



COMMUNITY BOATING CENTER
INDIA POINT PARK, PROVIDENCE

Community Boating Center Request for Support – RS Zest Sailboats

Dear Sailing Friends:

Please consider this request from Community Boating Center (CBC) to join our Giving Circle in support of the purchase of new RS Zest sailboats that is vital to the success of our mission.

The mission of the CBC is to provide instruction and access to recreational sailing and boating for all, with an emphasis on children, without regard to financial situation. We do so by providing programs to build self-esteem, broaden horizons, and advance environmental awareness. CBC nurtures a true sense of community in which the diversity of the urban environment is respected and encouraged. CBC's youth programs address three community goals: (1) provide more safe, structured activities for low and moderate-income urban youth, to foster their healthy social development, (2) address low educational attainment, especially in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects, and (3) bridge the skills gap between education and workplace.

Since 1994, CBC has put thousands of youth on the water, most with no previous connection to the Bay. Our programs are growing faster than ever and a safe and reliable fleet is critical to our success. Each year, our youth outreach, camps and STEM sailing program serve over 2,000 youth. The boats needed to update our fleet are used daily during inner-city youth outreach programs, which we offer in partnership with groups like the Providence Boys & Girls Clubs, Providence After School Alliance, charter schools, and others. Over 50% of youth served are low-income and 88% are minority. In 2015 CBC was named the first national "Center of Excellence" in an award to US Sailing's Reach STEM initiative. Additionally, CBC received the 2015 Captain Joe Prosser Award for "Excellence in Sailing Instruction", the US Sailing Training Committee's highest National organizational award.

Due to tremendous growth and diverse instructional needs, we hope to build upon our fleet with RS Zests. The RS Zest is ideal for CBC's out-of-school STEM programs. However, our core social venture business also relies on having a varied fleet for youth and adults to drive revenue to support our programs. On the heels of our busiest season ever, and in anticipation of delivering safe, educational out-of-school programs for more youth than ever, we respectfully request your support toward the purchase of new RS Zest sailboats at a total price of \$6,000 each.

We hope you will support our mission – and the youth and families we serve – with a donation this year. If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to schedule a tour, please call me at (401) 454-7245 (SAIL), or email at johnof@communityboating.com. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cheers,

John O'Flaherty
Executive Director
Community Boating Center



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RS Zest

The RS Zest is a brand new compact boat that delivers more crew space, practical features, and the stability of a much larger boat. Easy to single hand, with room for 2-3, the RS Zest is an ideal solution for camps, club programs, and families. RS Sailing has taken customer feedback and everything that they have learned building roto-molded boats, and put it all together to create the RS Zest. Roto-molded polyethylene construction makes the RS Zest almost maintenance free – this is a boat to get kids & adults onto the water and into the wonderful world of sailing – no hassle – no end to the fun.



Our Need

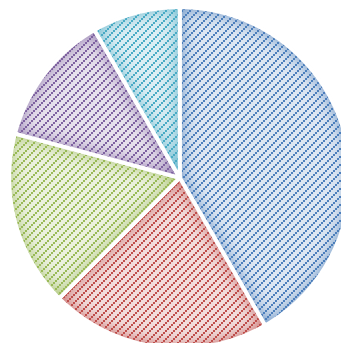
One Boat - \$6,000 ea.

Join our Giving Circle today:

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- Hull - \$2.5K
- Spars - \$1.25K
- Rigging - \$1K
- Sails - \$750
- Blades - \$500