rewarding experience. If you want to join our cause in making sailing an accessible sport for everyone in the greater Olympia area and would like to make a donation to our scholarship fund, visit our website:

www.olympiacommunitysailing.org

7%

of race team
sailors received
financial aid

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

OCS is committed to growing the sport of sailing locally for all identities. In 2022, our program supported female-identifying sailors in attending four separate women's events, and are looking to increase that number in 2023. It is a part of our mission to increase the diversity of the sport of sailing. We are actively working to expand our DEI initiatives to include sailors of all backgrounds in the coming years.

29.6%

of skippers nationally
identified as female*

*at 2018 One-Design
National Championships

34.1%

of our race team skippers
identified as female*

*2022 roster

Photo: Head Coach Sarah Hanavan
running practice in Olympia, WA.

“Olympia is a water town:
creek, river, lake, sea.
Sailing connects people
to the water.
It is quiet, you can hear
birds, waves, and wind.
Sailing makes better citizens.
People who know the water
become stewards of place.”
Nikki McClure



FUTURE Visions



The Future of Olympia.

Our community sailing center will be a place where anyone can learn to sail, current sailing groups in the region can connect, people can rent watercraft, and everyone is welcome.

We believe that public access to boating equipment is essential for access to the water. Our center will allow everyone to connect with South Sound waters, build a meaningful connection to our local environment, and foster safe boating practices and marine stewardship.

A Community Sailing Center is a long-term vision. We hope to gain the support of the City of Olympia, Port of Olympia, local sailing organizations, and our community members to help make this dream possible.

GET Involved

OCS Committees

Sailing Center Committee

Planning the future of OCS by seeking to develop Olympia's first and only public sailing center.

Maintenance Committee

Supporting daily programming with repairs, construction, and hands-on projects.

Advancement Committee

Supporting OCS through fundraising, partnerships, and more.

Programming Committee

Supporting youth programs by planning regattas, community events, and more.

Want to join a committee? Email
info@olympiacomunitysailing.org

Lend a helping hand.

Olympia Community Sailing is a small non-profit that relies on the generosity of dozens of individuals who volunteer their time and special skills for the betterment of our community. Without your assistance, we would not be able to do what we do and impact so many youth.

Donate

Our wide range of programs simply couldn't happen without the support of donors who believe in our mission. Donations make it possible for us to change the lives of youth sailors in our community, and are tax deductible. To make a donation, go to our website:
www.olympiacomunitysailing.org

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The Sailing Foundation

US Sailing

INSTRUCTORS

6 Years

Owen Timms

4 Years

Orion Bird

Robert Bloomfield

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Ella Hubbard

Fiona Murphy

Caleb Roberts

Autumn Vandehey

3 Years

Peter Kelleher

2 Years

Avian de Keizer Mendoza

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Varsity sailors Daniel R. (skipper) and Avian dKM (crew) at practice in Olympia.



Opti sailors competing in the Columbia River Gorge.



Skipper Liam P. and crew Avian dKM competing in Seattle.



Skipper Sam B. and crew Peter K. sailing at c420 Nationals.



Skipper Peter K. and crew Alyssa L. sailing at practice in Olympia.



Skipper Finn M. and crew Levi M. sailing at practice.



Laser sailors competing in Seattle.



Varsity sailor Vadim H. getting ready for practice.

Red Skies at Night

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