



# Piscataqua Youth Sailing Association Partnership Overview



## PYSA'S VISION

PYSA was created to foster and facilitate youth sailing programs, and through its mission PYSA seeks to:

- Establish a community sailing center to host quality educational and instructional youth sailing programs
- Operate a fleet of sailboats to educate and develop young sailors, and to host competitive regattas
- Support and offer greater access to inclusive and affordable youth sailing programs
- Collaborate with local organizations and schools to offer STEM-focused opportunities for young sailors
- Offer financial support to young sailors to increase access to programs, racing, and opportunities
- Facilitate youth involvement in other further sailing opportunities through other seacoast sailing programs



## HOW WE STARTED

Founded in 2020, PYSA seeks to enhance local youth sailing opportunities and develop a community sailing center. PYSA currently supports the Portsmouth High School Sailing Team, which was formed in 2016 as the first local competitive high school sailing team on the Seacoast. The PHS team highlighted an opportunity to further develop accessible youth sailing programs at a community sailing center similar to those existing in other states along the New England seacoast.



The founding members of the PHS Sailing team learned to sail at the Kittery Point Yacht Club (KPYC) sailing school and competed in summer racing regattas with the Mendum's Youth Sailing Team (MYST), which operates from the UNH sailing facility in Lee, NH.

## HOW WE HELP TODAY

- PYSA supports the PHS Sailing Team in the acquisition and maintenance of 420 sailboats, facilities, and equipment.
- We assist with outfitting PHS sailors with dry suits and gear.
- Coaching activities and general support are offered to the PHS team.





## LOOKING FORWARD

- PYSA has also secured a mooring and float that will be placed close to the current KPVC float for collaborative activities.
- In 2022, PYSA will acquire a fleet of 8-12 420 sailboats from the US Naval Academy.
- PYSA will continue to work with local high schools to develop high school sailing teams and local opportunities for youth sailors. Currently PYSA is working with two local high school teams slated to participate in the 2023 PYSA youth sailing season. The result of this effort introduces a third local team to competitive high school sailing in the Seacoast.



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The PYSA Board of Directors feels strongly that interested youth, regardless of background and experience, would benefit by participating in local youth sailing programs. While sailing, young sailors build lasting friendships, confidence, and team-work skills, as well as a respect for the environment.

PYSA is not only committed to providing opportunities, but also establishing an environment that is inclusive and welcoming to all youth sailors.



## FUTURE PLANS

PYSA seeks to work with other organizations and schools to highlight the educational and growth opportunities offered to young sailors. One effort may be to support the incorporation of sailing programs, such as US Sailing's REACH STEM & Sailing Curriculum, into their offerings.

Longer term future plans include establishing a community sailing center to host educational programs, socials and regattas for young sailors and members of the community.



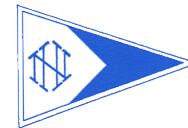
## PARTNERSHIPS

PYSA is proud to partner with the following organizations who support youth sailing initiatives:

**piscataqua**  
SAILING ASSOCIATION



KITTERY POINT YACHT CLUB



UNH SAILING SCHOOL

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Board thanks you for supporting youth sailing initiatives in the Greater Seacoast area. Your donation may go toward any one or more of the following PYSA efforts.

<b>\$100</b>	Charter Member	Unrestricted / administration
<b>\$1,000</b>	Dry Suits	Two (2) fully waterproof and breathable one-piece suits designed to offer full protection from the elements
<b>\$3,000</b>	420 Boat	The beginnings of a fleet of boats to be used by PYSA sailing participants
<b>\$5,000</b>	Coach Boat	Used by the sailing coach to monitor and instruct sailors
<b>\$7,500</b>	Float Restoration	Repairs to an existing float that will make it safe for participants and to house the boat fleet between races
<b>\$10,000</b>	Float / Ramp	A new ramp and float for safe access to the race location

## READY TO GET STARTED?

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