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IMPACT REPORT 2022



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We Share the Joys & Benefits of Being on the Water

The Chicago Yacht Club Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization that promotes awareness and appreciation of maritime skills and traditions in Chicagoland through education, outreach, and activities as well as the support of like-minded charitable organizations.

Through our own programs and grants and by building partnerships with other clubs, associations, and schools, the Foundation is able to influence a wide range of youth.

It is our core belief that access to the water should be independent of one's circumstances, needs, or abilities, and we therefore embrace all.

We do this because we believe that boating is fun, and that it also teaches important lessons in STEM skills, problem solving, building confidence, teamwork, and leadership. These skills apply in all parts of life, and it is important for us to share them with others.

Our Programs



We Make the Life Lessons of Boating Accessible to Everyone

The Foundation's activities can be grouped into three major areas:



**Boating
Education**



**Civic & Community
Outreach**



**Leadership
Training**

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Thanks to support from the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation we are able to reach even more kids, many of whom have never even seen Lake Michigan, let alone had the opportunity to be on a boat.

- Karen Harris
President

Jackson Park Yacht Club Foundation



Boating Education

OPEN HORIZONS YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM

The 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.

5 PROGRAM SESSIONS
200+ YOUTH ON THE WATER

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ILLINOIS SAILING CAMP

SOS Children's Villages Illinois works to unite children in foster care and help them grow into caring and productive adults. In partnership with the Chicago Yacht Club Sailing School, the Foundation has created a sailing camp for SOS Illinois kids. During this immersive experience, students learn how to sail, are exposed to STEM subjects, and build teamwork skills.

6 SESSIONS
10 BUDDING SAILORS

CYC FOUNDATION MARITIME ACADEMY

This new Foundation initiative was designed to teach Chicagoland 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. The Foundation arranged a job fair after graduation and many participants were hired on the spot. With additional funding, the Foundation plans to expand this program substantially in 2023.

2 COHORTS
16 TALENTED GRADUATES

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

The Foundation expands access to boating through scholarship programs. Margo Cicero is one such recipient. She started sailing at age 11 and received scholarships all through high school where she started the sailing team at Whitney Young High School. Margo is now headed to the US Naval Academy to study nuclear engineering with the intent of becoming a submarine officer.

10 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

PLUS:

AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM

CHICAGO JUNIOR RACE WEEK

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The kids had a great time. They came back with a million stories. It's an adventure of a lifetime for a number of them. They don't get out on boats. They don't have experiences like this.

- Emily Brown
Education and Activities Coordinator
SOS Children's Villages Illinois

3 SESSIONS
30 CHILDREN

100+ COMPETITORS



Civic & Community Outreach

CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ON NAVY PIER

The Foundation partnered with the Chicago Children's Museum on Navy Pier to develop an exhibit, "**Boats: Captain Your Own Adventure.**" It provided kids with an interactive play experience designed to teach them about boating. Opening in May 2022, with the Foundation's support, more than 1,000 children from underrepresented communities enjoyed the exhibit free of charge.

5+ MONTHS AVAILABILITY
1K+ COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS
100K+ TOTAL VISITORS

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We hope children and families visiting the exhibit take away a sense of excitement and possibility. For some, it may be a chance to engage in a deeper exploration of something about which they have always been intrigued: Boats! For others, the concept of boats and sailing may be something completely new. In either case, we hope children have the opportunity to try new roles, create stories, and play together in an environment that inspires exploration and adventure.

- Karen Lewis Alexander
VP of Development
Chicago Children’s Museum



UNION LEAGUE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB ANNUAL CRUISE

For over 100 years, Union League Boys and Girls Clubs have been serving the after-school development needs of Chicago’s youth. The Foundation, in partnership with the Chicago Yacht Club’s Power Fleet, offers a lakefront cruise to more than 60 kids from the clubs. Those interested in learning more about boating will be offered the opportunity to participate in sailing school with the support of the Foundation.

60+
CHILDREN
PER CRUISE

SOS CHILDREN’S VILLAGES ILLINOIS ANNUAL CRUISE

In conjunction with the Chicago Yacht Club’s Cruising Sail Fleet, the Foundation offers more than 60 SOS Illinois children and their foster parents the opportunity to visit the Club for an educational program and lakefront cruise. Children interested in learning more about sailing will receive invitations to participate in the 2023 session of the SOS Illinois Sailing Camp.



Leadership Training



LEAD HER SHIP

The Lead HER Ship program is a signature program of the Foundation. Each year, up to ten young women, ages 14-17, embark on a five-day cruise on a tall ship in Lake Michigan. During the cruise, these young women learn to sail, and, perhaps more importantly, how to lead and work together. This year's successful trip was from the Detroit area to Suttons Bay. In 2023, the Foundation hopes to double the size of this program with two such cruises.

5 DAYS
AT SEA
10 YOUNG
WOMEN

SEA SCOUT SHIP 5870 PRIVATEER

Sea Scouting is America's premiere on-the-water high adventure and personal development program. The Chicago Yacht Club and the Foundation support the Sea Scout ship Privateer, the oldest Sea Scout ship in the nation. The program teaches leadership, accountability, and self-reliance through maritime programs and is open to all children ages 14-21. The Foundation also offers a college scholarship to an outstanding Scout from the ship.

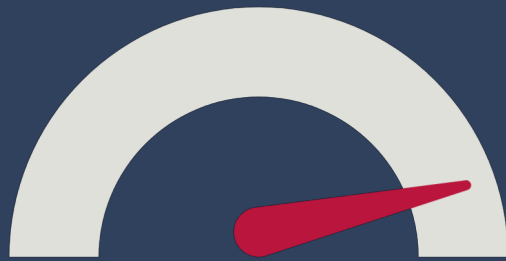
25 SEA
SCOUTS

“ Sea Scouts has helped enhance some very useful skills in my day-to-day life, providing me with experiences that are fun and challenging.

- Stella DiGangi
Sea Scout

We Are Powered By Your Generosity

Your generosity makes all of these programs possible. In 2021, the Foundation received \$192,000 in contributions, with 90% going directly to fund our outstanding youth programs.



90%
DIRECTLY TO
PROGRAMS



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It's great to see how the [Open Horizons] program is bringing opportunity to the South Shore community where I grew up. We owe it to the next generation and that's why I'm so committed to supporting the Foundation and its many programs.

- Peter Thornton
CYC Member and
Foundation Supporter



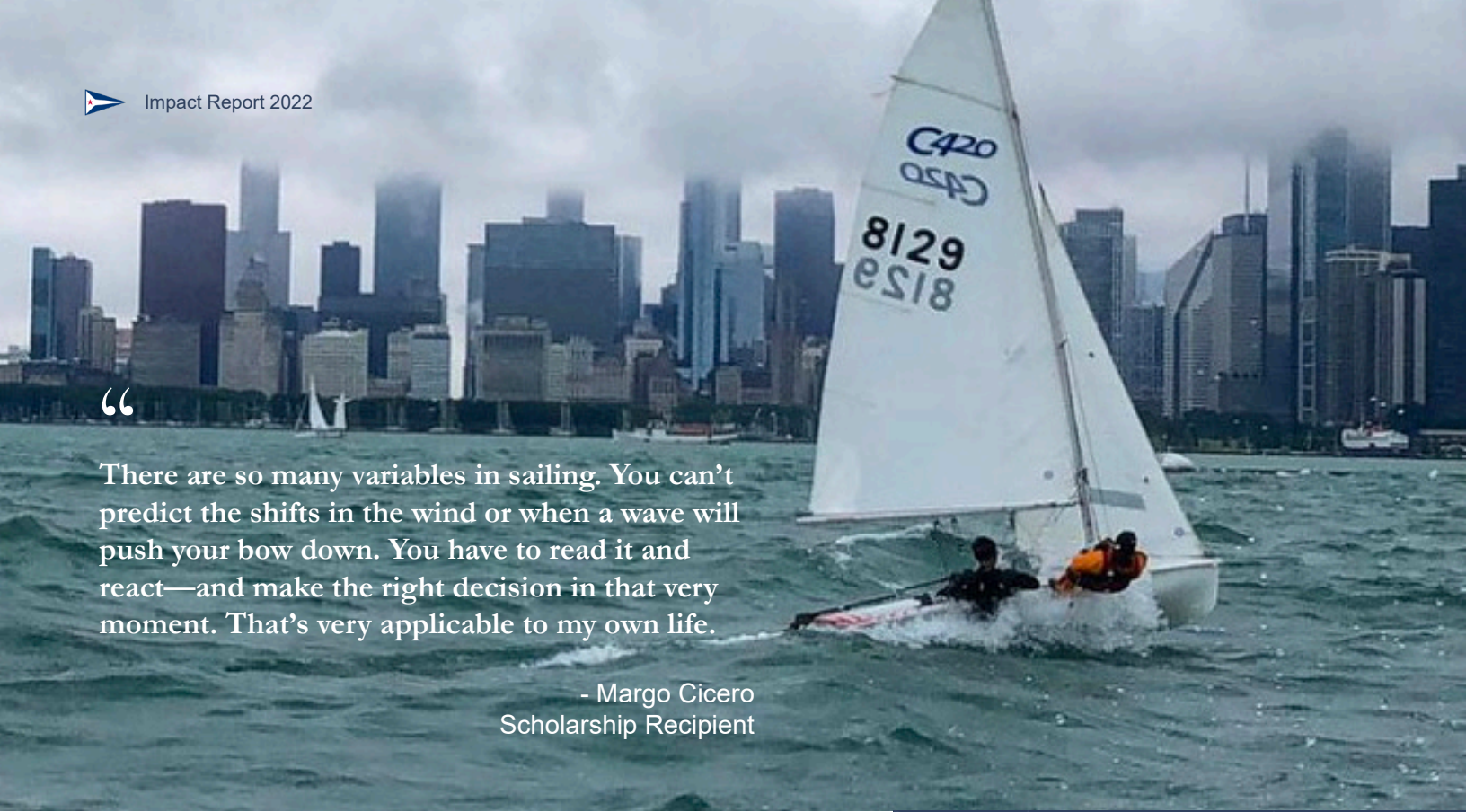
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There are so many variables in sailing. You can't predict the shifts in the wind or when a wave will push your bow down. You have to read it and react—and make the right decision in that very moment. That's very applicable to my own life.

- Margo Cicero
Scholarship Recipient

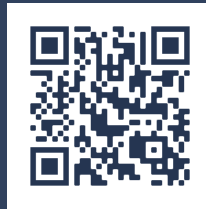
Join Us on Our Journey

The Foundation plans to expand its own programs in 2023 and has also identified several community partners to help us expand services to even more underrepresented children through camps and after school activities.

Our goal is to **double** the number of children we impact in 2023. But 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.

All contributions to the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation are deductible for federal income tax purposes to the full extent provided by law and will be acknowledged with a receipt for tax purposes.

The Foundation will provide all documentation of the gift to help the donor maintain necessary records and tax filings. The Foundation is happy to review any proposed donation to make sure gifts fit with the donor's and the Foundation's needs.



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**A Special Thank You to Our
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\$25K+ LIFETIME GIVING

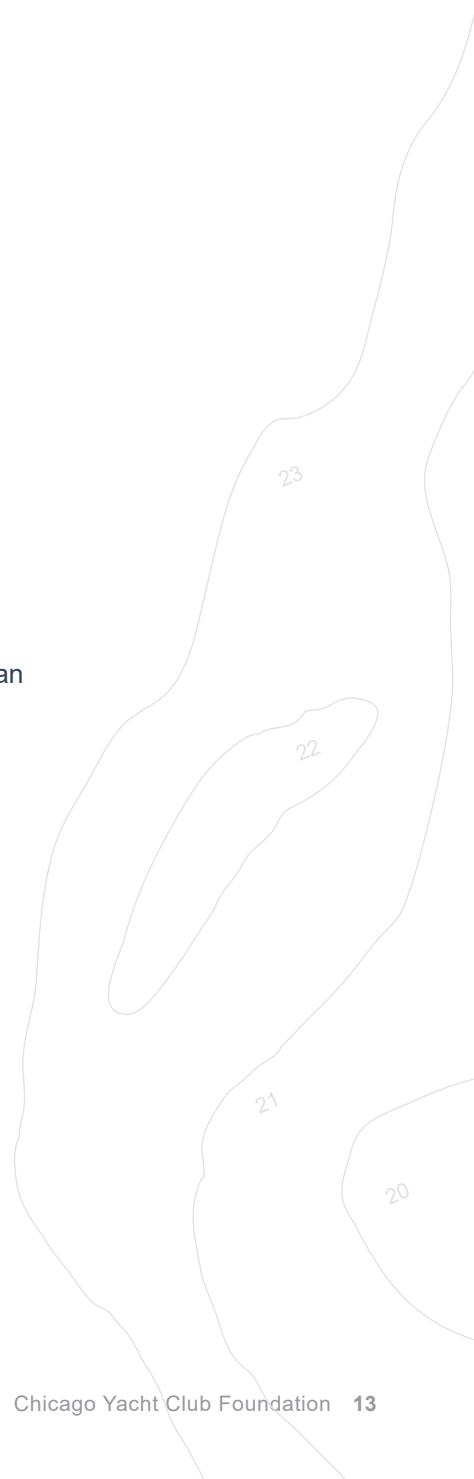
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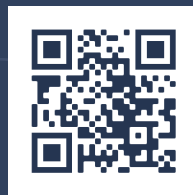
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