

**Pacific
Corinthian
Youth
Foundation**
2024 Annual Report

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

DEAR FRIENDS

After six years at the helm of PCYF and eight years serving on the Board of Directors, I reflect on 2024 accomplishments and could not be more proud of our organization and in awe of our supporters, our instructors, our kids and our community and of the impact we have had together.

Our program was excellent this year and the Channel Islands Harbor was active with our sailors on the water during camp and races. From the docks and along the harbor, it was exciting to see the cultivation of the Corinthian spirit on the water.

2024 wasn't without challenges, as our 2023 season saw fiscal pressures with reductions in our grant funding from the Division of Boating and Waterway, we saw this pressure ease in 2024 and are grateful.

The board and I want to express our gratitude to all the contributions from donors, supporters, volunteers, parents, sailors, students, staff, instructors, and community groups who contributed to a great year and who have helped us build an organization that has a positive, sustained and remarkable impact on the lives of our sailors.



Tom Shideler
PCYF President 2019-2024





DEAR FRIENDS

As a sailor, there is nothing more exciting than seeing the next generation of sailors enjoy rigging their boats, going through safety checks and preparing to sail off the dock. Each summer we can see the fleet of sabots, Optis, Lasers, and FJ's bring enjoyment and learning to a hundred sailors or more. The small sails on the water are an indication of how PCYF can inspire the next generation of sailors on the Channel Islands Harbor.

Stepping into the role as President of PCYF means embracing the responsibility to nurture and expand this vibrant community. It is a privilege to support our young sailors as they develop not only their sailing skills but also their confidence, teamwork, and respect for the marine environment.

Our foundation is committed to providing top-notch training, resources, and opportunities for all participants. We aim to foster a love for sailing that will last a lifetime and to instill values that will benefit our youth both on and off the water.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pacific Corinthian Youth Foundation. Together, we can inspire the next generation of sailors and make a lasting impact on our community.



Robert Alexander
PCYF President, 2025



\$18,000

**Awarded
Scholarships
2024**

ON THE WATER

During the summer of 2024, we had 88 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), the members of Anacapa Yacht Club 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.

CAMPS

During our 2024 8-week summer camp program, we awarded 30 youth scholarships worth \$18,000 to sailors, ensuring no one was excluded due to cost. Our scholarship funds are made possible through individual donors and grants from the Department of Boating and Waterways.

FLEXIBLE PROGRAM

Based upon feedback from 2024 participants, in 2025 we will increase the flexibility of our summer program and open registration to single-week participation. This will enable students to break up the weeks of participation, participate in 1 week or multiple weeks throughout the summer.

EXPANDED PROGRAM

In collaboration with the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, we want to expand our program and offer year-round instruction and sailing opportunities for our sailors with our trained instructors. In October 2024, we kicked off a pilot of the year-round program with instruction on our Capri 14, the newest addition to our fleet. Instruction on our fleet of sabots, Optimis, Lasers is also possible through the year-round program.

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 Optis, 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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“He was thrilled by the sailing and enjoyed the challenge of navigating, learning how to tack in the wind, and the feeling of independence that comes with being out on the sea.He especially appreciates the camaraderie and working together with other kids. He couldn't get enough.”

PARENT of a 2024 PARTICIPANT

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2024 in NUMBERS

88

**STUDENT
SAILORS**

>40

**BOATS ON THE
WATER**

4

**RACES ON THE
CHANNEL**

0

**SAFETY
INCIDENTS
REPORTED**

>28,000

**HOURS OF
INSTRUCTION**

13

**INSTRUCTORS
EMPLOYED**

>10,000

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

6

**NEW
INSTRUCTORS
USSA TRAINED**

>2000

**SAILING
STUDENTS SINCE
1992**

>100

**INSTRUCTORS
TRAINED SINCE
1992**

VOICES HEARD from 2024 program participants

71% of responders want more flexible scheduling options

➤ 2025 program will offer flexibility in scheduling

100% sailing skills improved

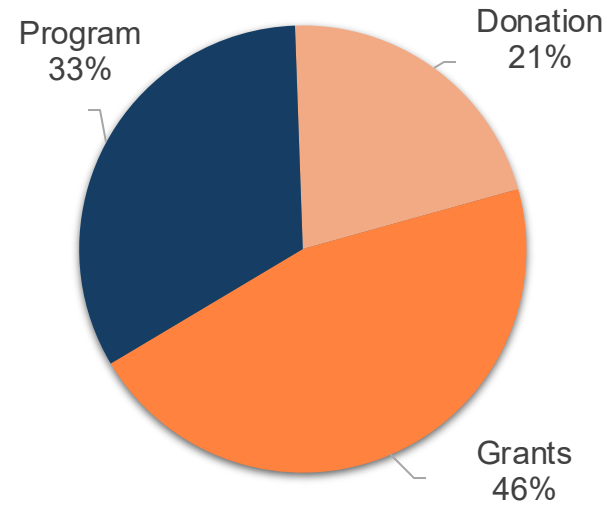
100% know sailing and safety gear

100% want to sail more

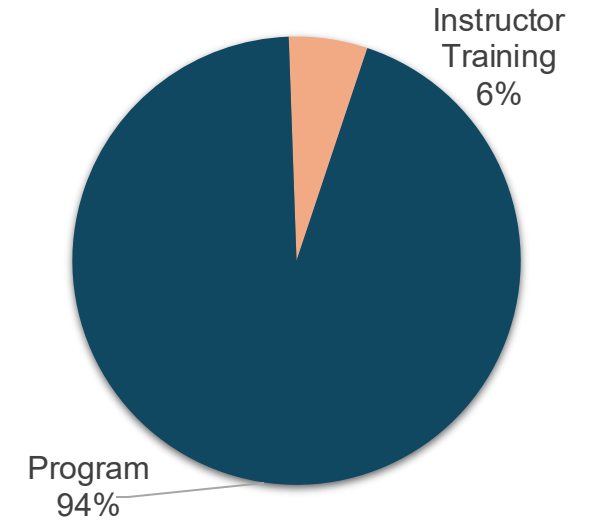
100% had fun!!

See you on the water in 2025!

REVENUE



EXPENSES



DONOR ROLL

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

INDIVIDUALS

- Robert and Angie Alexander

Jay and Leslie Braun

Juan Castro

Molly Miles & Paul Clay

Tom and Jana Danza

Richard Dean

John and Donna Gaddis

Cheryl Hein

Kathy Henry

Eileen Howe

Susan and Jerry Kaufman

Chris and Sandee Kidd

Craig and Kathy Laidig

Wendy Lee

Brian and Marcia Marcus

Richard and Sheryl McArthur

Cheryl McMichael

Bonnie and Mike Mercadante

Molly Miles
- Margaret Miller

Lynda Radke

Pete and Mona Pankey

Samual Panossian

John and Mary Praiswater

Rich and Candace Reynolds

Richard and Ilene Sheldon

Tom and Monica Shideler

Jack Shuler

Jack Skidmore

Klaus and Monica Sunder

William and Jeri Sutherling

Betty Swift

Jane Thomas

Rosemary Tobin

Steve and Laurie Weiss

Robert and Barbara Wolff

Robert and Patricia Zimmerman

BUSINESSES and FOUNDATIONS

- Anacapa Yacht Club
- Channel Islands Women’s Sailing Association
- Denny’s
- Harbour Island Yacht Club
- JOAI Foundation
- The Kling Family Foundation
- Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
- US Bank

IN MEMORIUM

- Jim Henry
- Yolanda McCune
- Virginia Panossian
- Kathleen Stevens
- Michael Tobin
- Jane and Warren Totten

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 to start the conversation.

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“The PCYF camp builds confidence and pride in her abilities not only in sailing but swimming also.”

PARENT of a 2024 PARTICIPANT

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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
Vanessa Belozeroff
Richard Dean
Wendell Liljedahl
Mark Slothower
Eric Swartz
Captain Jane Thomas
Graham Wilson

IMMEDIATE PAST DIRECTORS

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2024 STAFF

LEAD INSTRUCTOR

Katrina Hernandez

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Taylor McCormick
Trevor McCormick
Jacob Midler
William Mullaly
Sebastian Oliver
Brandon Ramirez
Casey Reeser
Emily Rychlik

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS (Point 5's)

Briana Bernal
Ethen Gutierrez
Jackson Kidd
Levi Martinez
Clover Quigley

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact any of our Board members or email us at pcyfsailing@gmail.com.

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“My son and daughter enrolled for the first time this summer and had a ball! They were enrolled in two sessions and their experiences were consistently positive for all four weeks. We have two more sailors in the world!”

PARENT of a 2024 PARTICIPANT

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“The Counselors were very attentive, patient, encouraging and enthusiastic during the camp. It was rewarding seeing the confidence and skills my son learned.”

PARENT of a 2024 PARTICIPANT

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THANK YOU!



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