



WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION

# SPRING 2025

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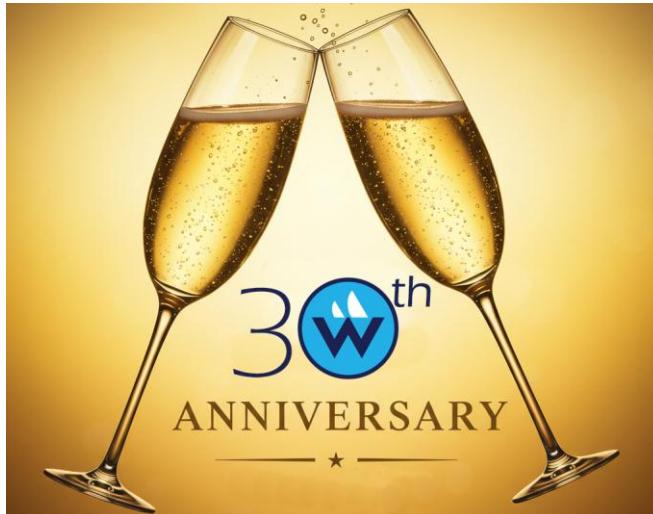
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### Join us as we celebrate our 30th anniversary!

Our 2025 Summer Event will be a memorable celebration of 30 years of supporting the sport of sailing, education and access. There will be a brief program explaining the Foundation's unlikely origins and we will raise a glass to honor those who help create it. Internationally renowned trombonist (and WYC member) Jiggs Whigham will be performing with the Joe Delaney jazz trio. Please plan to join us on **Thursday evening, July 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Wianno Yacht Club. Enjoy curated wines, beer, bubbly, ample hors d'oeuvres and rum tasting! Stay tuned for event details coming to your inbox and on our website soon!

### THE WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION FINDS ITS GROOVE.

In the last few years, the Wianno Sailing Foundation has landed upon a group of charitable activities that harmonize with our Mission and make a real impact on the local sailing scene. These actions include:

- Sponsorship of Opti Green Fleet regattas at numerous yacht clubs so new sailors can participate for free!
- Free "loaner" dry suits for high school sailors who can't afford this equipment.
- Direct support of several adaptive sailing programs on the Cape and Islands.
- Collaborating with the Wianno Senior Assn. to make "Rebel" available for use by kids and adults.

*"To desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness. Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that. That is why sailing is a way of life, one of the finest of lives."*

— Carleton Mitchell

## WSF WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The Wianno Sailing Foundation is pleased to welcome Conrad Classen and Jeannie Leahy to its Board of Directors.



Conrad has a passion for being on and around the water. He grew up sailing on the Cape out of Wianno Yacht Club and is a member. He has crewed on many yachts from Wianno Seniors, Shields, and larger PHRF boats. He is most looking forward to competing with his J/22 in the Hyannis Yacht Club fleet this summer. His boat ownership and racing has introduced him to the many clubs and participants across the Cape and Islands.

Conrad is a Vice President of Marketing for MSCI Inc., leading the firm's efforts in promoting Private Asset solutions to asset owners and managers who can ultimately make better investment decisions using MSCI data. His marketing experience will benefit the Wianno Sailing Foundation's digital strategy including communications, events, content marketing, and campaign fundraising.

Jeannie Leahy grew up spending summers in Osterville, sailing at the Wianno Yacht Club, and then teaching sailing at the Beverly Yacht Club in Marion, Mass., for a couple of summers during college. While at WYC, she raced and team raced around the Cape and won silver platters for first prize awards in both the Beetle Cat and Enterprise series races, which platters are now proudly displayed in her bookcase. After having lived in California for 30 years, and having practiced law for almost 40 years, Jeannie moved back to Osterville in 2024 and is very pleased to be able to use her corporate legal and non-profit background, as well as her love of sailing, to support the work of the WSF.



### NEW OPTIS DONATED TO WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION!

The new year started with a bang as Patricia Leaver, owner of US One-Design in Yarmouth donated four (4!) new Opti Racing prams to the Wianno Sailing Foundation in January! We will be loaning these new boats at no charge to the Cotuit Mosquito Yacht Club and other clubs who use Optis in the sailing instruction programs. We are extremely grateful to Tricia and US One-Design for this very generous In-kind donation.

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