



GHYC Junior Sail

GHYC Junior Sail is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing a safe, fun and educational environment for youth. Our programs develop local sailors at all skill levels and challenge them to achieve confidence and independence on the water.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



FOR THE KIDS

GHYC Junior Sail has completed its 11th year of inspiring youth to have a life-long dedication to and love of sailing--and the 2nd year doing so safely during COVID. In 2021, over 400 students attended Sail Camp, 40 racers participated on Narrows Race Team, and almost \$10,000 in scholarships was awarded to under-served youth. Tremendous effort was put into keeping up with ever-changing COVID policies, including vaccinations, face masks, social distancing, etc.

Our amazing 11 member Board, with tremendous leadership by Sailing Director, Ashley Nelson, worked very hard to provide strong, positive experiences for youth, families, and staff. Again this year we implemented programming for

"Huge thanks to our wonderful community who continues to provide tremendous support"

Tacoma Yacht Club and ran camps at the TYC Wollochet Bay Outstation and West Shore Marina. In addition, Bremerton Yacht Club contracted with GHYC Junior Sail to assist in restarting their Junior Sail program.

We are most grateful to the tremendous support of Stan Stearns in allowing GHYC Junior Sail to run our programs out of West Shore Marina. We also appreciate Pen Met Parks providing storage of boats and equipment at the old Peninsula Gardens greenhouse. And certainly huge thanks to our wonderful community who continues to provide tremendous support for GHYC Junior Sail.



Joan Storkman

*Program Director
GHYC Junior Sail*

**From the Program
Director**

Cover: Narrows Race Team Sailors enjoy a trip to Lighthouse Beach during fall practice. The trip to the beach included a traditional "birthday splash" for Charles Wright Academy Sailor, Camryn Lee.

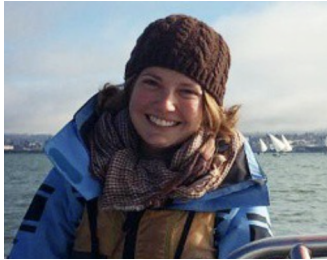


Narrows Race Team Sailors Hannah Welch and Corinne Harrison sailing at Bellingham Youth Regatta in August. They spent the summer building skills in GHYC Junior Sail's new fleet of 420s.
Photo Credit: Dave Shemwell

BUILDING BACK

2021 brought the exciting return of competitions and the opportunity to serve our community better by increasing Sail Camp opportunities at West Shore Marina. Our staff, volunteers, participants, and parents remained adaptable and positive throughout the challenges of another

year of operations under COVID-19 precautions. It was wonderful to introduce our new racers and families to the joy of participating in the larger sailing community through local competitions. Our Junior Varsity and Opti Green fleet programs are especially exciting as they continue to broaden access to the sport for kids in our community. Thank you for your support in 2021, and I look forward to another great year in 2022



Ashley Nelson
*Sailing Director
GHYC Junior Sail*



2021 By the Numbers

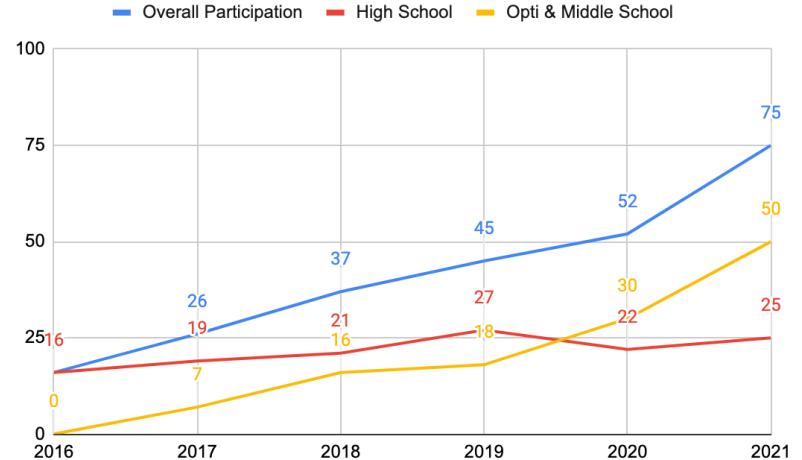
408 youth camp registrations

75 race team participants

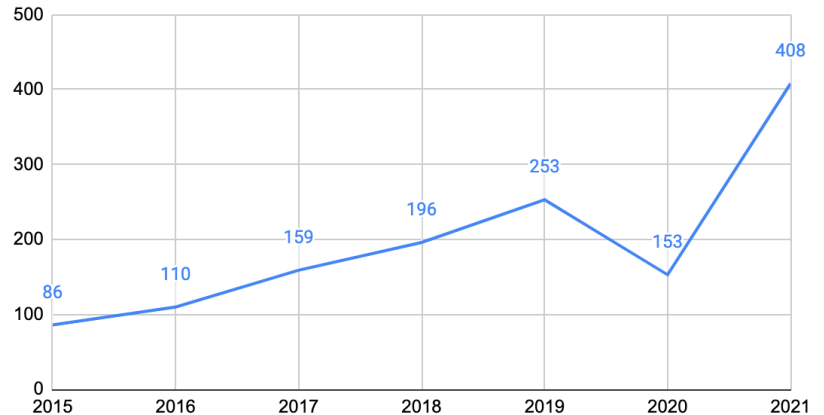
\$9,006
awarded in scholarships

\$92,926
raised in support

Narrows Race Team Total Participants



Sail Camp Total Registrations



2021 SAIL CAMPS

We hosted spring and summer sail camps this year with 408 youth participants learning new skills and trying out the sport.

We were able to resume operations at West Shore Marina for Summer Sail Camp in 2021 and facilitated programming at the TYC Junior Sail Facility as well. A huge thanks to our Sail Camp hosts, we could not do it without you.

COVID-19 precautions remained in place for 2021, but with new developments we were able to bring back double-handed sailing for our teen groups. Thanks to parents, sailors, staff and volunteers for working hard to keep kids safe!

We could not host our camps without the work of our incredible staff. Thank you to, Ashley Nelson, Axel Stordahl, Ben Sprenger, Corinne Harrison, Dalton Lovett, Dillon Kilroy, Emily Smith, Jaden Unruh, Julia Sherry, Olivia Lowithan, Peter Ryalls, Reed Kregenow, Taggart Messersmith, Ted Corddry, and Thomas Pentimonti for an excellent year.

Thanks also to our group of young Junior Instructors, who volunteered their time this summer. Thank you to, Aspen Merrill, Bailey Rainbolt, Brent Hu, Charlie Christ, Charlie Kuluz, Elijah Dekker, Elliot Kwan, Finn Deprez, Nex Noland, Hannah Welch, Kelsea Cowart, Matt Embick, and Nico Konyk



Top: Siblings sail together in a Teen FJ class in July. **Bottom:** Youth Sail Camp participants bury Junior Instructor Nex Noland on beach day. The return of Friday trips Lighthouse Beach was a joy for sailors and staff.



Sail Camp



2021 FOR THE NARROWS RACE TEAM

This year our team focused on growth and building skills and experience. The team is young and enthusiastic, and expects to see tremendous growth in the coming years.

Many sailors attended events for the first time in 2021 and enjoyed traveling as a team, meeting sailors from other conferences, and getting back into competition.

The Narrows Race Team resumed regattas in Spring 2021 and continued through the Summer and Fall. Sailors competed in Optis, FJs, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, and c420.

Veteran Opti sailor Finn Deprez placed 2nd overall in the summer Northwest Youth Racing Circuit as well as 2nd at the Opti Northwest Championships. Congratulations Finn, we look forward to seeing what is next!



Banner: All four race teams gathered for an end of summer celebration in September. It was wonderful to reconnect as a community after a year of small group practices. **Left:** Narrows Race Team sailor Nico Konyk sails upwind at Bellingham Youth Regatta in August. (photo courtesy of John Beaver)

Below: Race Team sailors Shepherd Southworth and Skyler Rainbolt enjoying their first season of competition. The return of the Northwest Youth Racing Circuit gave us the opportunity to get many sailors to their first events this summer





Left: Narrows Race Team sailor Finn Deprez enjoys surfing conditions at WIND Clinic in July. **Middle:** c420 sailors Nex Noland and Bailey Rainbolt compete in the Bellingham Youth Regatta. Our new c420 fleet allowed sailors to learn new skills like trapeze. **Bottom:** High school sailors representing Gig Harbor High School, Bellarmine Preparatory School, and Charles Wright Academy at NWISA Fall Champs in November.



Our sailors took the opportunity in 2021 to strive for learning opportunities. We raced our fleet of c420s at the US Sailing Regional Women's Junior Championships, coached by Olympic hopefuls in June. Thanks Tacoma Women's Sailing Association for sponsoring our sailors to attend.

Laser and Opti sailors also participated in the WIND Clinic, hosted by The Sailing Foundation and Columbia Gorge Racing Association. Sailors enjoyed four days of high-caliber coaching in one of the best sailing venues our area has to offer.

In August, Laser sailors participated in an in-house clinic with Coach Paul Swan. Andrew Nelson, Director of The Sailing Foundation, coached Opti sailors during fall practices.

Overall, 2021 was about gaining experience and building skills. We are excited to see what the future holds for our young team and will continue to provide opportunities for growth in 2022.

A huge thanks to coaches, Andrew Nelson, Ashley Nelson, Ben Sprenger, Dillon Kilroy, Dalton Lovett, Emily Smith, Olivia Lowthian, and Thomas



2021 SENIOR SEND-OFFS

Our graduating class of 2021 included three "rock stars". These sailors showed tremendous leadership through two challenging years. We are so proud of them and have enjoyed watching them thrive on their collegiate teams this fall.



Left: Seniors Olivia Lowthian, Emily Smith, and Dalton Lovett received the Coach's Award at the end of year banquet in June. **Below:** Emily Smith sails representing University of Washington at Cascadia Cup hosted by Sail Sand Point in October. Narrows Race Team sailors enjoyed competing against alumni and learning about college sailing opportunities.



Dalton Lovett

Gig Harbor High School

Attending Western Washington University

Emily Smith

Bellarmino Preparatory School

Attending University of Washington



Olivia Lowthian

Homeschool

Attending Salve Regina University



Together We Raised

\$50,820 At our 2021 Auction

\$9,104 Toward our Scholarship Fund

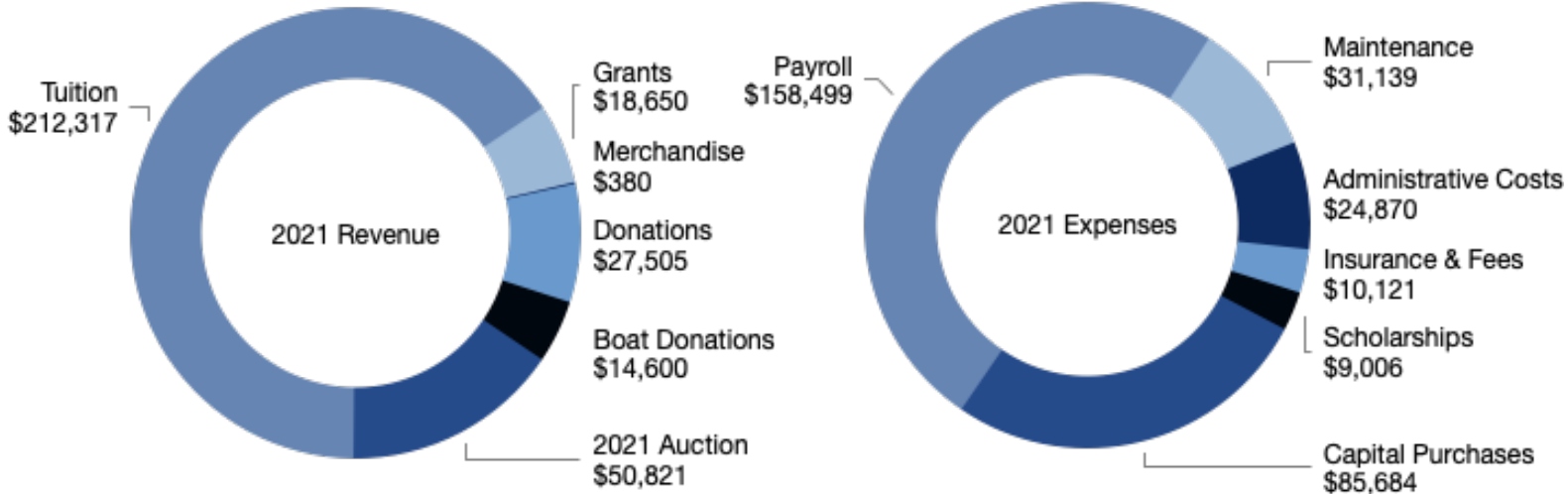
\$14,600 Through the Boat Donation Program

\$27,505 In Donations

YOUR DONATIONS MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE

The continued support of our community has allowed us to grow and thrive during a difficult time for non-profits everywhere. Thank you for your support. This year fundraising dollars funded scholarships, purchased a new safety boat and engine, bought a needed storage trailer, and purchased a fleet of 3 new c420s.

Financial Report





Where We Have Been

- 2010** Founded by GHYC. Donations fund used safety boats and new Open Bics
Awarded the PIYA Garrett Horder Memorial Trophy
- 2013** Program enrolls over 100 sailors at camp for the first time
- 2014** GHYC Junior Sail Race Team founded with volunteer coaches
- 2015** Donations finance purchase of five Sail Cubes and one FJ
Narrows Race Team formed by GHYC and TYC Junior Sail
- 2016** First paid coach hired and Narrows Race Team program expands into school year
Joan Storkman, Program Director, is named US SAILING Volunteer of the Year
- 2017** Narrows Race Team makes first High School National appearance representing Charles Wright Academy
Donation funds finance two FJs
- 2018** Narrows Race Team sailors represent Gig Harbor High School at ISSA Keelboat Nationals
Donations fund RIB and trailer

2019 Narrows Race Team sailors represent Gig Harbor High School at Cressy High School Singlehanded National Championship, and ISSA Keelboat Nationals

Narrows Race Team Sailors compete in Chubb U.S. Junior Championships
Donations finance six Opti sailboats

2020 Donations finance four Opti sailboats
GHYC Junior Sail hires its first full-time Sailing Director

GHYC Junior Sail combines with TYC Junior Sail for summer 2020

2021 Donations finance three 420 sailboats and a new safety boat

GHYC Junior Sail continues partnership with TYC Junior Sail

Over 400 youth served in our community

2022 and Beyond

GHYC Junior Sail will work to hire an Assistant Sailing Director as we continue to grow

GHYC Junior Sail has signed a three year partnership agreement with TYC Junior Sail

GHYC Junior Sail Executive Board

Our board of talented and dedicated volunteers does so much to keep operating smoothly and moving forward. Thanks to, Joan Storkman, Kathleen Carlson, Alina Messersmith, Greg Olsen, Greg Hoeksema, Mary Theo Hoeksema, Dale Reiman, Chris Myers, Don Bernard and Ashley Nelson

Thanks to retiring board members Chris Boynton, and Helen Stewart for your contributions to the program.

Narrows Race Team Leadership Committee

Race team families help support the program through membership on the Narrows Race Team Leadership Committee. Thank you to the 2021 NRT Leadership Team; Joan Storkman, Mark Helling, Mario Lee, Alina Messersmith, Jenny Unruh, and Melissa Deprez

Maintenance Team

Volunteers, led by Fleet Manager Greg Olsen, meet weekly to work on boats, build facilities, and keep everything running smoothly. We could not do it without them! Big thanks to, Greg Olsen, David Holsinger, Dick Strand, Jon Freeman Dale Reiman, Jim Drake, John Parker, Erik Carlson, Jamie Storkman, Dalton Lovett, Mark Lindeman and Ryan Rutherford

Auction Committee

Auction Committee members work throughout the year to plan our annual fundraiser. Big thanks to GHYC Board Members as well as, Marti Anderson, Anne Hankins, Kerrie Clos, and Jon Freeman



Above: Board members gather via Zoom for the monthly meeting. **Below:** Fleet Manager Greg Olsen takes our new safety boat for a test drive. Greg works tirelessly throughout the year to keep the program running smoothly. **Right:** Program Director Joan Storkman meets with Joe Guizzetti at Tacoma Yacht Club to finalize our partnership agreement in December. A huge thanks to Joe and TYC for their work with us.





A Special Thanks to our Donors

The Stearns Family

Longtime supporters, Stan and Judy Stearns, continued to help us thrive this year through the use of West Shore Marina and generous donations. Their contributions to the program have helped immensely.

Special thanks to:

The Severson Family Foundation

The Smith Family Foundation

Kathleen & Erik Carlson

Mario and Anne Lee

The Bill Harter Memorial Fund

Tacoma Women's Sailing Association

Special thanks to:

Margaret Patterson, Steven Hales, Thomas F. Reier & Reier Construction, Tom and Cyndee Gray, John and Nancy Sasser, Helen and Alan Stewart, Paul Thorpe, Jack Laffaw Memorial Fund & Ron Ray Memorial Fund

BOAT DONATION PROGRAM

Our Boat Donation Program continues to help us fund projects and get kids sailing. Thanks to Dale Reiman for helping to raise \$14,600 this year!

Thanks to 2021 Donors

Tom Reier & Reier Construction - Manlift

Joann & Steve Kink - Dyer Sailing Dinghy

Donald W. Pratt - AMM Runabout & Trailer

Lee & Flaskerud Families - 29er Racing Dinghy & Trailer

Nathaniel S. Rogers - Flying Scott Sailboat & Trailer

Stan & Judy Stearns - Sunfish Sailing Dinghy & Trailer

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Thank You Sponsors & Partners

Gig Harbor Yacht Club, West Shore Marina, Pen Met Parks, Tacoma Yacht Club, The Sailing Foundation, Northwest Interscholastic Sailing Association, Charles Wright Academy, Bellarmine Preparatory School, and Gig Harbor High School

Thank you to the businesses and individuals who generously contributed to our 2021 fundraiser, and especially to those who have supported us for years. Your support means everything, and we could not run our program without you. Our steady growth and ability to serve the community have depended heavily on those who donate to, or participate in, the annual GHYC Junior Sail Auction.

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