



Annual Report for 2021



From The Director

It's great to have something to report after being shut down for all of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you for helping us get back on our feet, and for making 2021 one of our best years to date.

All of our community impact is possible thanks to the excellent work by our staff and volunteers, backed by the support and encouragement from our Board of Directors, donors, and supporters.

Due to uncertainty going into the Summer season, we ran fewer youth camps than normal this year. But it was great to see and hear kids out on the water again. We didn't realize how much we missed the sound of kids laughing and playing, or how much those sounds mean to us.

Nearly 1,000 people joined us on kayak tours in Yaquina Bay as the Oregon Coast experienced one of the busiest seasons it has ever seen. We're looking forward to the future as we continue to grow, form new partnerships, and expand our programs.

We appreciate your continued support as we work towards removing barriers to make sure everyone has the opportunity to get out on the water safely and affordably.

We couldn't do it without you.

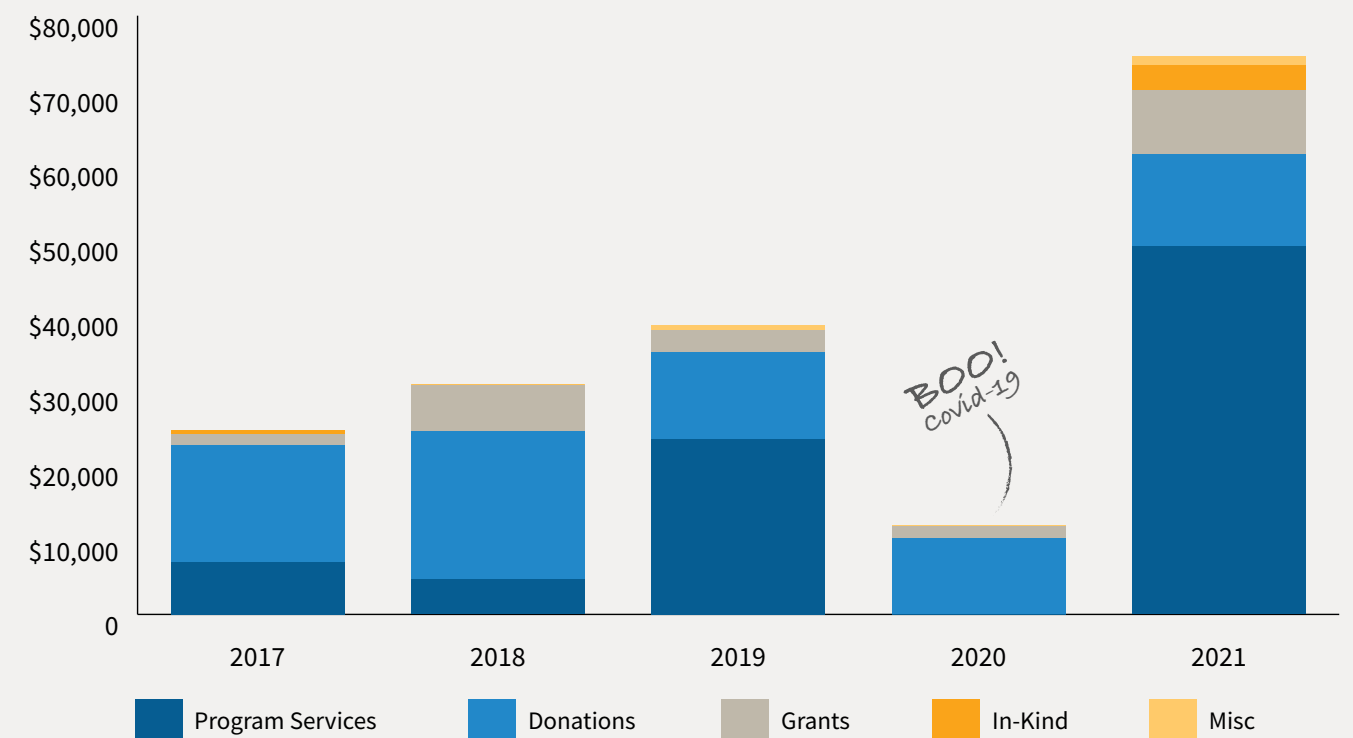
Brian Getting
Interim Executive Director

Financial Overview

We take the same care and precautions to protect our financial resources as we do with our guests out on the water. We've seen **revenue increase more than 200%** in the last five years, despite the interruption from Covid-19 during our 2020 season.

In 2021 our Guided Kayak Tours were very successful, and thanks to the generosity of donors to our scholarship fund, **we gave more than \$2,400 in financial assistance** to ensure that money wasn't a barrier for anyone interested in participating in our youth camps and classes.

Donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships continue to be vital to our financial success as we continue to grow.



Revenue Sources

Kayak Program

Youth Camps

Our youth kayak day camps are designed for kids ages 10–18. We only ran 2 kayak camps in 2021, but we’re working to resume our full schedule in 2022.

Kids start by learning basic kayak skills and rescues at our [Beginner Kayak Camp](#) while paddling at Olalla Reservoir, Beaver Creek, and Toledo. In our [Intermediate Kayak Camp](#) they build on these skills and even go on an overnight camping trip. At our [Advanced Kayak Camp](#) we introduce navigation, leadership, and advanced rescue skills. At the end of the program, young people emerge qualified as guides and instructors.

We’re not only removing barriers to make kayaking accessible to everyone, but providing a pathway to employment.

Kayak Classes

Our one-day [kayak classes](#) allow aspiring paddlers (*14 years and older*) to gain the skills they’ll need to confidently embark on their own adventures, including paddle strokes and basic rescues.

Guided Kayak Tours

Our [guided kayak tours](#) are an excellent opportunity for anyone to get out on the water and learn about the wildlife, natural history, fishing community, and landmarks of Yaquina Bay. They create summer job opportunities for young people in our community, and an endpoint for those that have completed our youth program.



Sailing Program

We added two new boats to our sailing fleet in 2021 – an Open Skiff and an RS Quest. We’ve also partnered with the OSU and PSU sailing teams to improve our youth camps, create a pipeline for future staffing, and offer adult sailing classes. These are exciting developments as we ramp up our sailing program.

Youth Camps

Our youth sailing day camps are designed for kids ages 10–18. We only ran 2 sailing camps in 2021, but we’ll be adding a new Intermediate Sailing Camp in 2022.

Kids have a fun week learning how to rig sailboats, basic sailing skills, knots, and rescues in our [Beginner Sailing Camp](#). Our upcoming [Intermediate Sailing Camp](#) is designed to build on those skills and prepare young people to participate in high school sailing, college sailing clubs, or enjoy sailing on their own with family and friends.

Our vision is to expand access for young people on the Oregon Coast to learn how to sail by removing barriers that may be keeping them from exploring sailing opportunities.

Sailing Classes

We plan to start offering one-day sailing classes in 2022 that will give aspiring sailors (*14 years and older*) a chance to get a feel for the sport. Our goal is to make sailing more accessible, affordable, and less intimidating for those who want to learn to sail but don’t know where to begin.

Impact & Outcomes



“The Oregon Boating Foundation provided an amazing service by training me in a difficult skill and then providing a job where I could put that skill to use. This unique, exciting experience has also helped me pay my way through college.”

Julian Guarena, Kayak Guide & Instructor



“In the 10 years since I first got involved with the Oregon Boating Foundation I’ve learned invaluable lessons about water safety. It prepared me to join the High School Sailing team, then work as a kayak guide and sailing instructor.”

McKenzie Thomas, Sailing Instructor & Kayak Guide



“I have met many mentors and friends, had wonderful experiences, and enjoyed fulfilling volunteer and employment opportunities. They’ve helped me develop skills that I’ve used to find success in college and the workplace.”

Shaden Jensen, Kayak Guide & Instructor

We pay volunteer stipends to youth camp alumni who join us as assistant instructors until they are old enough to work for us.



Cameron McConnell



Layne Phillips



Lilliebelle Bassingthwaite

1,595

People got out on the water with us since 2018.

\$5,500

Given away in scholarships since 2018.

\$1,383

Stipends paid to youth volunteers since 2018.

Partnerships



Our ongoing partnership with the [Port of Toledo](#) continued in 2021, and we are grateful to them for providing a safe, accessible venue for our youth camps, as well as storage for our boats. We work together to get **hundreds of people out on the water** safely each summer during their [Free Family Boating](#) events.



We continue to partner with the [Yaquina Bay Yacht Club](#) to provide support for the Newport High School Sailing team. They use our boathouse at the Port of Newport and we make life jackets and other equipment available to them to ensure that youth sailing has a home in our community.



We’re grateful to have started a partnership with the [Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation](#) in 2021. They aim to keep sailing alive and active in Oregon by making it accessible to young people, with a focus on those who otherwise would not have the opportunity to be on the water. We’re looking forward to working closely together in the future.



We’re grateful to have started a partnership with [Trackers Earth](#) in 2021 to include kayaking, sailing, and other boating as part of their inspiring outdoor programs for young people. We’re looking forward to working with them to help make sure that their adventures on the Oregon Coast are as memorable as they can possibly be.



We’re excited to have started partnerships with the [Oregon State University](#) and [Portland State University](#) sailing teams, who are working with us to improve, expand, and staff our youth sailing camps and adult sailing classes.



Board of Directors & Advisors



Aja Burke, Director

A graduate of the CSU Maritime Academy, Aja is currently the Commercial Marina Harbormaster at the Port of Newport. She brings extensive maritime experience to our organization.



Brian Getting, President

Brian was the volunteer Executive Director of the Oregon Boating Foundation from 2017–2021, and brings over 20 years of kayaking experience to our organization.



Charlie Plybon, Director

A founding member of the Newport chapter, Charlie currently serves as the Oregon Policy Manager for the Surfrider Foundation. He brings valuable community organizing experience to our organization.



Dan VanCalcar, Vice-President

A managing principal at Soderstrom Architects, Dan has been actively involved in the Newport sailing community for decades. He served as our Board President for more than ten years.



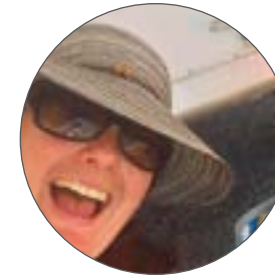
Jennie Scarborough, Secretary

Jennie is the Human Resources Specialist at the Lincoln County School District, has been involved with the Newport sailing community for many years, and is an avid volunteer for our organization.



Jessica Holliday, Treasurer

Jessica is the Director of Finance at the Oregon Coast Aquarium and joined our board in 2021. She is a member of the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club and brings a wealth of nonprofit experience to our organization.



Jutta Pearce, Director

Jutta is currently studying Public Policy at Oregon State University and joined our board in 2021. As the mother of children have participated in our programs, she brings a unique perspective to our board.



Laura Ireland, Director

Laura ran the Lincoln County Animal Shelter for more than a decade, and brings a wealth of legal, administrative, and nonprofit experience to our organization.



Lorna Davis, Director

Lorna is the General Manager at the Port of Toledo. Formerly the Executive Director of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, she brings years of nonprofit, administrative, and fundraising experience.



Tom Murphy
Advisor



Amy Greer
Advisor



Joe Novello
Advisor



Ron Yenchik
Advisor

We're Hiring!

Executive Director

We're looking for an Executive Director with a passion for kayaking, sailing, and outdoor education. The ideal candidate is an experienced leader with excellent verbal and written communication skills that will represent our organization publicly, support a culture of longevity, and grow the capacity of the organization.

The Executive Director contributes to the Oregon Boating Foundation's mission of making safe, affordable boating opportunities available to everyone by managing the day-to-day operations of the organization.

[Check out the full job description and learn how to apply on our website.](#)

Kayak Guides & Instructors

Our kayak guides & instructors contribute to our mission by leading guided kayak tours in Yaquina Bay and teaching youth kayak camps and adult kayak classes. Kayak guides and instructors report directly to the Executive Director.

This is a seasonal, hourly position starting in mid-June and lasting until mid-September. The hourly rate is \$15.00 an hour + tips.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

Sailing Instructors

Our sailing instructors contribute to our mission by teaching youth sailing camps and adult sailing classes. Sailing instructors report directly to the Executive Director.

This is a seasonal, hourly position starting in mid-June and lasting until mid-September. The hourly rate is \$15.00 an hour.

[Learn more on our website.](#)

Donors & Supporters

We'd like to sincerely thank everyone for the support we received in 2021. You are all greatly appreciated.

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