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Squantum Youth Sailing Shipshape Fundraising Campaign

Dear Members and Friends of Squantum Yacht Club,

As we move into our fourth year of overhauling the Squantum Youth Sailing Program, we would like to highlight all that we have accomplished through our efforts to put SYC back on the map in terms of bothsailing and racing prowess.

Background:

Back in 2019, as we began the process of rebuilding the entire sailing program from the ground up, we faced a variety of challenges: We had no staff, broken equipment, and no boats available for rent. However, thanks to the efforts of multiple different members of the club, as well as donations from our generous patrons, we were able to hire top-notch staff and purchase our own boats to get us back on track to compete with other clubs.

Where We Are:

Today, we currently own a 25-strong fleet of rentable Optimists, as well as six C420s that we restore and maintain in the off season. We also have recently restored an inflatable chase boat, expanded our dock space, and ordered an inventory of boat parts to replace outdated equipment. All of this was possible through donations from generous benefactors who have provided us with the resources necessary to continue growing as a program.

Where We Are Going:

We will be partnering with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce to showcase our SYC Youth Sailing Program, as well as pitching it as a summer program option in local schools. We plan to enter new regattas, streamline the process of training our next generation of instructors, build an even stronger community with events such as *Sailing Sundays* (including afternoon cookout with music), and offering sailing clinics to adults.

To accomplish this, we need continuing investments into the program. The sailing program does not come closeto covering the total cost of instructors, supplies and boats. Boats, Floats, and other facilities cost significant money. As we continue to grow, with more and more interested parents reaching out, we are seeking donations to keep up with demand so that we can provide exceptional programming and have a problem-free summer. Donated funds would be put towards purchasing and refurbishing another power boat with a reliable engine, so that our instructors can better watch and assist sailors out on the water, as well as for purchases of equipmentand boat repairs to ensure the quality and longevity of our equipment.

What We Need: Donations of any size. We are looking to purchase another Club 420 - cost \$3,500 - \$4,500. New Sails \$1,500. Power Boat and/or Refurbished Engine \$5,000+

Please support us. To make a donation, <u>click here</u>.

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