



WIANNO SAILING FOUNDATION

# SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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## JOIN US AUGUST 6

### AN EVENING WITH ADAM COVE

Winner of the 2024 *Race to Alaska*



Adam Cove aboard *Wildcat* • Photo: Taylor Bayly

750 MILES • SINGLEHANDED • UNASSISTED

Alone in an 18-foot Marshall Sanderling catboat, Adam Cove sailed up the Inside Passage from Port Townsend, Washington to Ketchikan, Alaska — no engine, no support, no second chances. Join us as he shares the story of his record-setting victory aboard *Wildcat*: tide rips, gale-force squalls, shift-sleeping, and the route-craft that beat boats twice his size.

#### DATE

#### VENUE

#### SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug 6   The Beach Club   6:00 Cocktails   6:45 Presentation  
Centerville, MA

## Purchase Tickets & Sponsorships

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## SUPPORT THE MISSION

### Make Sailing Possible

For over 30 years, the Wianno Sailing Foundation has introduced new sailors to the water, strengthened competitive and recreational sailing, and promoted sportsmanship — expanding access to the sport for all ages and abilities.

#### FOUNDATION-SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

- ◆ **Green Fleet** sailing tuition support
- ◆ **Youth dry-suit** loaner programs
- ◆ **Adaptive sailing** access across Cape Cod & the Islands
- ◆ **Preservation** of a Wianno Senior sailboat for community sailing

## WELCOME, ALLISON PELLEGRINO!



The Wianno Sailing Foundation is delighted to welcome Allison Pellegrino to its Board of Directors. A longtime resident of Osterville, Allison served as Commodore of the Wianno Yacht Club and continues to serve on its board today, bringing the Foundation a current, on-the-ground perspective of the local sailing scene along with real club management experience. Sailing runs in the family — all three of her children came up through the WYC junior sailing program, and one son later spent four years on the club's staff. Beyond the harbor, Allison has spent twelve years as a trustee of the Winsor School — including a term as board chair — and previously served as a trustee of the Dexter Southfield School.

## ANOTHER SAILOR, SUITED UP

When the coach of the Sandwich High School Sailing Program reached out to ask whether the Foundation could help outfit one more sailor for cold-weather racing, the Wianno Sailing Foundation said yes — and got to work. Within two weeks, a new dry suit was delivered and a Sandwich High sailor was back on the water.

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## GREEN FLEET SAILS FOR FREE

One of the Wianno Sailing Foundation's signature initiatives is our sponsorship of Green Fleet sailors. So what does that mean, exactly?

"Green Fleet" is the designation for inexperienced, novice sailors signing up for an Optimist (pram) regatta — as distinct from the Red, White and Blue Fleets, which group more experienced sailors by age. At select Opti regattas, the Foundation arranges with the host yacht club to cover the registration cost for every Green Fleet sailor, making it easier for families to sign up and encouraging more young sailors to get out on the water and give it a try.

Once again this summer, Green Fleet sailors will race for FREE at Barnstable Yacht Club, Stone Horse Yacht Club, Wequaquet Lake Yacht Club, Wianno Yacht Club, and Wild Harbor's Unkie Regattas.





## BACK ON THE WATER, THANKS TO YOU

Grants from the Wianno Sailing Foundation to Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB) from 2024 to 2026 are already changing lives on the water. Recent grants from the WSF allowed a local welder to rebuild PBCB's Hoyer lift, critical to giving adaptive sailors access to the water, and this season's first adaptive sail launched soon after with the lift performing exactly as hoped.

Among the sailors back on the water: John Andres, a lifelong sailor who lost the function of his lower limbs later in life, spent two hours sailing with his cousin Bill and PBCB's Adaptive Program Director, Jeff Primeau — one of many lives the Foundation's donors touch directly through this partnership. Earlier grants have modified the steering on PBCB's catboat, *Wildcat*, for sailors with disabilities and kept the Flying Scot fleet on the water with replacement masts and tillers, allowing the program to safely welcome even more adaptive participants this season.

### ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

*The Wianno Sailing Foundation Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that promotes sailing education and supports programs that advance competitive and recreational sailing.*



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