



WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION

FALL 2025

NOTHING BUT GOOD NEWS!

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The Wianno Sailing Foundation is so grateful to our growing group of supporters that make our work possible! This Newsletter provides highlights from last year and news about our plans for 2026!

30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA RECAP

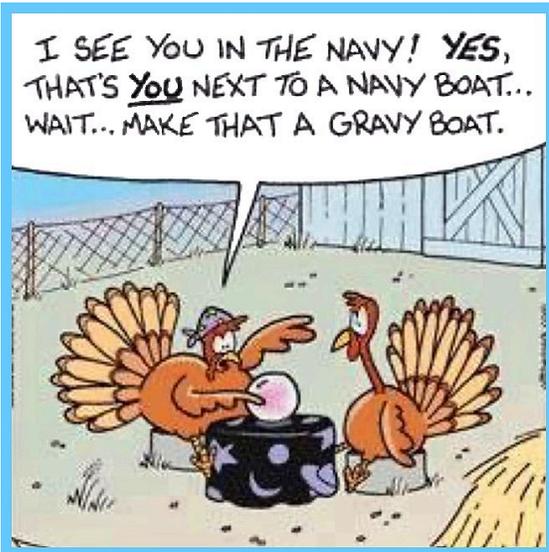
July 31st was a special night under the tent at the Wianno Yacht Club! Former Commodore Bob Gill explained the unlikely origins of the Foundation and our connection to an Americas Cup challenge. Former Commodore Michael Benoit spoke on the unique experience of sailing a Wianno Senior and the value of the Foundation’s support for the annual maintenance of “Rebel”. Commodore Megan Connor from Wild Harbor YC described how the Foundation’s grants have increased participation at Green Fleet regattas. Barnstable High School Sailing Coach Brent Jansen credited the Foundation’s *Dry Suit Loaner Program* with making it possible for disadvantaged kids to be part of their Sailing Team. An emotional highlight of the evening was a champagne toast to Bill Koch for his generosity 30 years ago which launched the Foundation. The hard work by WYC officers Bob Gill, Rick White and Nonnie Burnes were also gratefully acknowledged. Thanks to Jiggs Whigham and the Joe Delaney Trio for an evening of great jazz! This memorable evening was made possible by our Event Sponsors who are listed in this Newsletter. Check out the slideshow of the 30th Anniversary Gala [here](#). Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

This may seem early, but we are making big plans for **Thursday, August 6th** and we want you to join us! Our 2026 Summer Event will be held at The Beach Club in Centerville. Adam Cove will join us and share his remarkable adventure sailing up the west coast to Alaska in a single-handed race that he won! Don’t miss it!

"In a sailboat I become oblivious to everything else in the world" — Albert Einstein**



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
WIANNO
SAILING
FOUNDATION!**

Please include us in your year-end charitable giving.



US One-Design partners with the Wianno Sailing Foundation!

Trisha Leaver, founder of US One-Design in Yarmouth, thinks that our Foundation is making a real difference. In January she donated four (4) new Optimists to WSF. We have loaned these racing dinghies out at no cost to



the Cotuit Mosquito YC and Wequaquet Lake YC where they are needed and will be actively used in their sailing and racing programs.

In Trisha's words: *"The Wianno Sailing Foundation shares our commitment to help more people discover the joy of being on the water, and together we're able to give back in a way that truly strengthens the wider sailing community. Through this partnership, our support reaches high school sailing teams, community sailing programs, yacht clubs, and adaptive sailing organizations, allowing US One-Design to empower more sailors, open more doors, and create a single, united force for growing the sport of sailing for generations to come."*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA SPONSORS!

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