



Dear Sarasota Youth Sailing Partner,

Sarasota Youth Sailing (SYS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that provides sailing opportunities for youth ranging in age from 5-18. Since the late 1970's, we have worked to get children of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities sailing on Sarasota Bay. We offer classes for all skill levels, as well as opportunities for school and community organizations to sail on one of our larger catamarans.

Sarasota Youth Sailing strives to keep costs as low as possible; however, our program revenues only cover 70% of our expenses. We rely on grants, fundraising events, and generous community donors to fund the balance of our operating costs and allow us to provide scholarships and community outreach opportunities so that every child can have access to our programs.

We invite you to support Sarasota Youth Sailing by becoming an annual sponsor or making an in-kind donation. With your gift, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your dollars have helped local youth build character and friendships, develop teamwork skills and enjoy the outdoors.

On March 28-29, Sarasota Youth Sailing will hold our largest event of the year – the 33rd Annual Sail Fest Regatta. This longstanding Junior Olympic event draws over 200 sailors and their families to the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, and surrounding areas for the weekend. This large-scale festival will provide your business with immediate reach to families from all over Florida, along with some potentially fun benefits. Our donors are recognized in various ways throughout the year, but SailFest and our Summer Camp are the times when your business will have the maximum exposure.

Included in this packet, you will find more information about the Sarasota Youth Sailing program, the different levels of sponsorships available, and the benefits of each. The materials will tell you about our Mission and how your donation will make a difference for both our organization and local youth.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope that we can count on your support to help us expand our reach to more children in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

With Warm Regards,

Mary Trichter

Sarasota Youth Sailing, Executive Director

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