



WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION

# SUMMER 2021

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### NEW NAME!

WYC Sailing Education Foundation has a new name! We are now the **WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION**. The new name is much easier to say and it identifies us as one of several national foundations that is exclusively focused on promoting the sport of Sailing.

### NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

Our mission remains the same, but we have re-stated it more eloquently: *"To promote sailing education and support programs that advance competitive and recreational sailing."*



### NEW LOGO!

The Wianno Sailing Foundation isn't the Yacht Club and it isn't the Wianno Club. So we have created our own logo to identify us and the work we do. You will be seeing this memorable design on racing marks, bumper stickers and other swag in the near future.

### NEW WEATHER STATION!

The Wianno Sailing Foundation installed a weather station on the pier at WYC. Do you ever wonder how hard it is blowing in West Bay? Live weather data from this source can be found on our NEW website: [www.wsailing.org](http://www.wsailing.org)!

### NEW SAILING SEASON!

The Wianno Sailing Foundation sees 2021 as a fresh start. We have made a number of minor changes that we feel will improve our visibility and clarify the messaging about our mission. WSF owns the property at 101 Bridge Street, the home of the Wianno Yacht Club. We are committed to preserving the property for sailing access through a mutually beneficial arrangement with WYC in the years ahead.

As a 501 (c)3 Public Charity, we raise funds from a wide range of donors and provide support to other organizations that advance competitive and recreational sailing.

Please visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and our work. If you love the sport of sailing, please consider supporting us with a donation.

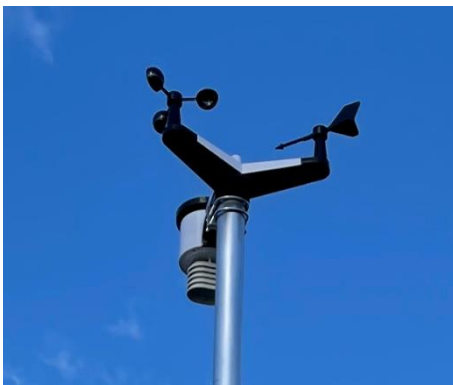
### JOIN US ON AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>

Rachel Miller will explain how her love of sailing developed into the **Rozalia Project** which works to protect and clean up the oceans and waterways. [rozaliaproject.org](http://rozaliaproject.org)

This will be a live, in-person presentation at the Wianno Club. More details on Page 2. →

“The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.”

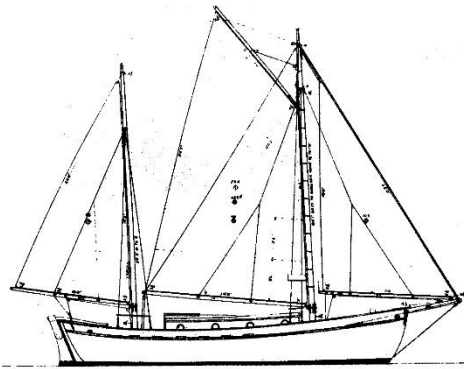
- William Arthur Ward





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The Wianno Sailing Foundation wishes to acknowledge the outstanding service of two Directors – **John Kiley and Nonnie Burnes** – who stepped down from the Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting in March.



30' TAHITI KETCH

**JOHN C. KILEY III** has a sailing resume that is without equal. He learned to sail at WYC and as a youngster, he was successful in local and regional sailing competitions. In 1972, John sailed out of West Bay on Josepha, a 30' Tahiti Ketch. He sailed back into West Bay in 1977....after sailing around the world! John is a respected yacht designer who worked for years at Ray Hunt Design. He joined the board of the Foundation after his term as WYC Commodore (2001 – 2003). John will continue to support the Foundation's mission by helping us and the Wianno Senior Class Association to manage the Wianno Seniors that have been loaned to us for public use. Thank you John!



**NONNIE BURNES** was there at the very start of the Foundation. As WYC commodore, she worked with the WYC board to establish the Foundation with a \$100,000 gift from Bill Koch, which came as part of his sailing under the WYC flag in the America's Cup. Since that beginning, Nonnie helped guide the Foundation through to its next major milestone: the acquisition of the Bridge Street parcel that the WYC has always leased for its operations. Representing the Foundation, she worked with the Wianno Club and WYC leaders to negotiate the acquisition and to ensure the future of sailing education in Wianno. A rare club sailing program open to community children, WYC sailing classes help the Foundation carry out its mission to promote competitive and recreational sailing. Nonnie also helped build and develop the Foundation board and continues to help guide the organization as Director Emerita.

Our major event of the 2021 season, an evening with Rachel Zoe Miller, founder of the Rozalia Project, will be dedicated in honor of Nonnie for her 25 years of service to the Foundation.



Rachael Zoe Miller is an expedition scientist, inventor, National Geographic Explorer and Explorers Club Fellow working to protect the ocean. She is the Founder of **Rozalia Project for a Clean Ocean**, a nonprofit working on the problem of marine debris and co-inventor of the Cora Ball, the world's first microfiber-catching laundry ball. Rachael leads teams on expeditions whose scientific results are published in peer-reviewed journals and education programs that inspire thousands of people of all ages. She's presented at venues worldwide including on the TedX stage and at The Explorer's Club. Rachael captains the 60' sailing research vessel, American Promise, certified hundreds of people to be sailing instructors, trained Navy SEALs to find unexploded mines using underwater robots, pitched to audiences at Our Ocean and Plastics Europe and mentors young scientists at the New York Harbor School. She lives in Vermont, loves the snow as much as the sea and does her best thinking on skis, bikes or paddleboards.



"American Promise" – Rozalia Project