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Sailing Towards the Future

Words can not describe the satisfaction I have had in contributing to the development of the Community Boating Center, from the wonderful, but fledgling organization of just a few years ago, to the institution that it is today. From an operating perspective, CBC's core staff is now, more than ever before, a competent, empowered team charged about CBC's mission and future. Every person understands the purpose of the organization and gladly offers their own specialized contribution. Everyone shares in making the decisions that make the organization and programs so successful.

Now that a solid foundation has been formed upon which all future activities can be built, and the stage for continued success is set, I feel it is time for me to move on. My wish is to serve as a volunteer and to see the compelling impact that CBC has on our community and our students continue to thrive as CBC responds to our community's dire needs. Together, we can all be proud of what CBC stands for today. Don't miss out. Be part of our team. Please help CBC continue to promote the positive impact we have on our students in so many tangible and intangible ways.

Stephen Vaitses, Executive Director

Did you know that in the past few years CBC has:

- * Added new program areas that significantly extend CBC's life long impact on our students.
- * Doubled the number of students served (nearly 600) while improving program quality.
- * Established training and employment for CBC students who wish to instruct as a profession.
- * More than tripled CBC's balance sheet, including a \$1,000,000 endowment to secure the future.
- * Centralized key operations and business infrastructure in a year round CBC owned facility.
- * Formed strong new alliances with local government, as well as many schools and organizations.
- * Nearly completed construction of our 260' pier, enabling CBC to offer even more programs.

2005 Learn to Sail Program

“Thank you for sending me to CBC- I love it here.” Julia, age 12

The Learn to Sail program is an introduction to the water focused on fun, safety and education. The intent is to make students comfortable about being on the water, introduce them to a trusting, caring, empathetic environment, and to build self-confidence. Students work together to rig their boats, participate in morning 'chalk talks', sail together as a group, and have a good time swimming and taking part in destination sails to interesting marine environments such as the Lazy River in Fairhaven and New Bedford Harbor.



2005 CBC Summer Program Staff Reflections...



“One of my favorite memories from this past summer at CBC is when Emily and I took four of our campers on a boat around the point and sang Kelley Clarkson songs at the top of our lungs. We were having so much fun just enjoying each other's company and laughing as we all sang out of tune. Another favorite memory of mine is from first session when we took the sonar out to the mooring and swam all afternoon. Everyone was having so much fun jumping off the deck and playing on the surfboard. The kids learned a lot this summer, including teamwork and boating skills, because everyone had to work together to get the boat rigged and they were needed to assist in tacking and weight placement. I will never forget this summer and how important and fulfilling it is to make a child smile and know that they are enjoying themselves because of you.”

- Holly Quinn



2005 CBC Summer Staff

“I think encouraging our students, once equipped with the proper skills, to sail alone is an awesome and amazing thing. It allows them to feel responsible for themselves and gives them a sense of adventure.”

- Bo Williams

“Summer 2005 was a blast! I had such a great time working with my friends and coworkers. We shared lots of laughs and good times hanging out with the kids. It was great to come to work everyday, even if it was 7:30 in the morning on a cold rainy day. We always made it fun, whether we were singing songs, wearing our shorts up to our armpits, having dance parties, pirating the advanced program with water balloons, playing bucket-head baseball, going swimming, or just sailing around. I think, with all the good times and laughs, we were able to help a lot of kids, which makes it that much better. Now that the cold weather is setting in, I definitely miss the summer and everything that came with it, but I'm looking forward to next year!”

- Carlee Moser

2005 Intermediate / Advanced Program

“My favorite day was everyday.” Jane, age 15

CBC's Intermediate / Advanced program instills competence and builds on skills introduced in the Learn to Sail program such as teamwork, goal setting and decision making. Students try out boats new to them such as 420's in a more challenging independent setting. They are coached to learn new racing skills, how to sail with a teammate, and to sail with spinnakers. This summer they also had an opportunity to try some big-boat sailing on Kinship, a 50 ft. sailboat that belongs to a friend of CBC. A great time was had by all!



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“Where Kids and the Water Meet”



Here at CBC we strive to instill in the young and continue to teach people of all ages the value of integrity, sound judgment, teamwork and the environmental awareness.



The Community Boating Center (CBC) is a non-profit educational organization that was created to provide people, especially youth, from the Greater New Bedford area with challenging and enriching new experiences.



We do this by offering educational opportunities and access to the marine environment, regardless of means, through instruction, mentoring and coaching.