



community sailing center

lake champlain : burlington vermont

2025 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Hello Friends, Donors, and Sailors,

Reflecting on our work in 2025, the old sailing phrase, “Take the tide at the flood” comes to mind, a saying that means to seize upon a chance as it comes. 2025 delivered perfect conditions: sunny and warm with consistent winds throughout the whole sailing season.

Because of your generosity, support, and participation, we were able to take full advantage of this fleeting gift.

As you’ll see in this report, we elevated participation to levels that exceeded many of our lofty goals. There were more kids in summer camp and more adult sailing students than any other season in our 30-year history. The Floating Classrooms program participation has now risen above pre-pandemic levels. Interestingly, the Women In Wind and POWERED Clubs have dramatically increased the number of seasons passes sold and their weekly use.

While many diversity initiatives across the country have closed, that is not the case at the Community Sailing Center. In 2025, we continued to grow participation in our Diversity Access Initiative. That success happens because the program is funded through community-minded, local donors who understand the importance of equal access to enjoying Lake Champlain.

We don’t know what 2026’s sailing weather has in store; however, we do know that we are poised to be there to help you get out and enjoy adventures on the water. The Community Sailing Center continues to invest in our fleet, add to our staff, and grow our resources so everyone in the community has the opportunity to love your lake, rain or shine.



Fair winds and following seas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Owen Milne".

Owen Milne
Executive Director



As Lake Champlain’s
only nonprofit sailing center,
we connect our community by providing
Lake Access. Life Lessons. For All.

Your support makes a difference.
Please consider making a gift today.

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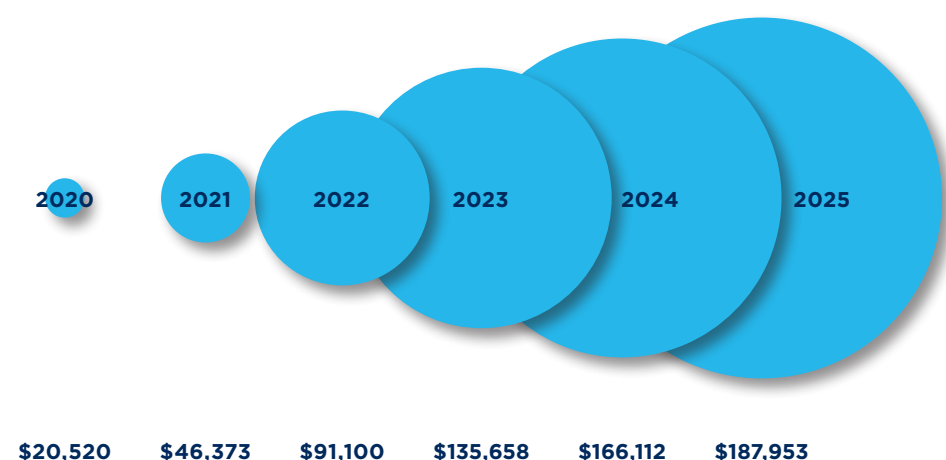




Lake Access. For All.

When we say “*Lake Access. For All.*” that means more than just boats and docks and teaching skills, it means removing *all* the barriers that keep people from experiencing what the water has to offer – which is why **CSC scholarships** are so important.

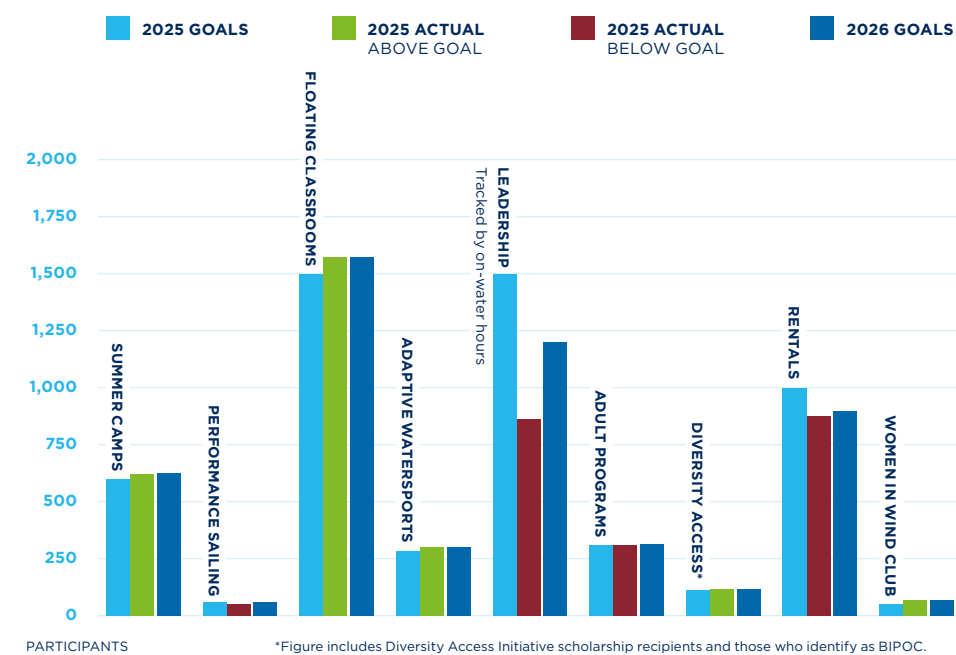
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED BY YEAR



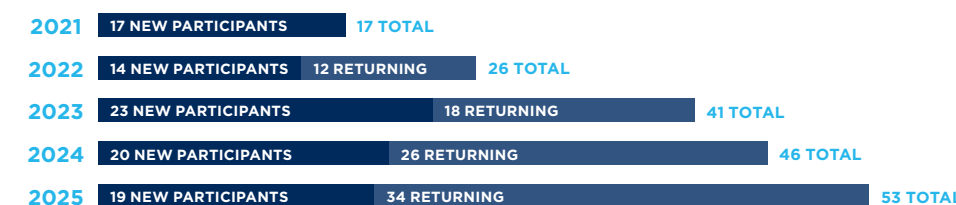
915% INCREASE IN TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED SINCE 2020

Navigating our goals

2025 GOALS VS. ACTUALS



DIVERSITY ACCESS INITIATIVE - PARTICIPATION & RETENTION



More spots. Less waiting.

Since 2024, the CSC has conducted youth camp registration via a lottery system to provide more equitable opportunities for families to sail and get out on the lake. As you can see below, each year we've opened additional spots to reduce the number of campers who were waitlisted and missed out on a camp.

2023



2024



2025



2026



4,416 TOTAL NUMBER OF KIDS SERVED IN 2025

Lakeside Luncheons, ahoy!

Lakeside Luncheons are 90-minute mid-day sessions where attendees will share insights to help shape the future of the Community Sailing Center. Offered in conjunction with our 2027-2030 strategic planning process, participants will get to see our operation in action, enjoy a tasty lunch on us, connect with fellow CSC supporters at the Sailing Center, and develop innovative ideas to help us connect our community with Lake Champlain. Each session is held 12:00-1:30pm.

MAY				JUNE			
TUES	THUR	TUES	THUR	THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES
5	14	19	28	11	16	25	30
JULY				AUGUST			
THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES
9	14	23	28	6	11	20	25
SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER			
THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES	THUR	TUES		
3	8	17	22	1	6		

To RSVP, please contact Owen Milne at owen@communitysailingcenter.org



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