

# WYC Sailing Education Foundation

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## Newsletter - Spring 2020

“Remind me.... What is the WYC Sailing Education Foundation?”

The WYC Sailing Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) public charity that promotes the sport of sailing, with an emphasis on junior sailing. Our biggest achievement, to date, was the purchase of the yacht club property in Osterville from the Wianno Club in 2015. This was no small feat and it is significant because this will preserve this location for use by generations of future sailors. We have successfully raised most of the funds needed to meet the installment payments and pay off the mortgage. Now we are broadening our mission to support the sport of sailing and seamanship.



### *Skippering a Wianno Senior!*

These young sailors had the time of their lives learning to set a gaff rigged sloop and sailing on Nantucket Sound for the first time. Last year the Foundation paid for the maintenance and winter storage of two Wianno Seniors that are now on loan and available for use by regional sailing programs. Your generous support the WYC Sailing Education Foundation helps to make this possible.

In 2019 over 500 people made contributions, large and small, to the Foundation. We held our first major fundraiser last August; an evening at the Wianno Club with a fascinating account of Sean Meagher's trip through the Northwest Passage.

### **We would like to thank the generous Sponsors who made this event possible:**

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## Save the Date!

Our annual Speaker Series fundraising event will be held on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Greg Skomal, the nation's leading authority on sharks, will provide us with the latest on Cape Cod shark activity, research efforts and public safety education. We are planning this as a live presentation at the Wianno Club with a social-distancing cocktail hour followed by Greg's presentation. We also have plans in place to make this a virtual event, if necessary, and tickets will be available for those who are more comfortable participating via a Zoom meeting connection. You will receive an invitation and additional details by email in the near future!

The WYC Sailing Education Foundation Mission Statement:

*The education and training of sailors; the promotion of sailing in New England and elsewhere; the operation and support of instructional programs and competition for sailors; and the fostering of national and international competition and sportsmanship through the sport of sailing.*



***Competitive sailors  
have always been  
interested in  
Social Distancing!***

The Foundation is proud to support sailing education organizations. The Foundation has provided support to the Barnstable High School Sailing Team and to the Sturgis Academy Team, among others. The Foundation also provides financial support to individual sailors, including four in 2019, one of whom, from the Stone Horse Yacht Club had this to say: "The great thing about sailing is that it is a lifelong sport. It doesn't matter your age or ability; there will always be opportunities for you to sail. I am so happy that my parents signed me up for sailing at Stone Horse when I was little and am so lucky to have had people support me along the way." In our summer sailing program, held at the property on Bridge Street, we had 206 children enrolled in 2019 and 60% of this group were unaffiliated with any yacht club.

We need your continued support to allow us to cast our outreach net further.

Please help us foster the love of being on water. For more information, visit our website and click on "Donate".

***Thank you!***