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Becky Ranzenbach - Chair

2024 was a great year for EYC Foundation. In January we rolled out a shiny new website that helps us spread the good news about the positive impact we have on hundreds of local diverse and underrepresented youth.

In April the 13th Annual Marine & Maritime Career Expo happened with 9 attending high schools, over 120 students and dozens of exhibitors at the busy Bert Jabin Yacht Yard. Students connected with marine service and retail companies, trade schools and colleges, military and government representatives. Some even left with summer job offers!

In May the 9th Annual STEM on the Water program took place at EYC. We taught STEM principles by way of marine and maritime basics, and treated close to 100 fifth graders to an afternoon on a sail or powerboat. Dr Joanna Tobin of AACPS said "The EYCF maritime learning imprints lessons that simply can't be taught in the classroom".

In June we gave out Junior Sailing Scholarships for a week of sailing camp at EYC. Our newest rising star, Henry Reyes has completed three beginner and advanced classes and hopes to return this summer as an Instructor-in-Training.

In July we awarded 13 Marine & Maritime Scholarships for use at a trade school or university, to 5 new and 8 returning students. These future industry super stars are making us proud at schools across the country from Maine to California.

Also in July we worked with our good friends from Pride of Baltimore II and had the pleasure of sharing two beautiful evening sails on the bay with local elementary and high school students and their families.

We are grateful to our hard working, passionate all-volunteer board and the many wonderful club and community members that join us throughout the year to make the EYCF magic happen. We look forward to another exciting year providing inspiration and support to this community we love.

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Junior Sailing Scholarships

EYC Foundation provides scholarships to local children of all abilities and backgrounds, who are interested in learning to sail and in need of financial assistance. In 2024 EYCF gave 8 enthusiastic future sailors full scholarships to the superb EYC Junior Sailing program. The opportunity brings the joy and life enhancing benefits of sailing and appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay to children in our community. Scholarship recipients are determined by EYCF Junior Sailing Committee members. Junior Sailing Scholarships are available now for Summer 2025 on the EYCF website.



STEM on the Water

Our 9th Annual STEM on the Water hosted nearly 100 fifth graders from Eastport, Georgetown East, and Annapolis Elementary Schools at Eastport Yacht Club for three days of hands-on learning and adventure. Students rotated through interactive stations covering Tides, Wind, Navigation, Mechanical Advantage, and Ecosystem Health. They experimented with anemometers, compasses, navigation charts, and pulley systems while gaining insights into the science of sailing and the Chesapeake Bay's unique ecosystem. The day included sail and powerboat rides. Thanks to the efforts of EYCF volunteers, students left with new skills, lasting memories, and a deeper appreciation for the bay and the joys of being on the water.



Marine & Maritime Career Expo

In April, EYCF's Marine & Maritime Career Expo hosted students from nine local high schools for a day of networking and exploring career opportunities with over 35 exhibitors including the Marine Trades Association of MD, Yacht Brokers of Annapolis, Electronic Marine Annapolis, and M Yacht Services. The Expo was again held at Bert Jabin Yacht Yard in Annapolis allowing students to experience "a day in the life of the marine industry" at one of the area's busiest professional boat yards. Additionally, students toured businesses, had Q & A sessions with marine technicians, observed boats being launched, and found out about the history of the yard. Thanks to our volunteers, marine and maritime organizations, local businesses, schools, and sponsors, the event was a success. Students were excited to learn about the career possibilities in this thriving industry.



Marine & Maritime Scholarships

EYC Foundation awards scholarships each year to students seeking post-high school education opportunities in marine and maritime fields. In 2024 competition remained keen.

Thanks to an anonymous donation, EYCF was able to continue per semester awards at double the 2022 levels.

2024-2025

New scholarship recipients all hail from Maryland:

Charles Ernst (Maritime College of New York),

Alexander Faranetta (Maine Maritime Academy),

Emma Guy (University of Tampa),

James Ronayne (Cornell University),

Wyatt Zlupko (Maine Maritime Academy)

2024-2025 renewal scholarship selectees:

Will Arnone (Maine Maritime Academy),

Dylan Bender (Cal Maritime), Caleb Brockett (Webb Institute), Luke Carter (The Landing School), Nate Gifford (Massachusetts Maritime Academy), Zachary Hardy (Maine Maritime Academy), Julia Kruesi (University of Delaware), Teleri Wilt (Massachusetts Maritime Academy)

These fine students are studying boatbuilding and yacht design, marine biology and marine environmental science, marine transportation, naval architecture, marine engineering, and vessel operations technology.



Marine Wizards

Every other year, EYCF recognizes marine industry leaders for outstanding work, a level beyond mastery on the Chesapeake Bay. They demonstrate extraordinary skills in the marine trades, provide excellent customer service, and are considered "the best of the best" in the industry.

They are nominated by the boating public and industry peers. We are grateful for these leaders who serve as an inspiration to tomorrow's new recruits. Each was awarded a complimentary two-year membership to Eastport Yacht Club thanks to the generosity of EYC.

Marine Wizards Class of 2024:

Jerome Berger – True North Yachting

Aaron Bradley – Bradley Marine Services

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Matt Marshall – Annapolis Cruisair

Tyler Ruth – Annapolis Rigging



Many thanks to our 2024 donors and sponsors!

With your help, EYCF was able to touch the lives of hundreds of local diverse and underrepresented youth and provide over \$50,000 in scholarships

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