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Becky Ranzenbach - Chair

2025 was another great year for EYC Foundation. Our uplifting programs touched the lives of hundreds of local students.

Starting in April, our 14th Annual Marine & Maritime Career Expo hosted motivated 11th and 12th graders at busy Bert Jabin Yacht Yard. Students learned about exciting careers they had no idea existed. A summer job or two were landed and dreams of futures about the water were born.

The 10th Annual STEM on the Water happened in May across three days at EYC. Learning is fun and meaningful at our interactive marine-inspired learning stations, but boating on the Bay in the afternoon is the highlight. An Eastport Elementary veteran teacher said at day's end " I haven't seen that many smiles all year."

In June we awarded nine 8-14 year olds Junior Sailing Scholarships to EYC's summer sailing camps. In a week's time campers enjoyed training on Blue Dragon Prams, RS Zests, RS Fevas or J-22's, as well as kayaks and paddle boards.

Marine & Maritime Scholarships were awarded in July to 5 new and 7 returning exceptional students. Some are learning to be Naval Architects, Marine Engineers and Environmental Scientists, others study to become Senior Officers and Pilots aboard ships traveling the oceans of the world.

September was all about fundraising fun. Supporters generously gave to our Virtual Auction and Wine Lovers' Delight Raffle. We celebrated at our Grand Finale Party where two of our scholarship superstars spoke passionately about their post graduation experiences and how important the support of EYCF has been to their success.

The year ended on an especially sparkling note as EYCF was chosen as the recipient of net proceeds from the EYC Lights Parade!

We are grateful for the generosity of all our 2025 supporters and for the hard working all-volunteer team that continues to pull off the EYCF magic. We believe the work we do changes lives. Here's to 2026 and all the good to come!



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Junior Sailing Scholarships

EYCF provides summer sailing school scholarships to local children of all abilities and backgrounds, who are interested in learning to sail and in need of financial assistance. In

2025 EYCF gave 9 enthusiastic future sailors full scholarships to the superb EYC Junior Sailing program. The experience brings the joy and life enhancing benefits of sailing and appreciation for the Chesapeake Bay to children in our community. The application deadline for the 2026 program is May 1. Find online applications at <https://eycfoundation.org/junior-sailing-scholarships/>



STEM on the Water

STEM on the Water celebrated its 10th year by welcoming over 100 fifth graders from Eastport, Georgetown East, and Annapolis Elementary Schools to Eastport Yacht Club for three days of exploration and discovery. Through hands-on stations focused on Tides, Wind, Navigation, Mechanical Advantage, and Ecosystem Health, students engaged with anemometers, compasses, navigation charts, and pulley systems while learning about sailing science and the Chesapeake Bay's distinctive ecosystem. Each day featured sail and powerboat excursions on the water. Thanks to the dedication of EYCF volunteers, students left with enhanced knowledge, unforgettable experiences, a strengthened connection to the Bay and the excitement of life on the water.



Marine & Maritime Career Expo

EYCF's Marine & Maritime Career Expo hosted 130 students from twelve local high schools for a day of networking and exploring career opportunities with marine industry pros including Annapolis Rigging, Diversified Marine Services, Marine Trade Association of Maryland, maritime academies, trade schools, colleges, and more. The Expo was again held at Bert Jabin Yacht Yard 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 learned the history of the yard. Thanks to 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.

2025-2026 New Scholarship recipients all hail from Maryland:

Maslen Bogdan (Florida Institute of Technology)
Andrej Klema (Webb Institute)

Timothy McClenahan (Massachusetts Maritime Academy)
Davidson Naylor (Maine Maritime Academy)
Samuel Travis (Massachusetts Maritime Academy)

2025-2026 Renewal Scholarship selectees:

Caleb Brockett (Webb Institute)
Charles Ernst (SUNY Maritime College)
Alexander Faranetta (Maine Maritime Academy)
Nathaniel Gifford (Massachusetts Maritime Academy)
Emma Guy (University of Tampa)
Zachary Hardy (Maine Maritime Academy)
James Ronayne (Cornell University)

These fine students are studying ocean engineering, naval architecture, marine transportation, marine engineering, marine biology, and marine environmental science / humanity, policy and governance.



Many thanks to our 2025 donors and sponsors!

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

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