

THREE DECADES OF MEMORIES MADE



30
YEARS



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Hello Friends, Sailors, and Supporters,

This year marks the Community Sailing Center's 30th year of making Lake Champlain accessible to everyone in our community. When we started in 1994 there were a handful of dinghies, a squad of volunteers, and a barely functional chase boat. Back then, the most we could provide was storage space for kayaks and sailing lessons for people who dropped in. We'd love to look back and compare our community impact in 2024 versus 1994, but we didn't have detailed spreadsheets back then, Google, or even the internet.

What we do know is that we could never have imagined that we'd be serving over 8,500 people a year and be nationally recognized as an innovator in the sailing world. Whether it's serving more students in Floating Classrooms or increasing the percentage of BIPOC youth in camps, your Community Sailing Center is growing. For us, it's not just about overall increase in size, but a clear focus on supporting everyone in our community. To that end, our scholarship support has more than doubled in the past three years.

2023 was yet another groundbreaking year—literally.

Not only did we meet nearly every community goal we set for ourselves, we also began work on a truly state-of-the-art waterfront project in October. This project's completion unlocks our full potential, and will be here for the next 30 years of lake adventures. World-class regattas, public paddle/kayak access, outdoor events, anything is possible. Can you imagine what it would be like if everyone in our community were sailors?

We can.



Fair Winds,

A handwritten signature of Owen Milne.

Owen Milne
Executive Director



As a cornerstone of the Burlington community for three decades, the Community Sailing Center has provided sailing as a way to ensure **Lake Access. Life Lessons. For All.**

Your support makes a difference in the lives we serve. Please consider making a donation today to help us make an even greater impact in our community.

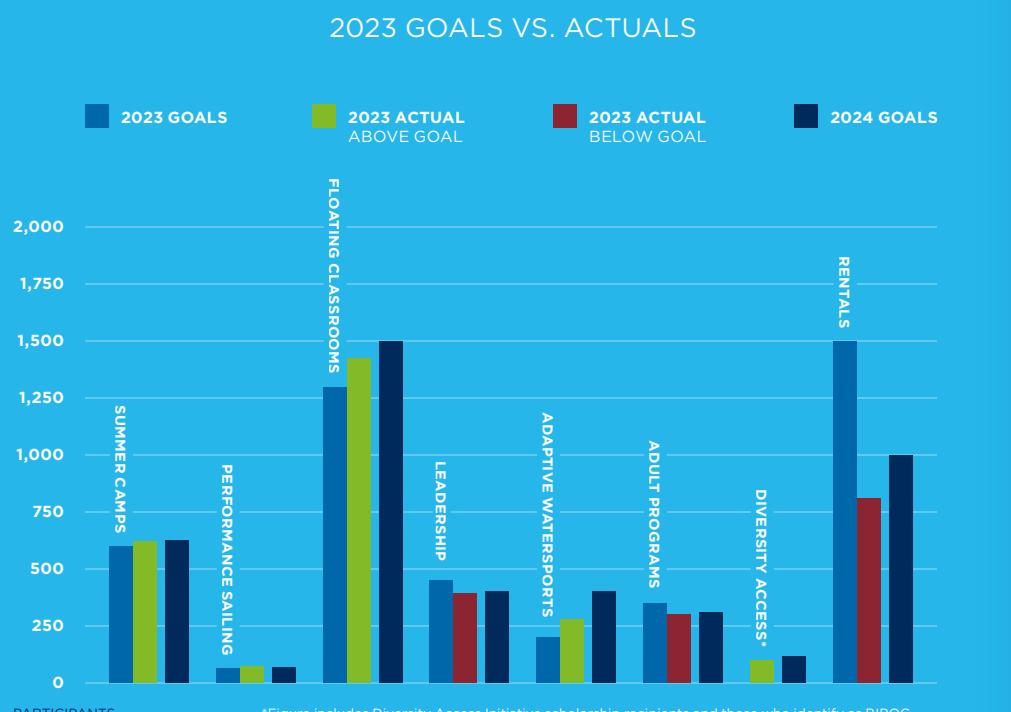
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Charting the Course

If you don't know where you want to go, how will you know when you arrive at your destination?

Much like our sailors rounding a mark and crossing the finish line, our goals shape and define our performance. As you'll see below, we've met nearly every community impact goal we set for ourselves in 2023. Additionally, we wanted to share the tremendous growth we've experienced in offering scholarships and participation support to our campers, students, parents and adult sailors. These outcomes are intertwined. The more we fundraise and give out, the more barriers we eliminate, the more people we serve. Your generosity and support is directly tied to these achievements.



2023 Milestones

Save the Date!
2024 CSC Special Events:

JUNE 1 30th Anniversary Celebration & Waterfront Grand Opening

JUNE 21 Free Dinghy Racing
Every Friday night June 21 through August 23

JULY 3 Rock the Dock

AUG 25 Sailorbration

TEAR OFF THIS PANEL AS A REMINDER

2023 Robie Pierce Award

CSC was honored to accept US Sailing's Robie Pierce Award given annually to recognize programs that promote sailing for people with disabilities. CSC's Adaptive Watersports Program has been a core part of the Center's activities since 1997 and has continued to thrive thanks to Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports, supporters of the Derek Schueler fund, Waterwheel Foundation, and the Courtney and Victoria Buffum Family Foundation. We were thrilled to receive this award and will continue to work towards making sure everyone has the opportunity to get out on the water.

Vermont's Greenest Building Award & Net Zero Award

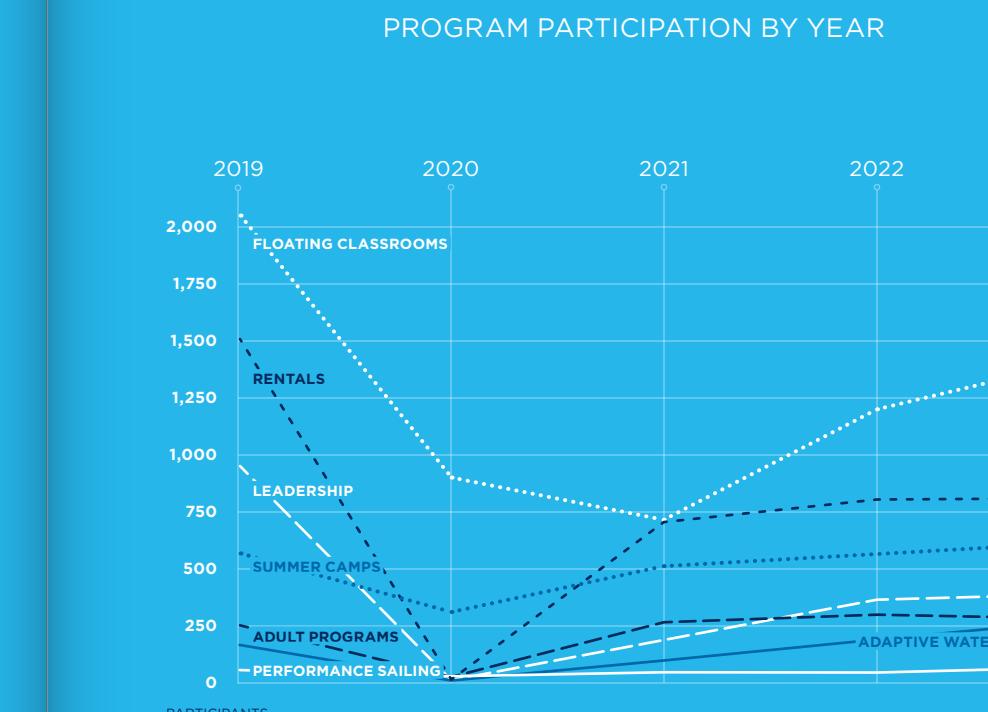
In April 2023, CSC received both Vermont's Greenest Building Award and the Net Zero Award from the Vermont Green Building Network. These awards were given to those who excel in green building strategies and meet the highest standards of demonstrated energy performance. We are honored to receive this distinction and strive to continue to make a low carbon footprint.

Breaking New Ground

In early October, CSC broke ground on the construction of a new ADA accessible waterfront. The waterfront infrastructure will allow wheelchair users easier access to the docks and pier, ensuring a seamless transition to the water. The new waterfront looks to provide safe entry for all generations to come and is expected to open this spring (2024).

Tripling Our Scholarships

CSC endeavors to provide everyone the opportunity and ability to play out on Lake Champlain. Over the last 3 years alone, CSC has nearly tripled the amount of scholarships awarded to families and individuals out on the water. This growth is only made possible thanks to the continued generosity of longtime supporters and advocates of CSC. We are proud of this accomplishment and can't wait to open our doors to even more community members in the future.



Remembering Marcel Beaudin
Every accomplishment included in this report is rooted in the vision of Marcel Beaudin, who founded the Community Sailing Center in 1994 and passed away in March 2024. Marcel's dream was to make sailing available to everyone no matter their background, income, gender, or ability. It's safe to say his dream continues to come true at the CSC, and we're forever grateful.





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The Community Sailing Center encourages and celebrates the responsible use and long-term stewardship of Lake Champlain by fostering educational and recreational opportunities for all members of our community.

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