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The Torch Has Been Passed 18th year of operation!!

2025 has been a significant year for BCB in many respects. For the two of us, we have finally found a capable team to succeed us in the leadership of BCB. It started with Lesley Jarvis assuming the President's role 2 years ago. This year, BCB brought on Sue Belekewicz, a passionate, super well-organized Executive Director who is outstanding in all aspects of her activities. Josh Legg, our current President, and Sue have proven to be an effective team: they have instituted significant changes and improvements to our operations. The instructors under our head instructor, Leah Cody, have been one of the best teams we've had in our 18 years of operation. We are proud to acknowledge that all but one have been former students!

We are also in a better place financially than we have been in the past. As in the past, we have had very significant support from many generous people. These donations have been critical, as we have always run with a significant deficit; without these donations, we couldn't exist. But this year, due to the efforts of Lesley, with support from Sue, we also received significant additional funding from a number of new grants we were awarded. But we can't be complacent; we will always need to raise a goodly amount of funding to supplement our tuition and fees. So, we urge you to continue your financial support.

Lastly, we'd like to acknowledge the excellent support of our many volunteers. These efforts are also crucial to our success, and we thank you for your support. It is the lifeblood of a community organization. Please see our Honor Roll page. So, the torch has been truly passed. We look forward to many great years ahead and the innovations that our successors will implement. BCB is in great hands!

Paul Bushueff & Ken Legg



Generous Supporters

Grant Support

BCB is extremely grateful to the following foundations for their generous grant support in 2025

Foundation Name	Program Supported
Agnes M. Lindsey Family Foundation	Tuition Scholarships
Woods Hole Foundation Inc	Belly Biology Program
Cape Cod Five Charitable Endowment Fund	Tuition Scholarships
Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation	Tuition Scholarships
Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation, Inc.	Tuition Scholarships
Eversource Energy Foundation Inc	Belly Biology Program
Bilezikian Family Foundation Inc	Fall Sailing Program & Equipment for Student Use
Durant Family Foundation	Unrestricted
John J Sacco and Edith L Sacco Foundation	Unrestricted
Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc – The Bob Ripley Fund	Unrestricted



Tent's up - Season begins! Thank you to True North Tent Rentals for donating our new tent top and for its winter storage!

Honor Roll 2025

Donors November 2024 – November 2025

BCB could not operate without the support of these individuals and organizations.

Thank you!

Ballentine's Boat Shop (Amy Ballentine)
Linda Barlow-Palo
Beach Yoga, Elaine Cody
Robert Belekewicz
Bilezikian Family Foundation Inc.
Bourne Public Schools (Lisa Maguire,
Kristyn Alexander, Tina Canterbury and
Celeste Sullivan)
The Bridge View Grill
Paul Bushueff
Business Accounting Solutions
(Ghislaine Lacerte and team)
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Lisa Meeks
Kent & Diana Nicholas
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Mark Peretti
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Elliot Rappaport
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Renaissance Charitable Foundation, Inc
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The Town of Bourne (Select Board,
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True North Event Rentals (Charlene
Alger)
Phil Tura
Upper Cape Regional Technical High
School (Andy Potito)
Bob Wallace
Woods Hole Foundation Inc
Zephyr Education Foundation
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Season Highlights

Summer Sailing Program

This year, sailing school registrations increased by 23%. And with many of our Instructors in their third season teaching at BCB, students were provided strong coaching and skills training. In fact, 20 of this year's Mummichogs are advancing to Beginners next year, and 30 Beginner through Intermediate students are ready to progress to their next levels. We held two Expo Days at the end of each four-week session so that parents and grandparents had the opportunity to see their young sailors' new skills in action. Expo Day is when the magic of our program is on full display!

To our wonderful team – Head Instructor, Instructors, and Instructors in Training – please accept our sincere thanks. You are the heart and soul of our organization and made this season both fun and educational for our students.



Summer Sailing On Pinneys Harbor

Winter Lecture Series

The year began with our winter lecture series, which was hosted at the Bridge View Grill. The lecture series included four seasoned sailors covering a broad array of topics. The series began in February with Tyler Fields' discussion of marine photography. It continued in March with Chris Maguire's review of the rapid transformation of fisheries data collection and its impact on sustainable fisheries management. The April lecture, by Elliot Rappaport, focused on the history of passage making and the impact of global winds on navigation. The final lecture was presented by Bob Wallace as he recounted his adventures in Antarctica and his experience filming the story of Ernest Shackleton.

Many thanks to our speakers, to the Bridge View Grill for donating their space, and to all our patrons who attended. And thank you to Ken Legg and Paul Bushueff for planning the series. The series will resume in February – more to come!



Belly Biology

Our Head Instructor, Leah Cody, just completed her teaching degree at The College of Charleston, and is planning to teach Middle School science. She was in her element this summer, leading our Belly Biology Program. On fishing day, the students learned how fish breathe; the Bourne Department of Natural Resources taught the students about the local area shellfish and how to quahog (thank you DNR!!!!); the students also built their own plankton nets and explored the beaches of Tobey's Island.



Quahogging with the DNR



Leah Cody and Student Fishing During Belly Bio

Woods Hole Field Trip

The highlight of this year's Belly Biology program happened on July 30th: that day, the younger students (Grades K-3) participated in a special Seals & Sea Turtles Program conducted at Monument Beach by the National Marine Life Center; the older students took a field trip to Woods Hole to ride aboard the Zephyr and tour a wet lab at WHOI. Many thanks to Lisa Meeks and Rob Reynolds for hosting these programs. And thank you to the Zephyr Education Foundation, the Cape Cod Five Charitable Endowment Fund, the Woods Hole Foundation Inc., and the Eversource Energy Foundation Inc. for making all of these programs possible.



Zephyr Trip: Exploring the Waters of Woods Hole

Noteworthy Activities

4th of July

Once again, the BCB staff and students proudly represented BCB in the Annual Bourne 4th of July Parade. It was a fun-filled day for all - BCB received applause and an outpouring of appreciation from parade onlookers. In its 18 seasons, it is clear that BCB has positively impacted many families in the Bourne community.

Thank you to the Lajoie Family for the use of your jeep to tow our Laser in the parade.



Phinney's Harbor Day 2025

BCB's signature community event and fundraiser, Phinney's Harbor Day, was held on August 2nd at Monument Beach. This year's T-shirt sporting a sailing cicada was a big hit. Our staff was kept very busy throughout the event, providing free sailboat rides to members of the community.

This event offers people of all ages the opportunity to learn and get excited about sailing.

There was a lot of creativity demonstrated at the tie-dye station. And a fierce battle ensued during the corn hole tournament: congratulations to our winners – Nolan Scofield and Conner Mucha of Team Six, Seba!

Many thanks to our sponsors and donors for making the event a success – all proceeds are used to support tuition scholarships for deserving local area students. A special thanks to the Lobster Trap (Dave Delancey) for donating the Corn Hole Tournament prize, to Tommy Schaefer for his inspired tee shirt design, to Susannah Sullivan for donating bracelets, and to Kingman Yacht Center (Scott Zeien) and the Rockland Trust Foundation for their donations. And thank you to everyone who purchased cicada tee shirts and bracelets, played cornhole, and turned out to support this event.

And, yes, by popular demand, we plan to bring the beer tent back next year!

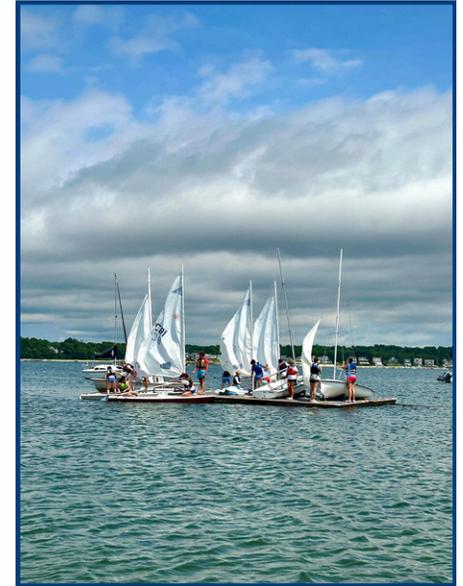
From the Fleet Captain

As we wrap up another busy season on the water, it's a perfect time to celebrate the heart of Bourne Community Boating: our fleet. Every sail raised, every dockside launch, and every lesson taught depends on this collection of hardworking boats—built over years of generosity, volunteer dedication, and a shared passion for sailing.

- Our Fleet at a Glance:
BCB currently maintains:
- 3 fiberglass motorboats
 - 2 rigid inflatable boats
 - 9 Lasers
 - 4 Bullseyes
 - 27 Vanguard Prams
 - 1 Hobie Cat
 - 5 420s



Fun Sailing



Students Rigging the 420s and Lasers

These vessels support sailors of all ages, from our youngest Pram sailors to adults rediscovering the water in Bullseyes. Each boat plays a vital role in keeping sailing accessible, educational, and fun for our entire community. One of this year's big highlights was the expansion of our 420 fleet. After operating with just two for years, we added a donated 420 from Wild Harbor Yacht Club last season and welcomed two brand new 420s this year through a 2025 grant. With five boats now in rotation, our fall program saw immediate benefits; students and instructors loved the upgrades. With a large Learn to Race class expected next summer, these new boats will fuel the next chapter of BCB's racing program.



First Rigging and Sailing of the New 420's

As BCB approaches its 20th anniversary, many of our boats are doing the same. While still seaworthy, most have seen heavy use, and several were donated long ago. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to keep them running, but some boats now need major repairs or replacement to meet the growing needs of our programs. This off-season, we're focusing heavily on our Laser fleet to ensure they're ready for a big summer. We're also continuing our partnership with Upper Cape Tech's Marine Tech Department, where students are refurbishing *Mothership*, one of our motorboats. This hands-on project extends the life of our fleet and provides UCT students with valuable real-world experience. We are grateful for their skill and effort. Another notable upgrade this year was the long-overdue replacement of our aging mooring dinghy, the original "POS" (Point of Sail). Thanks to generous donations from BCB Board members, we purchased a sturdy new replacement, affectionately named "Little POS" by our instructors.



Trapezing Practice with the Afternoon Class



Preparing for the Sailing Race During the Olympics



Flying the Spinnaker

In the coming year, we will continue strengthening the fleet through targeted upgrades and repair projects. With a long to-do list, we always welcome volunteers willing to lend a hand. Any support is welcome and greatly appreciated. A heartfelt thank-you goes to Matt Swift and his crew for launching and hauling Bullseyes and skiffs, managing boat storage, moving two large floats, and keeping our moorings in great shape. I'd also like to personally thank David O'Hara and Bob Belekewicz for their guidance and support during my first year as Fleet Captain. Their experience and generosity made a tremendous impact during this transition. With your continued support, BCB will remain a place where sailors of all ages can learn, race, and fall in love with the wind and water.

Fair Winds - Finn Ware



Trying to Sink a Pram
(Port)
Intermediates
Practicing in Lasers
(Starboard)



Low Wind Practice
(Port)
Mummichogs
Practicing Steering
(Starboard)



A Special Thank You

On behalf of everyone at BCB, we want to say a special “thank you” to David O'Hara, a long-standing member of the Board of Directors who retired this summer. While Dave has been instrumental over the years as the Fleet Captain, instructor trainer and mentor, and volunteer coordinator, this year, the knowledge and coaching he provided regarding the fleet and boating operations was invaluable to a new Executive Director and new Fleet Captain. As a result, the BCB Fleet will sail safely into the future.

Thank you, Dave!

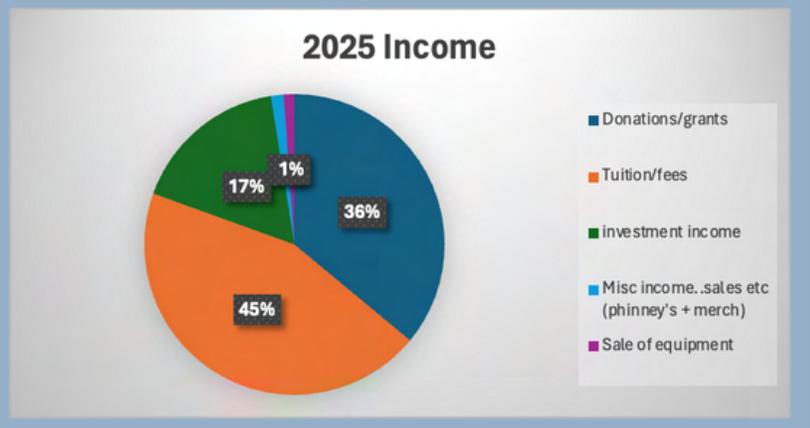
From the Purser's Ledger

Five years ago, I was invited to join the board of directors. It was the beginning of the pandemic, and I didn't know what to expect from the Bourne Community Boating School programs. The summer of 2020 presented a deeply scaled-back sailing schedule, with small classes and limited other programming. There were no fundraising events, no Phinney Harbor Day, no road race, no Winter Lecture Series.

Fast forward to the 2025 sailing season, and what a dynamic transformation since that first year aboard. The sailing school classes have grown steadily, with additions to programming to include racing instruction, adult sailing lessons, and even safe power boating. What wonderful options to get people of all ages out on the water!

We are grateful to our sponsors, scholarship donors, and the foundations that have provided a grant funds to support activities such as "Belly Biology" and new equipment we added to our fleet, namely two brand-new 420's.

Many of the year-to-year operational and programming costs are relatively predictable, but the biggest expenses - insurances, personnel, and fleet maintenance - are the most variable. While these are not yet fully covered by tuition, grants, and fundraising income, it is the goal of the Board to achieve this through continued fiscal responsibility and programming expansion.



We maintain fiscal transparency through our annual filings of Federal Form 990 and Massachusetts Form PC, available at the Division of Public Charities website.

As we develop the 2026 budget, we look forward to the ongoing support from our generous donors, many of whom are fellow sailors, in our effort to bring amazing on-the-water experiences to our community.

Ghislaine Lacerte-Treasurer



Adult Sailing Lessons in Bullseyes (Port)

Knot Tying Relay Race During the BCB Olympics (Starboard)



Expanded Outreach Programs

In 2025, an area of focus has been to expand our community outreach programs. This fall, BCB partnered with the Bourne Schools to offer a Fall Intramural Sailing Program. The after-school program took place from September 2nd through October 7th on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons. Six local area students from Bourne, Falmouth, and Sandwich participated in the program. One goal of the program is to permit BCB to expand our sailing instruction offerings to the “shoulder” seasons. An additional goal is to provide racing instruction to middle school students, creating a feeder program for a future high school sailing team. Work is currently underway with the Bourne and Mashpee Schools to support a Spring Racing Team.

As in past years, BCB has also been working with the Bourne Schools to identify scholarship candidates for the summer sailing school program. And thanks to some of the grants we received, this year we were able to expand our scholarship reach to also work with the Falmouth Schools. As a result of these efforts, BCB was able to offer three, four-week scholarships to deserving students. With our grant writing success and the results of Phinney’s Harbor Day, BCB will be able to offer even more scholarships in 2026.

Our partnership with the Upper Cape Tech Regional High School continues to grow. Many thanks to Andy Potito and his Marine Tech students for their work on our Boston Whaler during the winter of 2025. This coming winter, they will be overhauling *Mothership* and will review *Thumper* in the spring. Next spring, BCB will be providing sailing experiences to the UCT Marine tech students, students who are learning to repair boats, but who have never had the opportunity to go out on the water to enjoy the boats they repair.



The Boston Whaler in Action



Fall Sailing Fun

Season Wrap-Up

While sailing is at the heart of what we do, our teaching goes far beyond the wind and waves. From our youngest Mummichog all the way to adult sailors, our goal is to build confident, capable, and respectful mariners. Through our course offerings, belly biology sessions, and weekly theme days, students are encouraged to explore and express their interests in the ocean.

This year's theme days included two favorites: Pirate Day and Olympics Day.

On Pirate Day, students worked together to follow clues, solve riddles, and use their sailing skills to track down hidden treasure. During Olympic Day, teamwork and seamanship truly shone. Students teamed up to represent a country and competed in a series of on and off-water challenges, all aiming for gold.



Pirate Day - Found the Treasure!



Olympic Day - Dance Competition



Olympic Day - France Takes Home Gold



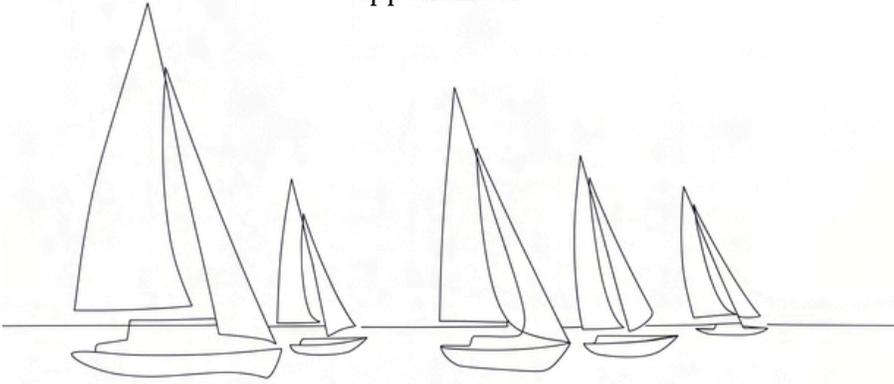
Expo Day!!

BCB has a new Headquarters!

Thank you to Business Accounting Solutions for donating office space for our new Corporate Headquarters! We are located at 41 Barlows Landing Road in Pocasset. If you would like to meet with Executive Director Belekewicz at our office, please email her at executivedirector@bournecommunityboating.org to schedule an appointment.



Meet The Team
Instructors (Back):
Willow, Tommy, Finn, Leah, Miles
Not Included: Bianca & Molly
Junior Instructors:
Sarah, Alice, Veronica
(Left to Right)
Not Included: Emmett



If BCB has made a difference to you or your family, please consider making a tax-deductible gift before the end of this calendar year. Your support keeps our program strong, maintains our fleet, permits us to give financial assistance to local students in need, and to provide access to the water for people of all ages and abilities.

All in all, it has been a very good first season as BCB's Executive Director. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements about the 2026 season.

Until then, wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a safe, happy and healthy new year!

Sue Belekewicz
Executive Director



Intermediate Class Photo on a Capsized Hobie