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Foundation

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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GROSSE POINTE YOUTH NAUTICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A community outreach program dedicated to promoting national and international amateur sailing, maritime arts and education, as well as, water safety and community improvements.

Education is an essential element of the Foundation's mission. Sailing is an effective means of teaching life's lessons to our youth. In the course of one's life, success is determined by a sequence of decisions. So too, in sailing. The most successful are those who make the most good decisions with the least available information.

Acquiring sailing skills on the water clearly represents an educational experience. The Foundation is committed to the belief that it must support education off the water in the classroom. The Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation's ability to support its scholarship initiative is dependent on the generosity of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club members.

The GPYNEF annually awards up to ten \$1,000 college scholarships to area young men and women involved in nautical sports at the high school or private club level. The goal is to



2013 Scholarship recipients: Nikolaus Kowal-Besler, Connor Corgard (not pictured), Alexander Dennis, Richard Alex Romer, Ryan T. Seago (not pictured), Matthew Declercq, Emily Gazall, Grace Pytel (not pictured), Andrew Malley, Peter Polgar with Foundation President Jim Morrow (far right, back row).

encourage participation in those sports through their high school years, and hopefully, beyond.

There are two scholarship initiatives. The Perpetual Scholarship Endowment, with a one-time cost of \$35,000 creating a perennial \$1,000 scholarship in the donor's name. The Annual Scholarship Gift of \$1,500 creating a single

scholarship carrying its donor's name. Complete information on the Scholarship options is available from the Foundation President Commodore J. James Morrow.

Perpetual Scholarships

**Commodore James & Patricia Anderson
Commodore John & Marlene Boll
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GPYNEF FUND-RAISING

Fund-raising is the fuel that powers the Foundation. Without the capital to support its many initiatives, the goals of the Foundation would become a litany of good intentions, seldom fulfilled.

The support the GPYNEF receives from Grosse Pointe Yacht Club members demonstrates their appreciation for the value of sailing and more.

It also shows they understand that teaching young men and women life-lessons — as well as sailing skills — will benefit them for life.

From this, one can conclude that the success the Foundation enjoys is essential to the students' success ... and visa-versa.

FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

- The GPYNEF sponsors the Great Lakes Summer Boating Festival and Summer Breeze Party held each May. Attendance at the party, participation in the auction and the purchase of raffle tickets all contribute to the cause.
- The "Our Brick" program offers commemorative bricks at Sailors Corner to recognize chosen honorees whose names appear thereon.
- A solicitation for individual donations coinciding with the distribution of this Annual Report at the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year.

FOUNDATION GOALS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANS

Since its creation four years ago, the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation has remained dedicated to its mission: to promote sailing, education, competition and safety.

A review of the accomplishments of the 2013 and a look into the plans for 2014 reflect the Foundation's consistent focus on those four key objectives and the initiatives to achieve them.

Based on results to date, the Foundation's focus is meeting with success.

The fact that participation in Varsity sailing programs is growing at area High Schools that receive Foundation support is one measure of success. Another is the area high school that hosted two significant Regional sailing competitions at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, enabled by Foundation support.

Young student-sailors from the Detroit-area were able to enter major regattas because of a Foundation grant, developing world-class sailing skills and achieving success in those International events

And the ten young student-sailors who were scholarship recipients are success stories unto themselves — enthusiastic examples of the Foundation's contribution to the growth and success of young student-sailors.



2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **2013 USODA National Championships** brought 300 young (8-15yrs.) Optimist Dinghy sailors from around the world to Lake St. Clair to participate in Metro-Detroit's largest sailing event. Participants universally proclaimed it to have been the best USODA Nationals ever entered.

Young sailors profited from matching their sailing skills against the best dinghy sailors in the world. As an additional benefit, the attendees delivered a very positive economic impact to the local business community.

Significant community support, led by Urban Science, Eitel Dahm Motor Group and Commodore John and Marlene Boll, each combined with GPYNEF donations of \$25,000 to help make this event possible

- **Team Racing Educational Clinic** sponsored by the Foundation brought Charles Higgins, sailing coach from Old Dominion University, to Detroit to conduct a clinic on team racing tactics. Held in the spring, in advance of the USODA Nationals, the clinic resulted in the DRYA entering two teams in the Team Championships.
- **GP North and GP South High School Varsity Sailing programs** received ongoing financial support and guidance from the Foundation. A single training site for both schools (Crescent Sail Yacht Club) was established, promoting more competitive training and practice.
- GPYNEF financially supported the **Baker High School Regional Qualifier**, hosted by Detroit Country Day School at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in May. Held to determine the teams to advance to the National Championships, 16 high-schools from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan competed.
- In September, Detroit Country Day, with support from the Foundation, hosted a second major high school sailing event at the GPYC — **The High School Mallory Cup Regionals** — which determined the six teams to advance to the Mallory Cup Finals.



Winners of the Baker High School Regional Qualifier



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USODA National Championship



Detroit Cup

- University of Michigan student studying Naval Architecture, Matt Graham, received support from the Foundation to compete in the **Detroit Cup**, the second event in an international match racing series. At the end of four days of racing, Graham's team was the highest placed American team, finishing behind two New Zealand entries and ahead of nine other teams. The opportunity to compete against the world's best match race teams offered a great educational experience and a rewarding podium finish.
- Foundation support was granted to Bayview Yacht Club's **John S. Barbour Memorial Regatta**. This event, held in September, featured boats sailed by members of collegiate sailing teams. Participants from U-M, MSU, University of Wisconsin and Wayne State University competed in this inaugural event.

- Ten Detroit-area student-sailors were selected to receive \$1,000 college scholarships from the GPYNEF. Applicants are judged on three criteria: scholastic accomplishments, sailing experience and a subjective essay section. Scholarship winners will be acknowledged at a luncheon at the GPYC, May 14, 2014.



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2014 PLANS

Looking ahead, it is the Foundation's plan to continue many of the initiatives that contributed to the success of 2013 while seeking new opportunities to fulfill its mission.

- The Foundation will support the **US Sailing Youth Championships** in 2014, bringing to Lake St. Clair the sport's best young (under 19) sailors. At least 150 entrants are expected for this prestigious event, which will be held in early August at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.
- Provide continuing support of the **Varsity Sailing Teams at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South**.
- Efforts are ongoing to identify a collegiate-level event that meets the Foundation's goals and will benefit from Foundation support.
- The Foundation is planning to provide financial support to **DART**, the Detroit Advanced Racing Team. DART's purpose, to help educate young sailors on team and match racing tactics, is consistent with the Foundation's goals.
- Up to ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to deserving young student-sailors from the Detroit area.



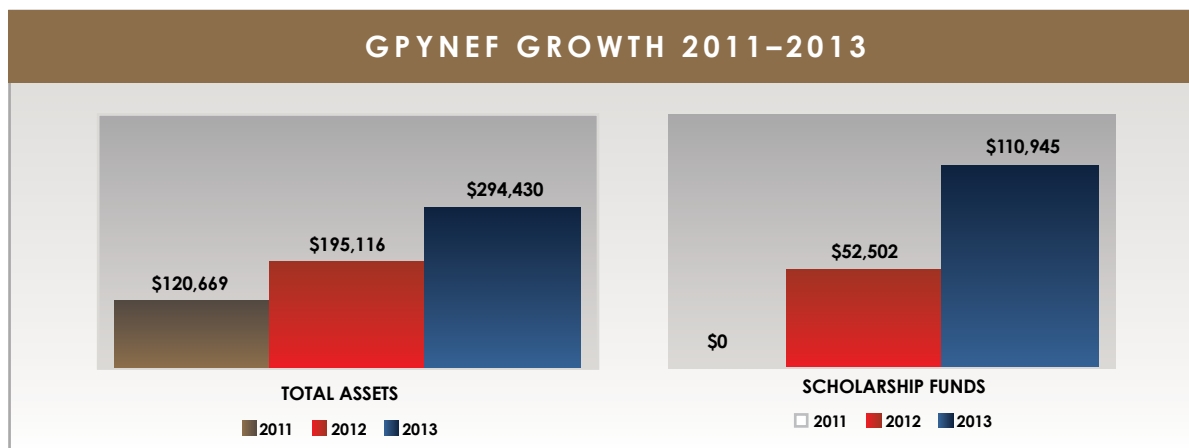
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For the Years Ended October 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 95,693	\$ 64,600
INCOME — GLBF/SUMMER BREEZE	65,174	77,883
Investment Income	24,114	10,251
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Grants and Event Support	67,589	59,877
Administrative Expenses	11,030	13,507
Professional fees	7,048	2,403
Total Operating Expenses	85,667	75,787
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 99,314	\$ 76,947
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in bank and on hand	\$ 47,072	\$ 24,030
Accounts receivable	4,000	—
Schwab Investment	124,671	110,188
Schwab Scholarship funds	110,945	52,502
Total Current Assets	286,688	186,720
OTHER ASSETS	7,742	8,396
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 294,430	\$ 195,116

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– Mark Twain



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