

**Pacific  
Corinthian  
Youth  
Foundation  
2025 Annual Report**



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## DEAR FRIENDS

As I look back on my first year as President of the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation, it is rewarding to see the progress we made throughout 2025. Our harbor remains a vibrant place for youth sailing, and seeing our students out on the water continues to be the best testament to the importance of our mission.

**2025: Expanding the Horizon**

This past year, we focused on making our programs more accessible and flexible for our families. We successfully transitioned from four 2-week sessions to a new format of offering up to ten 1-week sessions, allowing more flexibility for summer schedules. Additionally, we were thrilled to extend our time on the water by adding dedicated sail days in the fall, keeping the Corinthian spirit alive well beyond the summer months.

Our fleet maintenance and safety protocols remained a priority this year, ensuring our students have reliable equipment to build their confidence. This stability was made possible through the consistent support of our donors and the hard work of our instructors and volunteers.

### **2026: Looking Toward the Horizon**

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact. This coming year, our goals include:

- **Spring Sail Days:** Building on the success of our fall program, we plan to add morning sail days this spring to get our sailors back on the water even earlier in the season.
- **Fleet Enhancements:** Continuing to invest in our equipment to keep our fleet safe and modern for both our recreational and racing programs.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Further integrating marine conservation into our curriculum to foster a lasting respect for the marine environment.

Sailing teaches invaluable lessons in teamwork, resilience, and independence. Every time a student steers away from the dock, they are gaining skills that serve them well both on and off the water.

Thank you to our parents, supporters, and the Channel Islands Harbor community for your continued partnership. I look forward to another great year together in 2026.



**Robert Alexander**  
PCYF President, 2025

**OUR MISSION is to develop good sailing skills, good overall seamanship and racing skills with a primary focus on water safety.**

### IN MEMORY

Captain Jane Thomas was a board member of PCYF, member and Staff Commodore of Channel Islands Yacht Club, Captain of the Wai Lani racing crew and among a long list her sailing engagements and accolades, Jane was the trailblazing leader and board director overseeing our sailing operations since 2020. We lost her as a beacon of light on January 18, 2026. She was dedicated to inspiring others to sail and would quietly look for any opportunity to ignite the smallest spark of interest. Our PCYF program is stronger because of her, and our lives are richer having her as a friend, collaborator, and fellow Corinthian.

“O Lord, guard and protect all those who sail the seas. Bring them safely to harbor and into Your peace.”

*Traditional 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sailor’s Prayer, anonymous*



**CAPTAIN JANE THOMAS**



### **ON THE WATER**

During the summer of 2025, we had 112 youth sailors on the water advancing their sailing skills and adhering to safety protocols while sharing the joy of sailing. This was all made possible through the support of spectacular volunteers, the staff and members of Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) and members of our community. What began in 1992 with a group of five Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club families wanting to make sailing more accessible to youth in our community, our program has continued to grow and have a positive impact on the lives of youth in our community.

### **FLEXIBLE PROGRAM**

Based upon feedback from 2024 participants, in 2025 we offered nine 1-week sailing camps. This single-week participation was well received and enabled students to attend 1-week or attend multiple weeks throughout the summer.

### **CAMPS**

During the 9-weeks of our 2025 summer camp program, we awarded 34 youth scholarships across 70 weeks of sailing worth \$24,500 to sailors. This represents a 25% increase from 2024. Scholarships ensure that sailing on the water is accessible and cost isn't a barrier. These scholarships are made possible through generous individual donors, grants from the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and our partner sponsor The Port of Hueneme.

### **EXPANDED PROGRAM**

In 2025, from the dock of the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, we expanded our program into the fall with on-the-water days in October and November. Having more sailing opportunities with our trained instructors was feedback we received from our 2024 participants. These events were well received and attended and we will continue to offer these throughout the year.

# SAIL OUR CORE VALUES



## SAFE

Prioritize safety on and off the water



## ACCOUNTABLE

Be and become our best selves



## INSPIRED

Pursue our passions



## LEAD

Lead from where we are

### CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR

Our program is located on the Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard, CA. This location offers a unique sailing location with over 2 miles of protected channels with access to open water. This location provides sailors with a safe environment to build skillsets before progressing to more complex open water. It also allows for sailors to chart a course and navigate it independently in short and safe durations.

From the dock of the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, sailing students of all levels can navigate through the channels and to open water on our fleet of Optimists, Sabots, Lasers and FJs.

Our USSA certified instructors maintain a 5:1 ratio between students to instructors to ensure the safe navigation of our sailors in the active channel. The PCYF program ensures all have access to the water and can have the best training in safety and sailing skills to position sailing as a potential lifelong sport.

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“My son gained more confidence and has identified himself as a sailor. In addition, he has learned important water safety procedures and practices.”

PARENT of a 2025 PARTICIPANT

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# 2025 in NUMBERS

112

STUDENT  
SAILORS

64%

BEGINNER  
SAILORS

15%

ADVANCED  
BEGINNER  
SAILORS

14%

INTERMEDIATE  
SAILORS

8%

ADVANCED  
SAILORS

35,000

HOURS of  
INSTRUCTION

>40

BOATS on the  
WATER

0

SAFETY  
INCIDENTS  
REPORTED

12

INSTRUCTORS

>10,000

VOLUNTEER  
HOURS

## PCYF BURGEE

In 2025, we introduced the PCYF burgee – a defining symbol of our identity and a visible mark of recognition for our sailors. This new tradition connects us to the long-standing heritage of maritime culture. This gives our sailors, volunteers, and community a flag we can proudly fly and recognize on the water. Both on and off the water, the burgee can be flown and worn with pride, deepening the connectivity of our sailing community. It stands as a visible representation of the quality of our youth sailing instruction and symbolizes the sportsmanship, integrity and respect of the Corinthian spirit.



Aspect	Symbolism
Dark Blue	The deep sea and sky: tradition, depth, and honor
Light Blue	Calm seas and fair weather: tranquility, clarity, and optimism, youthfulness or modernity in contrast to darker, more traditional tones, represents coastal waters or skyline horizons
White	Purity, peace, and integrity, a clean slate or openness
Stars	Guidance and navigation, excellence and prestige, honor and tradition, unity and aspiration
5 Stars	Represent the 5 founding PCYC members of PCYF: Patricia McInnes, Gene Whitt, Floyd Woodcock, Don Dusetta, Fred Vance
3 Triangle Shapes	Represent PCYC as our founding club

SINCE OUR  
**1992** FOUNDING YEAR  
**>100** INSTRUCTORS TRAINED  
**>2000** SAILING STUDENTS

**2025**  
Participant  
feedback  
reported 100%  
favorability  
across all  
categories

Sailing skills improved

Learned the parts of the boat

Learned water safety

Learned sailing gear

Had helpful instructors

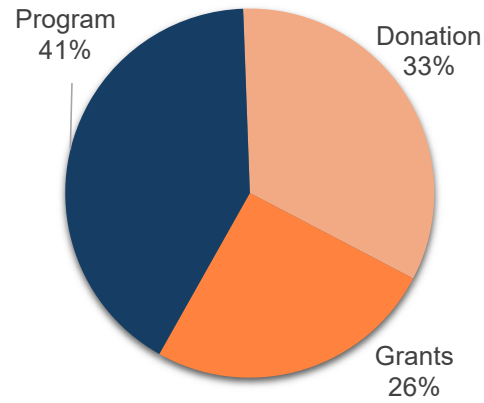
Want to sail more

Had fun!

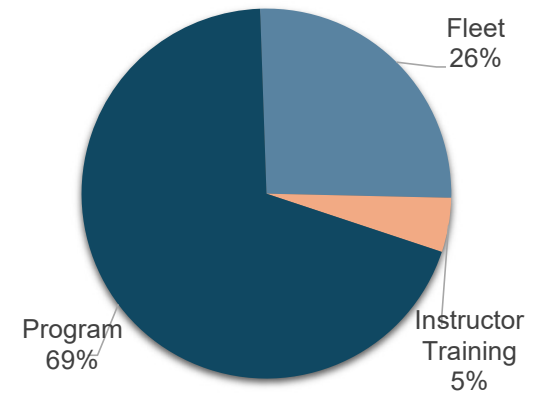
### 2025 PARTICIPANT REFLECTIONS on the BEST PART of CAMP:

- Learning how to sail
- Mastering knot tying
- Being in a relaxed environment
- Sailing to the park and break-wall
- Progressing sailing skills
- Navigating to mud beach or the donut shop
- Having a sense of independence
- Building camaraderie
- Making new friends

### REVENUE



### EXPENSES



# DONOR ROLL

Thank you to all our donors and supporters for making the last three years such a success

## INDIVIDUALS

Robert and Angie Alexander  
John Blake  
Jay and Leslie Braun  
Juan Castro  
Molly Miles and Paul Clay  
Kelli Couse  
Tom and Jana Danza  
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Channel Islands Women's Sailing Association  
Channel Islands Yacht Club  
Harbour Island Yacht Club  
International Order of the Blue Gavel  
JOAI Foundation  
Norsal Printing, Ken & Anne Dapello  
Oxnard Harbor District, The Port of Hueneme  
Scarborough Financial Group, Inc, Jane Scarborough

## IN MEMORIUM

Captain Jane Thomas

“  
The PCYF camp  
has “fostered a  
love for being out  
on the water.”  
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PARENT of a 2025  
PARTICIPANT

We invite you to connect with us to discuss how we can support your trust and giving planning needs. Email us at [pcyfsailing@gmail.com](mailto:pcyfsailing@gmail.com) to start the conversation.



INTERNATIONAL ORDER  
OF THE BLUE GAVEL

Channel  
Islands  
Yacht Club



# VOLUNTEERS & STAFF

Our program is made possible through the dedication of our volunteers and our staff who are committed to applying their USSA skills and sharing them with others

## BOARD MEMBERS

Robert Alexander  
Vasily Belozeroff  
Richard Dean  
Thomas Ennis  
Wendell Liljedahl  
Cheryl McMichael  
Mark Slothower  
Eric Swartz

## IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTORS

Vanessa Belozeroff  
Captain Jane Thomas  
Graham Wilson

## 2025 STAFF

### LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Trevor McCormick

### INSTRUCTORS

Ara Barsoumian  
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### ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS (Point 5's)

Ariana Barsoumian  
Max Bininashvlli  
Oliver Bininashvlli  
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Dutch Gutow  
Koa Hydingner

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact any of our Board members or email us at [pcyfsailing@gmail.com](mailto:pcyfsailing@gmail.com).

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*“For the past three summers, sailing with PCYF has been one of his favorite experiences, and he’s eager to keep it going.”*

PARENT of a 2025 PARTICIPANT

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*“The instructors are great & ensure safety, learning & fun are priorities.”*

*The PCYF camp has “made my child more adventurous, freer, and inspired with a sense of wonder.”*

PARENTS of 2025 PARTICIPANTS

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