



# 2019 Annual Report

# 2019 ANNUAL REVIEW

Our 2019 fiscal year brought continued growth, formative change, and exciting new opportunities to be developed in the coming years. For nearly 20 years, our organization has grown to encompass the shifting priorities of the broader community, while staying true to our long-term vision of future generations of environmental and ocean stewards.

This year, we updated our Mission Statement & refined our Core Values: Opportunity, Education, Stewardship, & Positive Youth Development. These core values drive everything we do and every program we offer. Whether at our desks, in the field, or engaging with friends and supporters, we believe that these elements are the backbone of who we are and the work we do.

Perhaps the most central to our work in the past fiscal year has been our partnership with Jamestown Schools. 2019 brought new successes and opportunities, adding to our STEAM Ocean Initiative (comprised of six core in & after school programs). Fourth Grade Coastal Studies was new this school year at the request of the fourth-grade teaching team. Students ventured into the marsh monthly to collect data and study marsh animals, soils, plants, and water health. This hands-on, experiential, year-long project taught the students about how their "backyard" is affected by seasonal change, storms, human impact, and also climate.

We also started the Sea Adventure Camp Leadership Program. Sailing is an ideal platform for gaining confidence and leadership. CISF takes the next step by directly providing leadership skills through discussion, training, games, and goal achievement in sailing, marine science, and environmentalism.

We continue to run Free Sailing and Jamestown Sea Adventure Camp along with numerous other programs such as worm composting in the schools, collecting marine debris and adding it to a national marine debris tracker database, after-school sailing & kayaking, and 4th grade sailing. We also continue to offer scholarships to those in need.

Our work is stronger than ever. We are evolving with each year, learning how to best inspire and engage the Narragansett Bay community. The numbers participating grow every year. What is harder to quantify is the ways we are fostering personal growth, confidence-building, leadership, and teamwork. As we work towards a legacy that inspires current and future generations, we are grateful for your continued commitment in helping CISF engage our community with the marine environment of Narragansett Bay through sailing & education.

Onward!

**Hannah Swett**  
President

# MISSION

CISF inspires and empowers people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities by engaging them with the marine environment of Narragansett Bay through sailing & education

## **Stewardship**

Through education & personal impact awareness, create generations of informed marine and environmental stewards



## **Education**

Provide environmental and science-based programming, with a focus on fun and hands-on learning



# CISF CORE VALUES

## **Opportunity**

Foster competence and confidence on the water and in the marine environment by offering affordable access to boating opportunities & marine education instruction on Narragansett Bay



## **Positive Youth Development**

Using sailing as a platform for personal growth, provide confidence-building, leadership, & team work opportunities



## **Meg Myles Executive Director**

Meg grew up sailing in NY at American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. She went on to sail in college and was a Collegiate All-American. Meg represented the United States in the Europe Dinghy, the women's single-handed boat in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Meg has been CISF's Executive Director since 2010.



## **Haley Barber CISF Program Director**

Haley is a native Rhode Islander. She is an incredible asset to CISF. Her love for children and outdoor education is contagious. She is energetic, intuitive, and a wonderful leader. Haley has her BA in Environmental Education and Early Childhood Education. This will be Haley's fourth year as CISF's Program Director and her eighth year with Sea Adventure Camp.

## **Fiona Christie Educator & Sea Adventure Camp Head Sailing Instructor**

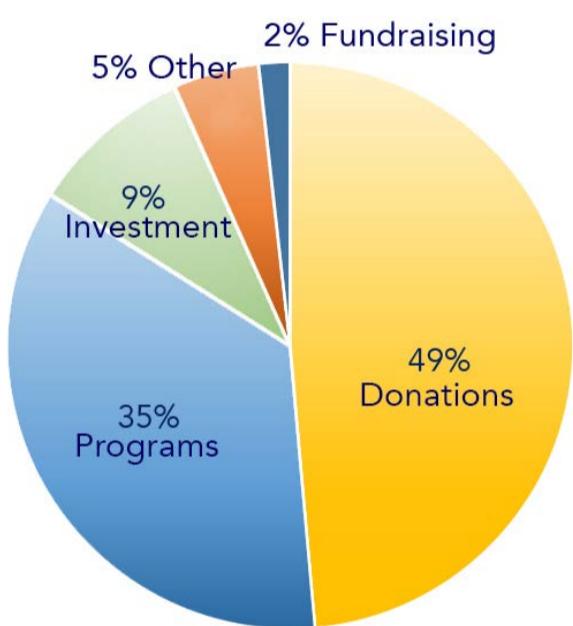
Fiona is a Jamestown native. She graduated from URI with degrees in teaching and art, and is energetic, smart, and a natural leader. Kids of all ages are drawn to her. Fiona is a US Sailing Level 1 Certified sailing instructor, and has been teaching at Sea Adventure Camp since 2017. She joined our year-round staff in the fall of 2019, where her first role was teaching the Jamestown Fourth Grade students to sail.





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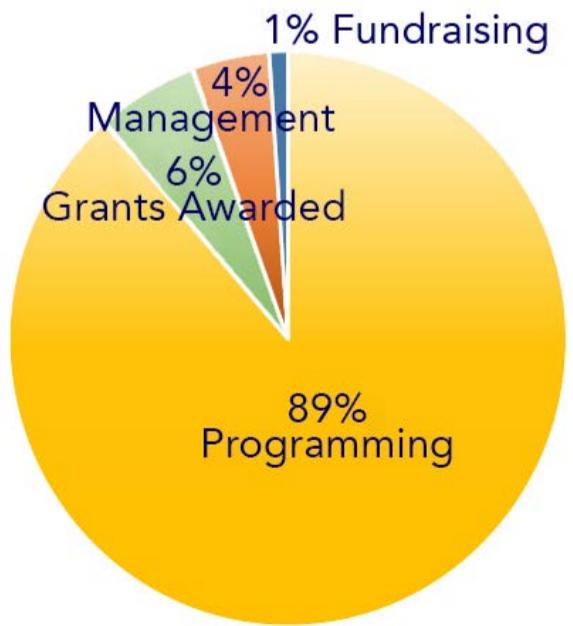
## 2019 REVENUE



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	FY 2019	FY 2018
Donations	\$133,096	\$114,814
Programs	\$96,860	\$96,425
Investment	\$25,685	\$74,329
Other	\$13,431	\$2,729
Fundraising Events	\$4,863	\$8,964
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$269,072</b>	<b>\$296,261</b>

## 2019 EXPENSES



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Programming	\$218,233	\$205,689
Grants Awarded	\$14,500	\$0
Management	\$11,029	\$4,551
Fundraising	\$2,625	\$3,737
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$246,387</b>	<b>\$213,977</b>



*Aimed at inspiring today's youth to become the next generation of ocean and environmental stewards*

The growing demand for STEAM education and for students to understand and critically evaluate the interconnected role of science, technology, engineering, arts + design, and mathematics – essential skills in today's fast-paced world, sparked CISF's programming in the Jamestown public schools.

CISF seeks to enrich current curriculum with hands-on experiential learning activities and provide opportunities for students to apply what they learn in the classroom to the marine environment and real life applications.



# STEAM Ocean Initiative

**Build a Boat Program** In-school, project-based learning program offered in 1st & 2nd grade technology classrooms teaching science and math concepts by building small boats with various materials

**Build a Buoy** In-school program where students learn about stability, buoyancy, and basic design concepts by building a buoy using pvc pieces and frisbees. The goal is to build a buoy that can hold the most golf balls without tipping over.

**Eco Club** After-school club for 5th thru 8th graders to examine a variety of environmental problems and try to find and implement solutions.

**Nature Buddies** Pairs third grade students with preschool students in a mentoring relationship to explore and learn about their environment. It is a great opportunity for the third graders to learn about responsibility and leadership for younger children and the natural world.

**Backyard Explorers** A program for 1st thru 4th graders to explore the natural world on the school grounds. Through team building and discovery, the students build strong relationships with each other, the school environment, and the natural world.

**Fourth Grade Coastal Studies** New this school year at the request of the fourth-grade teaching team. Students venture into the marsh to collect data and study marsh animals, soils, plants, and water health. This hands-on, experiential, year-long project teaches the students about how their "backyard" is affected by seasonal change, storms, human impact, and also climate.

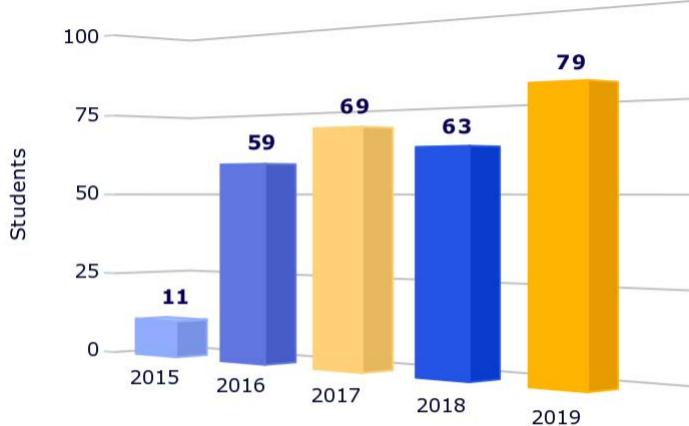


# CISF - By The Numbers

## In School Programming



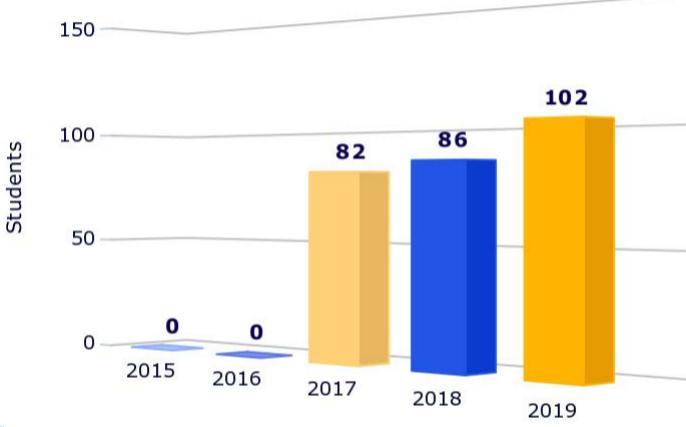
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## Sea Adventure Camp



## Field Trips



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