



CISFA
Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation

2021 Annual Report

2021 IN REVIEW

Growing up, I found myself immersed in the world of boating and the outdoors, focusing and engaging with the challenges placed along my path. Sometimes these challenges involved a boat, or the crew, the logistics, or just obstacles that are a part of life; other times, it was the challenges of the outdoors and the open ocean. The essence of boating and outdoor activities encompasses the ability to maximize situational awareness, ascertain the present elements, and chart a course for forward movement.

At CISF, we make every effort to take the tools within our grasp and make them readily available to young people, enabling them to effectively tap resilience and steady forward progress. This is the essence of CISF – bringing together our collective experiences in the world of boating and our appreciation of the marine environment; then providing a bedrock to enable those in younger generations to propel themselves forward with increased enthusiasm and greater effectiveness.

I am extremely proud of the evolution of our programming, particularly our STEAM program and our Eco-Club. Our dedicated staff continue to find innovative, creative ways to bring STEAM into our programs. Thank you to our Team for their dedication.

In 2021, our supporters stepped up and enabled us to acquire a high-quality, heated tent to conduct our programs. It has allowed us to extend our programming through different seasons and offer more to our children and our community. In this Annual Report, you will find the specific details of our recent activities to inspire people to engage with the marine environment through boating and education. Thank you for standing with us and we invite you to join us on the exciting voyage ahead.

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MISSION

Through boating and education, CISF inspires and engages people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities with the marine environment.

Stewardship

Through education and 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 and marine education instruction on Narragansett Bay

Positive Youth Development

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



Each year, more than 1,000 children and young people gain leadership skills, learn the value of outdoor activity, acquire boating skills, and gain awareness about the importance of protecting our marine environment through CISF programs.

Meg Myles

Executive Director

Meg grew up sailing at the American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. She went on to sail in college and was a Collegiate All-American. In the leadup to the 2004 Olympics, she won the U.S. Olympic Trials handily, winning 13 races in the 16-race series. Meg went on to represent the U.S. in the Europe Dinghy, the women's single-handed boat in the Athens Olympics. She has been CISF's Executive Director since 2010.



Haley Barber

CISF Program Director

Haley grew up in Jamestown and believes it is a very special place – she is grateful to have the opportunity to share her knowledge and passion about the natural world with people. She is energetic, intuitive, and a wonderful leader. Haley received her BA in Environmental Science and Early Childhood Education from Lesley University. She started at Sea Adventure Camp in 2013 and in 2016 started full time with CISF as the Program Director.

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.



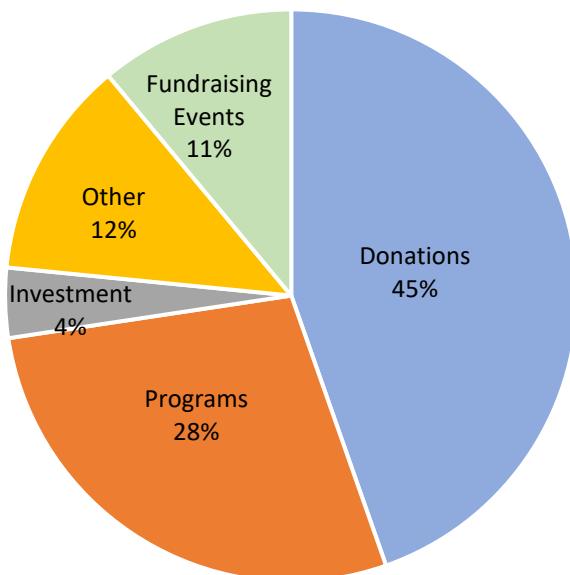
Ian Bryer

Ian has been sailing recreationally for 12 years on Optimist (Opti) dinghies, 420 performance boats, and Hobie Wave catamarans. He is First Aid certified and has his motor boat safety license. His interests include marine biology as well as 20th Century History. Ian attends URI with a focus on General Studies and English.

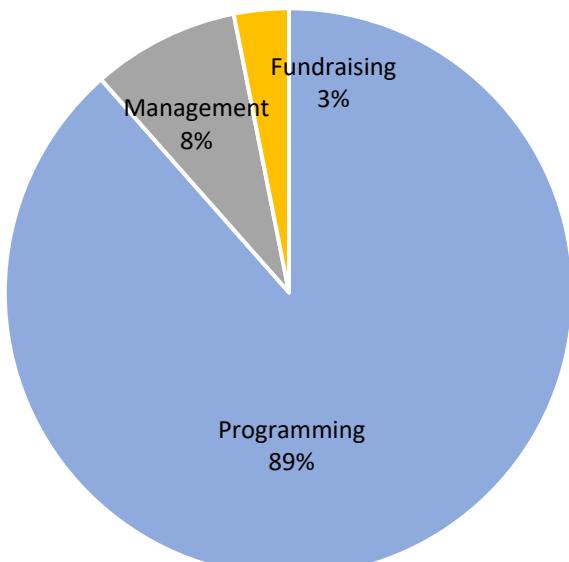
Financials



2021 REVENUE



2021 EXPENSE



REVENUE	2021	2020
Donations	\$236,316	\$98,685
Programs	\$148,250	\$92,412
Investment	\$20,936	\$26,664
Other	\$65,581	\$96,261
Fundraising Events	\$58,485	\$0
Total Revenue	\$529,568	\$314,022

EXPENSES	2021	2020
Programming	\$274,375	\$214,944
Management	\$25,993	\$20,496
Fundraising	\$9,677	\$5,151
Scholarship Grants	\$1,000	\$750
Covid-19	\$0	\$7,547
Total Expenses	\$311,045	\$248,888



Jamestown Sea Adventure Camp

Jamestown Sea Adventure Camp, launched in 2012, is our signature summer program. Each week-long camp focuses on introducing children to foundational sailing concepts and marine education. This allows them to feel comfortable in, on, and around the water. Annual highlights of Sea Adventure Camp include traditions such as sailing to Sheffield Cove to enjoy Del's on Friday; sailing to Great Creek to compare the salt marsh ecosystem with our beloved Fox Hill Salt Marsh; tie-dying on Thursday's; and land games like Newcomb.



In addition to our five Hobie Waves, our fleet has grown to include four O'Pen Skiffs and a J22 keelboat. Increasing the diversity of sailing platforms allows us to add in more programming, as well as to increase the sailing skills of participants by allowing them to experience the nuances of how a variety of boats float and sail. A good example of this is our O'Pen Skiff Adventures Class, which was piloted in 2021. The O'Pen Skiff is a smaller, less stable boat that requires skill, balance, and a love of getting wet! It provides an opportunity for young sailors to grow more independent and competent on the water, through a more sailing-focused approach.

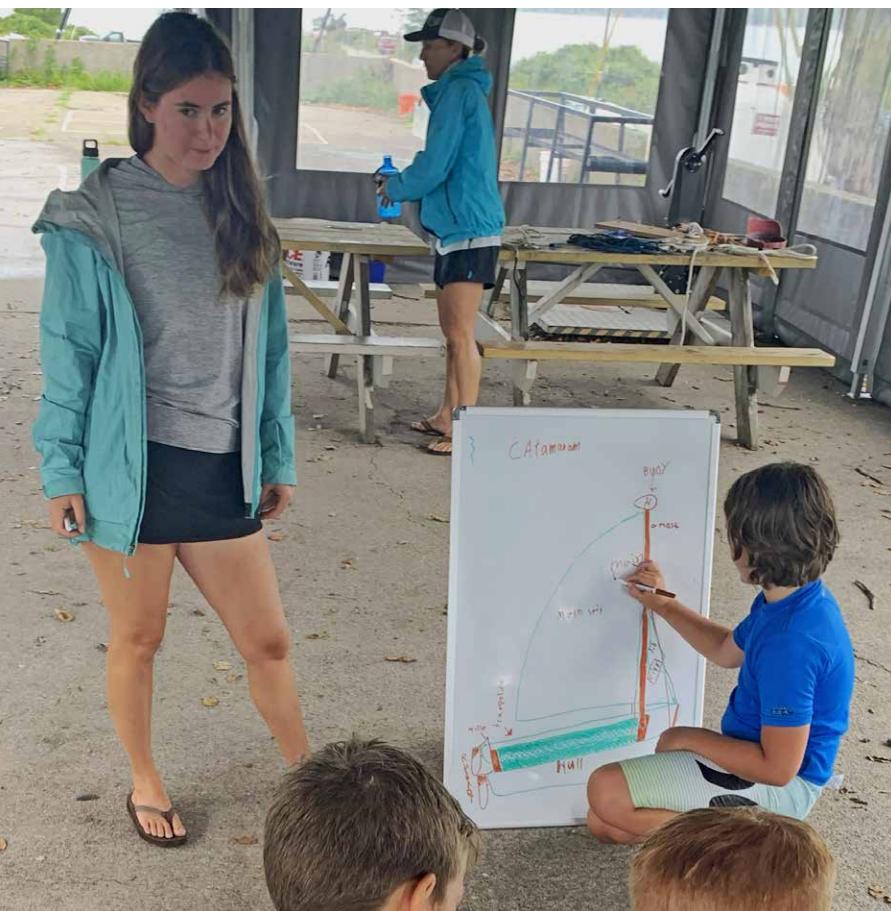


2021 saw our summer camp participation levels return to, and even surpass, pre-pandemic levels. Approximately 486 camp spots were filled; roughly 360 were 'unique' participants; about 95 children participated in multiple weeks of camp.

STEAM Ocean Initiative

There continues to be a growing demand for students to understand and critically evaluate the interconnected role of Science Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in today's world. CISF's STEAM Ocean Initiative continues to meet that STEAM demand through creative, fun, hands-on programs.

It addresses the gap between traditional and applied learning as it currently exists in science education. By delivering engaging activities to elementary and middle school students, our aim is to enable children to better understand scientific concepts.



The pandemic helped stimulate creative approaches and new endeavors for us. We have carried forward the resulting opportunities by continuing to increase the number and wide variety of after-school and homeschool programs.

Approximately 570 students participated in these unique programs in the classroom, after school, or home schooling in 2021.

CISF Programming 2021

In-school Programs and Projects

- Kindergarten Science support: Buoyancy, insects, fundamental physics
- 3rd grade: Salt Marsh biodiversity, species identification, and beach art
- 4th grade: Salt Marsh Study - biodiversity and invasive species
- 6th grade: weather professional connection
- 6th grade: sailing experience
- 6th grade: Fluid Dynamics
- Assist with 8th grade marsh trips

Home-School Programs

(all STEAM programs):

- Jr Nature Explorers, ages 5-7
- Sailing & Marine Education, grades 3-8
- Natural Science and Marine Engineering, grades 3-8
- Marine Engineering & Survival Skills, grades 3-8
- Ecology and Navigation at Fort Getty, grades 3-8

Home-School Drop-in Sessions

(all STEAM programs):

- Intro to Sailing
- Salt Marsh Species Count
- Fall Gardening
- Weather & Water
- Invasive Species
- Marine Engineering
- All About Trees
- Putting the Garden to Bed
- Fort Building
- STEM Building challenges
- Fairy House

After-School Programs

- *After-school Sailing, grades 3-8
- After-School Kayaking, grades 5-8
- *Backyard Explorers, grades 1-4
- *Nature Journaling, grades 2-4
- *Eco-Club, grades 5-8
- Games at Getty
- Eco-Crafts
- Leadership Club and Intro to Leadership, grades 5-8
- *Sailing 101 (virtual), ages 9 and older
- Crafts & Chats (virtual), K-18
- *K-2 Nature Exploration
- Outdoor Rocks!, grades 2-8
- *Intermediate Sailing, grades 4-5
- *Wilderness Skills, grades 5-8
- *Orienteering, grades 5-8
- *Naturespace, grades 2-4
- *Nature Art, grades 4-6
- *Outdoor Survival Skills, grades 5-8

Speaker Series (2 main topics - environmentalism and sailing)

- Big Issues, Big Changes: A Breakdown of Environmental Issues
- One Person Can Make a Difference!
- Coming Together: Engaging Your Community to Prioritize Climate Change
- High School & College Sailing 101
- Foiling: Fun & Fast, but What Is It?
- Marine Navigation Tips & Tricks

Adult and Family Programming

- Adult Sailing
- *Family Wilderness Skills
- Holiday Celebrations, all ages
- Campfire Crafts, all ages

* Indicates STEAM programs

Environmental Stewardship

CISF employed a variety of means in 2021 to teach the value of preserving our environment and focusing on a healthy, more environmentally-friendly future. This ranged from beach clean-ups in the summer to community events organized by our middle-school Eco-Club. (Eco-Club is an after-school program for middle school students with a passion for the environment.)



In April 2021, the Eco-Club hosted a Tree-Plenish Community Event, which resulted in more than 300 saplings being planted to offset the use of paper in the Jamestown School District. More than 200 community members participated in the event; approximately 65 of those volunteered to help plant saplings at people's houses around Jamestown.



In the summer, one of the focuses of Sea Adventure Camp continues to be marine debris - what is it, where it comes from, how it is harmful, and what can be done to mitigate this problem. Campers clean up trash both on land and in the water, and dispose of it properly. The last week of camp, a trash pickup contest was held and approximately 2,500 pieces of trash were picked up.

Strategic Planning

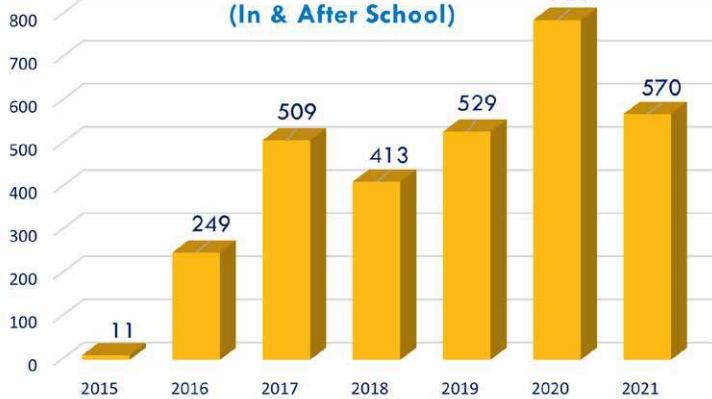
In the fall of 2021, CISF embarked on a strategic planning process. For six months, CISF staff and Board took a critical look at our organization in order to chart our course for the future. Though challenging at times, the process helped us emerge a stronger, more focused organization. We are excited for 2022 and beyond to launch new initiatives, develop new partnerships, and continue to support and grow our community.



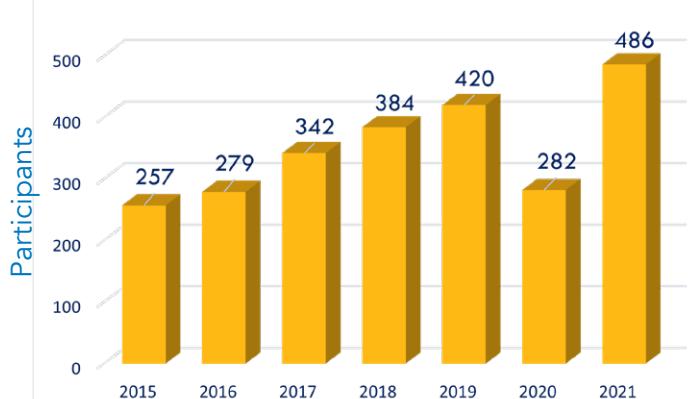
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(In & After School)



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