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Dear Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of your Chicago Yacht Club Foundation this year. Your Foundation exists to bring the joys and benefits of boating to all, with a significant focus on children from underrepresented communities. Thanks to your unprecedented level of support and engagement, we have been able to more than double the number of youth that we have impacted in the prior year. Our impact falls into four main categories:

Introduction. We have worked hard this year to introduce a large number of Chicagoland youth to our sports.

Induction. For youth interested in learning more, we've provided them with an inductive experience—in many cases, these programs are multi-day sailing experiences.

Development. Youth who want to be boaters excite us. We've created a number of programs designed to further develop their skills.

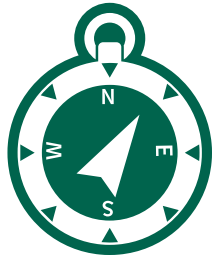
Inspiration. This year, through the Foundation's Competition Fund, we have supported sailors seeking to compete at high levels in the sport of sailing. We do this in part to generate inspiration to our younger aspiring sailors who are in the introduction, induction, and development stages.

I hope you enjoy reading about our many programs. If you like what you see, I hope you will consider donating to our 2023 Annual Appeal before December 31. And as always, if you have suggestions for how we can do better, please email me directly at greg@chicagoyachtclubfoundation.org. Let's continue to do big things. Together!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Miarecki".

Greg Miarecki
President, Chicago Yacht Club Foundation
Past Commodore, Chicago Yacht Club



INTRODUCTION

PALS Annual Cruise	10+ guests
SOS Children's Villages Annual Cruise	30+ guests
Union League Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Cruise	60+ guests
Tall Ship STEM Cruises	8 sails 189 participants
Whitehawk Week	40 participants



INDUCTION

After School STEAM Programs	30 sessions 240 students
CYCF Adventure Boating Camps	3 sessions 32 campers
Judd's Sailing Camp	8 campers
Open Horizons at Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation	5 sessions 200+ youth
Maritime Academy: Swim School	120 graduates



DEVELOPMENT

Sailing School Scholarships	13 scholarships
Foiling First Clinic	24 participants
Lead HER Ship	2 trips 17 participants
Maritime Academy: Job Training	5 graduates
Sea Scout Ship 5870 <i>Privateer</i>	17 active scouts

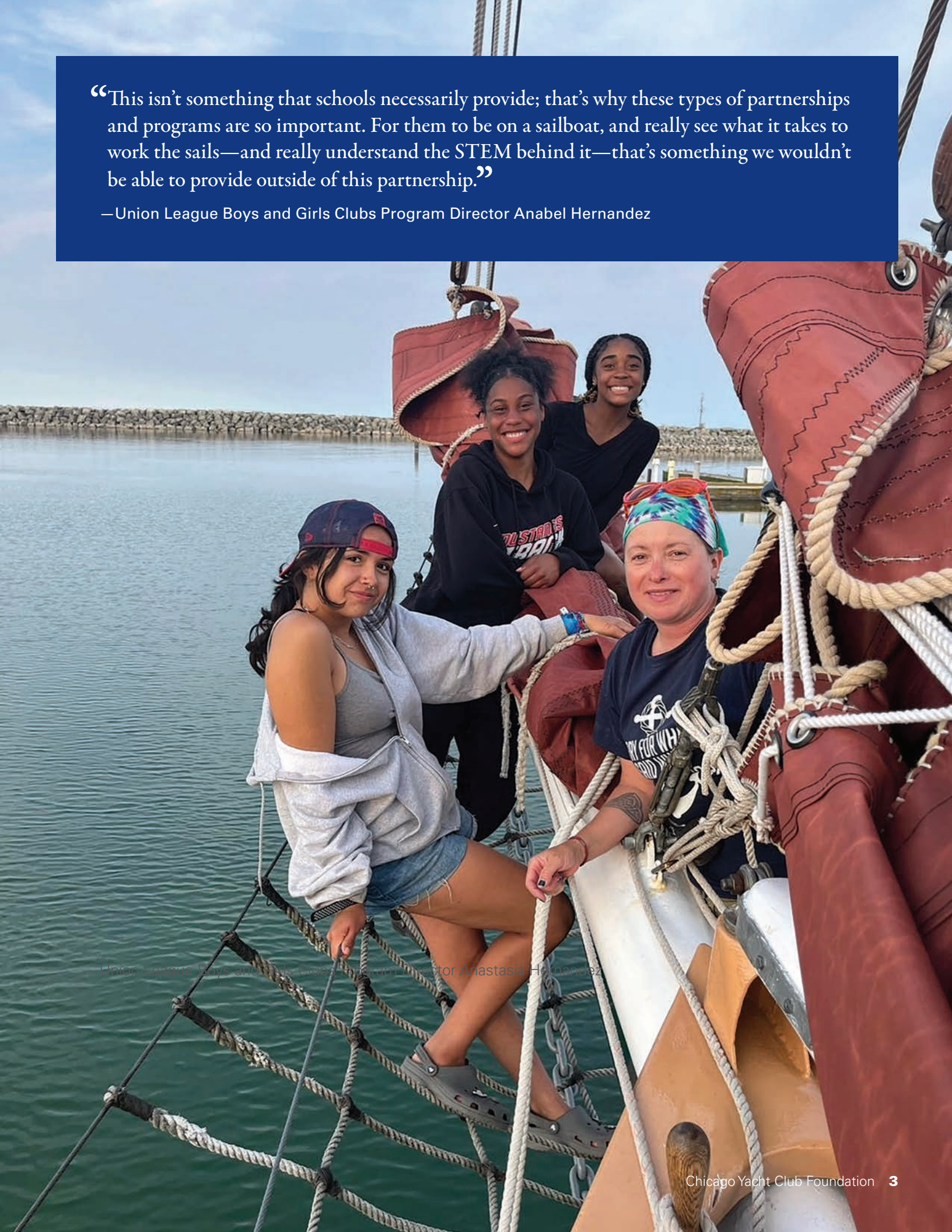


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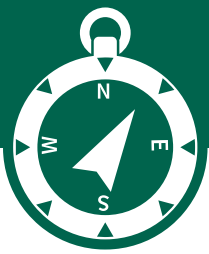
Competition Fund	4 grants
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“This isn’t something that schools necessarily provide; that’s why these types of partnerships and programs are so important. For them to be on a sailboat, and really see what it takes to work the sails—and really understand the STEM behind it—that’s something we wouldn’t be able to provide outside of this partnership.”

—Union League Boys and Girls Clubs Program Director Anabel Hernandez



Union League Boys and Girls Clubs Program Director Anastasia Hernandez



INTRODUCTION PROGRAMS

PALS Annual Cruise

In partnership with CYC's Cruising Sail Fleet and the PALS organization, the Foundation sponsored this dinner and a sail for a dozen PALS members, followed by watching Wednesday fireworks from the Monroe Station patio. PALS' mission is to create inclusive camp experiences for people with and without Down syndrome.

SOS Children's Villages Illinois Annual Cruise

In partnership with the Chicago Yacht Club's Cruising Sail Fleet, the Foundation offered more than 30 SOS Illinois Children's Villages kids and their foster parents the opportunity to visit the Club for an educational program and lakefront cruise.

Union League Boys and Girls Clubs Annual Cruise

For more than 100 years, Union League Boys and Girls Clubs have been serving the after-school development needs of Chicago's youth. The CYC Foundation, in partnership with the Chicago Yacht Club's Power Fleet, offered a lakefront cruise to more than 60 kids from the Clubs.

Tall Ship STEM Cruises

In collaboration with the Inland Seas Education Association, eight half-day sails aboard the 77-foot gaff-rigged tall ship *Inland Seas* introduced nearly 200 Chicago-area youth from six different community organizations to sailing, Great Lakes ecology, and teamwork. Partner organizations included the Union League Boys and Girls Clubs, Fathers Who Care, Adults Active in Youth Development, the University of Chicago Charter School—Woodlawn, UCAN Chicago, and My Block My Hood My City.

Whitehawk Week

CYC Foundation donors Peter and Marijane Thornton generously shared their 104-foot ketch *Whitehawk* with the CYC Foundation in July, taking campers from Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation's sailing school on a series of four cruises.

“It was so fun. I learned so many cool things. It was a great experience and I want to go back someday.”

—Calliope Richards, 9, *Whitehawk* passenger and Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation sailing school participant





INDUCTION PROGRAMS

After School STEAM Programs

This year, the Foundation has expanded after school program offerings, during which students in kindergarten through 12th grade learn about boating and related topics through hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) activities such as building boats or designing their own flags. After school programs are hosted at Chicago Yacht Club or the partner organization's location based on their preferences. This year the Foundation has partnered with Saint Joseph's Services, South Loop Elementary School (CPS), Union League Boys and Girls Clubs, and SOS Children's Villages Illinois to provide after school programs.

CYCF Adventure Boating Camps

This year the Foundation hosted three Adventure Boating camps at Chicago Yacht Club's Sailing School for 32 participants from Union League Boys and Girls Clubs, BUILD Inc., and SOS Children's Villages. Youth learned to sail the Club's Sonars, engaged in paddle boarding and kayaking, practiced swimming, and explored Belmont Harbor.

Judd's Sailing Camp

The inaugural Judd's Sailing Camp, sponsored by the Foundation in partnership with the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation and the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, brought children with physical disabilities ages 8-14 to the Judd Goldman Sailing Center in Burnham Harbor on Wednesday mornings over eight weeks for on-the-water instruction on specially-designed keelboats.

Open Horizons Program

The CYC Foundation is the Platinum Sponsor of Open Horizons, an initiative of the Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation. It targets low-income, at-risk youth of color to teach leadership, teamwork, and conflict resolution skills through sailing, and takes place out of Jackson Park Outer Harbor.



“Sailing is an equalizer. Once you're in the boat and you're able to control the tiller you're no different than anyone else. Thanks to the support of the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation, we're picking the campers up from their homes in specially-equipped vans, taking them to the camp and then returning them home. It's a really great way to do it.”

—Peter Goldman, President, Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation

Maritime Academy: Swim School

New this year, the Foundation supported the Union League Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago swim camp. According to ULBGC: “Learn-to-Swim helps our Club members become confident and competent swimmers through fun and enjoyment.” This program helped 120 kids learn this core life skill.



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Sailing School Scholarships

The Foundation offers Chicagoland children the opportunity to apply for scholarships to area sailing schools. The scholarships are designed to make nautical education available to all, regardless of income levels. Each year, the Foundation makes 10-20 scholarships available to deserving children.

Foiling First Clinic

Foiling First is a high-performance clinic run by Sail GP's United States Team. Sponsored by the Foundation, the goal of the Clinic is to bring together Chicago junior sailors and create a pathway into foiling, the future of performance sailing. In September, 24 junior sailors from the five CASRA clubs (Burnham Park Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club, Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, Columbia Yacht Club and Jackson Park Yacht Club) took part in the Clinic, held at CYC's Monroe Station.

Lead HER Ship

For 15 years, the Foundation has provided leadership training via a five-day cruise aboard a tall ship for nine young women ages 14-18 in partnership with the Inland Seas Education Association. The cruises provide hands-on experiential learning and leadership training aboard the 77-foot gaff-rigged tall ship *Inland Seas*. In 2023 we doubled the number of cruises to two, with a total of 18 young women selected to cruise starting either in Suttons Bay, Michigan and sailing to Chicago, or sailing from Chicago to Suttons Bay.

“A challenge I overcame was being nervous and not really knowing what I had to do. All of the instructors explained everything so well and were patient as I was learning and figuring things out.”

—Lily M., Lead HER Ship participant





Maritime Academy: Job Training

This Foundation initiative teaches Chicago area teens the skills needed to work on Chicago’s many commercial boats. The 18 hours of training included everything from line handling and firefighting to CPR and first aid skills. This year, five students from Chicago Hope Academy graduated from Maritime Academy.

Sea Scout Ship #5870 *Privateer*

The Chicago Yacht Club and the Foundation support the Sea Scout Ship *Privateer*, the oldest Sea Scout Ship in the nation. The Foundation developed a new program this year that got members of the CYC Sea Scout Ship #5870 out on the Club’s Sonars with a sailing instructor to develop and refine their sailing skills. The Sea Scouts also learned about charting and navigation at their April meeting from U.S. Navy veteran Jarrik Mitchell.

“In the Beginner 420 class we learned about teamwork, communication, and how to rig the boats. The biggest impact for me is I am now confident in my sailing and can help my friends. Thank you so much for the grant, as I couldn’t have attended the program without it.”

—Daniel Stetsyuk, 13, sailing school scholarship recipient



INSPIRATION PROGRAMS

The Foundation's Competition Fund enables the awarding of grants to support applicants' training for and participation in prestigious national and international sailing competitions.

Team Young Guns

This team from CYC, sponsored by the Foundation's Competition Fund, was undefeated in the Corinthian Young Guns Team Race at Seawanhaka Yacht Club on Long Island, NY, July 15-16. CYC was one of six participating yacht clubs, including Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Noroton Yacht Club, New York Yacht Club, Seawanhaka, and the Royal Thames Yacht Club. The field of teams was competitive, showcasing several All-Americans.

Roble Shea Olympic Campaign

Steph Roble and Maggie Shea met as Laser Radial competitors during high school, became great friends and ultimately teammates on the 29er, 420 and professional match racing circuit. This Midwestern duo has been competing with and against each other for 15 years; individually they have won world championship medals, national titles and All American Honors. Together they are going for gold at the Paris Olympics in 2024. The Foundation is proud to sponsor their Olympic campaign via the Competition Fund, which provides support for expenses such as equipment purchases or coaching.

NYYC Women's 2v2

This event, hosted by New York Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island, is an invitational interclub competition held annually, this year June 3-4. CYC was one of ten clubs to receive an invitation, itself a competitive process. The CYC Foundation sponsored partial travel expenses for the two all-women's Sonar teams.

Jackson Cup

The Jackson Cup, is a national annual invitational interclub team race challenge by the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts, with teams selected for high racing skill and the Corinthian spirit. Invited clubs field three Sonars for the two days of racing; the Foundation sponsored partial travel expenses for the three CYC boats. The event took place April 29-30, 2023.



“The Foundation’s mission complements the Club’s mission. The intent is to enhance the nautical arts across the community and to engage people who otherwise wouldn’t have the chance to take advantage of our lakefront. The Club’s mission is to promote the nautical arts to everyone—not just members—so I think the goals of the Foundation and the Club mesh well.”

—Lisa Curcio Gaston, CYC Commodore and Foundation supporter



We Are Powered By Your Generosity

Your generosity makes all of these programs possible. In 2022, the Foundation received \$497,002 in contributions—more than twice the 2021 amount. Your 2022 contributions are directly responsible for our ability to double the size of our Lead HER Ship program, launch new programs such as the Tall Ships STEM cruises, make four Competition Fund grants, sponsor a learn-to-swim program for the first time, and grow from one sailing camp in 2022 to five in 2023.



JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY

The Foundation plans to expand our own programs in 2024 and has also identified several additional community partners to help us continue to expand services to even more children from communities traditionally underrepresented in boating.

We can't do this without your support. You can help us help others by making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation in a variety of ways.

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“This is an opportunity to give back to young people who will really benefit from all they can learn on the water. And if we can give the next generation of kids a head start, why wouldn't we do that?”

—Bill and Jude Bloom, CYC members and Foundation supporters

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LET'S DO BIG THINGS. TOGETHER.

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