



REALIZE DREAMS

Support Baltimore's Downtown Sailing Center

"Where Sailing is for Everyone!"

We dream of a Baltimore where people can live out their dreams regardless of their background. The DSC is that place. Help us keep it that way.

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Dear Neighbors,

The Downtown Sailing Center believes in a better Baltimore. We believe that all folks should have recreational access to our waterfront playground. We believe that access to our natural environment promotes civic engagement and improves community health. We want to play where we live, and we love our city. We know you do, too.

The Downtown Sailing Center envisions a Baltimore where people of all backgrounds sail together. We found ways to keep hundreds of kids safe last summer, and we have maintained our safety record with another sold-out summer camp in 2021. We again provided 20 scholarships for kids who cannot otherwise afford summer camp. Our camp structure continues to be inclusive and accessible, enabling youth with developmental differences to participate in camp alongside their peers.

Our membership provides a similar experience for Baltimore area adults to learn, grow, and fellowship in a diverse and supportive sailing community. More than 150 new sailors from all walks of life have joined our ranks since last summer, with an uptick in women skippers, sailors of color, and young adult members.

Social equality and social *equity* are paramount for a better Baltimore. We provided nearly 30 jobs for Baltimore youth this summer, with an equal balance of ethnicities and genders. We are training 11 young people through our Counselors in Training (CIT) program, which is being led for the second year in a row by CIT graduates. We host a women-only sailing workshop twice per month to foster learning with camaraderie. We continue our Siebel Sailors program for kids ages 10-14, so kids from every corner of the city can master their own boat. And we continue to serve people with disabilities in spite of the ongoing pandemic, offering a dozen Access-ability Sailing Saturdays in 2021 to some of our most vulnerable sailors.

We have made significant progress towards accomplishing our collective dreams, but we need your financial support. Help us deliver a successful Ya Gotta Regatta fund drive for community programs today. Your support, whether \$30 or \$30,000, goes a long way to making sailing inclusive, accessible, diverse, and high quality.

Donate today by visiting our website: downtownsailing.org/donate

With all sincerity,

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