



# CISF

Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation

## 2020 Annual Report



# 2020 IN REVIEW

CISF successfully navigated 2020 despite the constant changes and challenges. Fall after-school & home-school programming highlighted our ability to adapt and provide for our Community. During a year of social distancing, our Community programs continued and were more important than ever enabling youth to adventure outdoors and safely maintain social connections.

Meg Myles provided unsurpassed leadership in youth activities that enhanced Jamestown in its entirety. Jamestown leadership and the Town Council enabled us with additional flexibility to run our programs. CISF staff provided new ideas and endless energy in creating and running programs.

Along with our signature program, Sea Adventure Camp, CISF provided fall educational and enrichment programs for children. Programs were offered at a variety of times in order to accommodate those who were home-schooling, distance learners, and in-person students. Session I programs were based around sailing as much as possible since the weather and water temperature was ideal for sailing. Session II programs focused more on educational enrichment, special projects, and outdoor education.

Our very dedicated staff endured changing locations, freezing temperatures and windy conditions to provide these new fall programs. In response to the overwhelming enrollment in our fall programs, we fundraised for a much needed new, heated tent. I am pleased to announce the campaign was successful thanks to many enthusiastic donors. We now have a very sturdy three season tent with a heater.

Change is needed to adapt to current situations and CISF continues to strive to include all. Looking back, support, care, and compassion helped us make 2020 a success. Looking forward the same values will help us continue to inspire and empower people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities by engaging them with the marine environment of Narragansett Bay through sailing & education.



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# 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

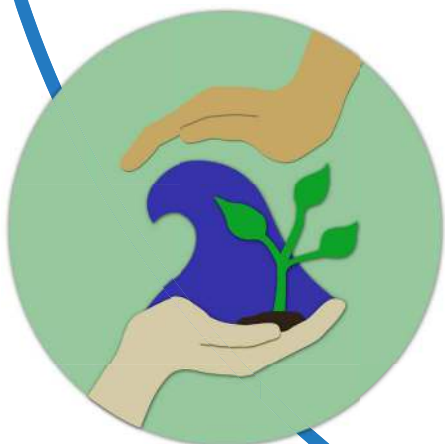
Provide environmental and science-based programming, with a focus on *fun* and hands-on learning



# 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





# CISF STAFF

## **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**

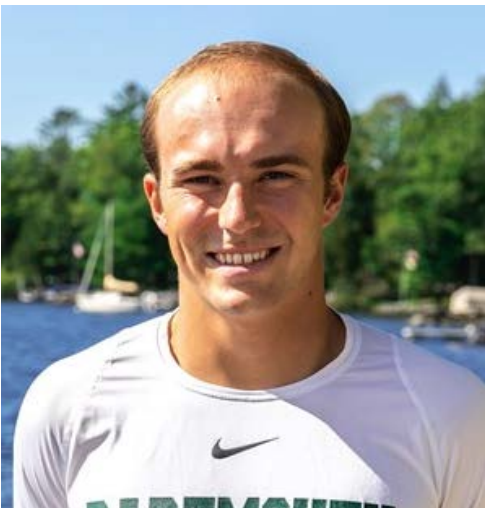
### ***Educator & Sea Adventure Camp Head Sailing Instructor***

Fiona is a Jamestown native. She graduated from URI with degrees in teaching and art, and is energetic, smart, and a natural leader. 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.



## **Noah Simmons**

Noah graduated from Dartmouth College in 2020 with a BA in Engineering Sciences and Classical Archaeology. He was a four-year member of the sailing team, an Academic All-American and team captain. Noah has worked for CISF for three summers and this past year. He is CPR/first aid and Sailing Level 1 certified. An aspiring archaeologist, he is attending Georgetown University's Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classics this fall.



## **Rachel Bryer**

Rachel graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Rhode Island in 2019. She was awarded Women's All-American in sailing all four years of college and was runner-up for Women's Sailor of the Year junior and senior year. Rachel has worked summers for CISF since 2012. She is CPR/first aid and Sailing Level 1 and 2 certified.



## **Ian Bryer**

Ian has been sailing recreationally for 12 years on Opti's, 420s, and Hobie Waves. Ian is First Aid certified and has his motor boat safety license. Interests include marine biology as well as 20th century History. Ian attends URI and is studying General Studies/English Major.







# FINANCIALS

## REVENUE

	FY 2020	FY 2019
Donations	\$96,685	\$133,096
Programs	\$92,412	\$96,860
Investment	\$26,664	\$25,685
Other	\$37,261	\$13,431
Fundraising Events	\$0	\$4,863
Grants	\$59,000	\$0

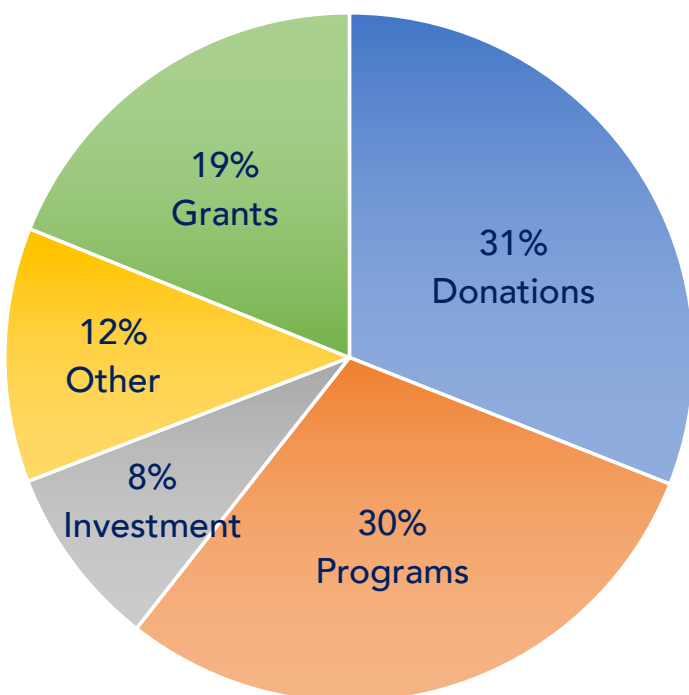
Total Revenue    \$312,022    \$269,072

## EXPENSES

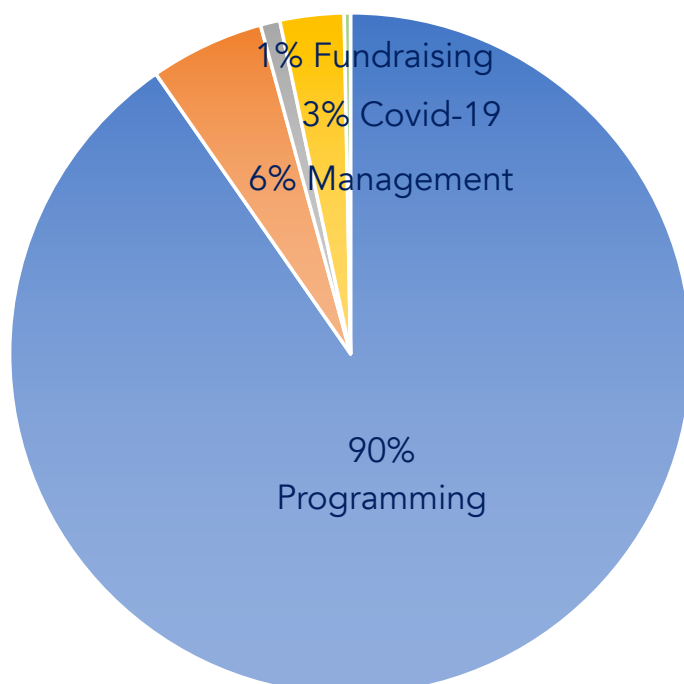
Programming	\$224,810	\$218,233
Management	\$13,480	\$11,029
Fundraising	\$2,301	\$2,625
Covid-19	\$7,547	\$0
Grants Awarded	\$750	\$14,500

Total Expenses    \$248,888    \$246,387

## 2020 REVENUE



## 2020 EXPENSES





Shoulder-season programming has been high on our list of things to add, and 2020 provided the perfect opportunity to launch a plethora of new, outdoor educational & enrichment programs. Programs were offered at a variety of times in order to accommodate those who were home-schooling, distance learners and in-person students:

**After-school Kayaking** Offered to students in grades 5-8 at Fort Getty.

**After-School Sailing** Students in grades 3-8 with all levels of sailing experience joined after-school sailing at Fort Getty.

**Backyard Explorers** This popular after-school program allows children to explore the outdoor environment at school once a week for five weeks



# FALL PROGRAMMING

**Build-A-Boat Program** Students in Grades 2 & 3 explore the basic principles of buoyancy, displacement, and how boats work through hands-on activities. Children work as engineers to design and test their own boats using a variety of mediums. All designs are tested and discussed and children design sails to go along with the boats. They then decorate and take home their finished boats at the end of the program!

**Building a Better World, a project-based eco-club** The program includes fantastic renewable energy projects such as building solar ovens and wind turbines as well as climate change projects such as beach cleanups. Participants in Grades 5-8 discuss renewable energy, look at climate change, and participate in a variety of hands-on projects.

**K-2 Nature Exploration** Children in grades K-2 explore nature in small groups at Fort Getty. They go on nature hikes, explore the rocky shore, sandy beaches, nature paths, and the marsh at Fort Getty.

**Model Boat Building** – Students in Grades 4 - 8 learn how to build a model boat of their own from an Optimist model boat kit. Participants build their own boat or partner up and build with a buddy.

**Ocean Engineering: The Why of Waves** Students learn how waves are formed, what influences their shapes and sizes, what is current and why do we care. The class guides 6-8th graders in building a wave tank where they can create different types of waves to observe and study.

**Nature Art** Nature's beauty is everywhere, and kids in grades 4-6 get to enjoy making art with what Mother Nature provides.





# HOME-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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**Sailing & Marine Education** Sailing and marine education are combined in this program where children in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to learn to sail, as well as learn a bit about the science of sailing. Additionally, children learn about and explore the marsh at Fort Getty to see what creatures they can find and learn why marshes are so important in the ecosystem.

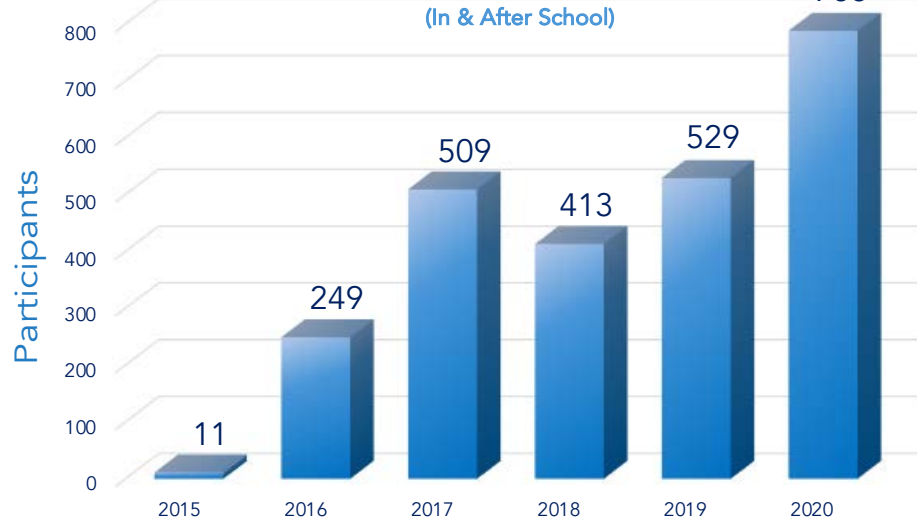
**Water, Wind & Weather** The science of sailing, marine education & climate science are combined in this program for grades 3-8. One day is focused on sailing & marine education, and the other day is focused on climate science activities & projects. Children learn about the science of sailing, wind, and sailing-related activities such as navigation. Additionally, children continue to explore the marsh and observe changes in this ecosystem as the seasons change.



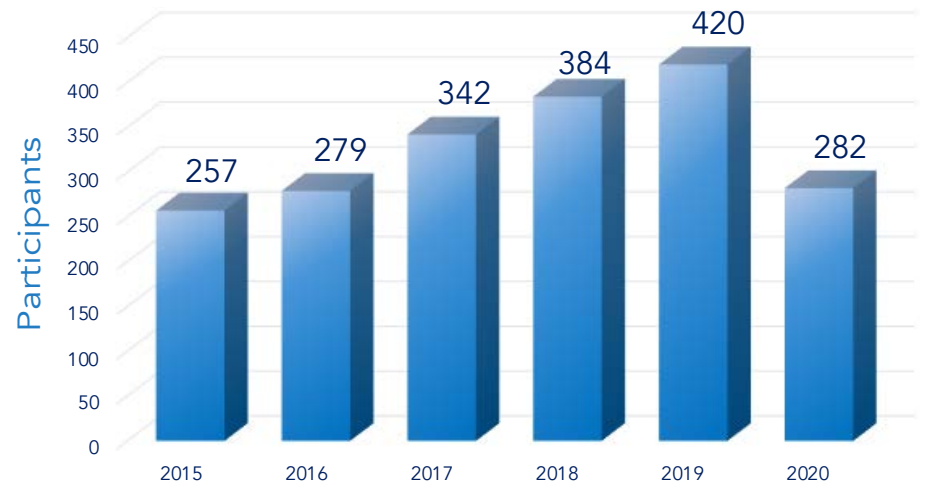


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## Sea Adventure Camp





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