



Put-in-Bay Community Swim and Sail

2025 Annual Report

Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to providing instruction and training to children, teenagers and adults for the purpose of improving and developing their capabilities in the areas of swimming, sailing and water safety.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends of Put-in-Bay Community Swim and Sail,

In 2025, Put-in-Bay Community Swim and Sail made several key decisions to support the long-term success of our programs and enhance the safety, experience, and learning environment for our participants.

These efforts included:

- **Created a new Swimming Director position** to mirror the established Sailing Director role, allowing for stronger program oversight and continued development of our swim curriculum.
- **Secured an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant** to purchase new safety boats for our sailing program. While supply chain delays prevented delivery this season, this investment remains a critical step forward for safety on the water.
- **Supported the return of the AYC Carson Cup Regatta to PIBYC**, helping bring high-level racing opportunities back to the island.

Expanded Leadership

This year marked meaningful growth in leadership. We welcomed Madeline Pugh as Swim Director as our swim program continues to expand, while Colleen remains a dedicated and hands-on leader for sailing.

We were fortunate to have many familiar instructors return, along with the addition of talented new coaches. From our directors to our instructors and board, we remain committed to providing a high-quality experience for every swimmer and sailor.

2025 in Review

One of our ongoing goals is to ensure the skills our kids develop—both technical and personal—build confidence and a lifelong connection to the water. Year after year, we see participants carry this beyond the summer program into club sailing, high school teams, and competitive racing. We're proud to play even a small role in those journeys.

Our 2025 Summer program ran from June 9 through July 11 and welcomed 81 participants. Sailing classes included SOS, Beginner, Intermediate, Adventure Sail, and Race Team, while swim lessons followed the Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program (Levels 1–6) along with Level 7 endurance. Weekly lake days remained a highlight, with Levels 6 and 7 combining for Lake Adventure to build open-water confidence.

Adventure Sail continued to evolve under Bobby Durkin's leadership, supported by our island sailing community. Sailors gained exposure to a variety of boats, and we're excited to continue expanding those opportunities next season.

Our Race Team had an active season, traveling to regattas across the region and competing in the I-LYA Junior Championships (Jr. Bay) hosted at PIBYC.

This season also marked an exciting milestone as the AYC Carson Cup Regatta returned to PIBYC after many years. With strong leadership from Brandy Marriott and support from PIBCSS in planning efforts, the event created new opportunities for our sailors to compete on home waters—including seven Opti sailors and new C420 teams stepping into competition for the first time. Ava Fiorilli and Jack Calfee were awarded the Thomas F. Carson Sailing Trophy, Grace Herlensky earned the Perrysburg Boat Club Most Improved Award in her first regatta, and Chelsea Clark and Molly Dunfee received the Blue Gavel District IX Sportsmanship Trophy.

We concluded the season with Rider Myers earning 6th Overall in the I-LYA Junior Traveler's Series for ILCA.

Fundraising

Fundraising continues to play a critical role in keeping the program accessible while supporting equipment, safety needs, and instructor wages.

The defining story of 2025 was the momentum behind our Safe Waters Campaign and the incredible support behind it. After receiving a \$20,000 ODNR Boating Education Grant, we placed a deposit on a new safety RIB.

Unexpected international shipping delays created uncertainty heading into the season, but our community stepped up. Gina Trebilcock and The Foundry Community loaned us a BRIG RIB, and Rob Kihlstrom provided a Walker Bay Genesis RIB—ensuring we had a full safety fleet for the summer.

With continued support from donors and partners - including a \$5,000 donation from the PIB Recreation Committee (2025 donation) and \$3,500 from the Lake Erie Islands Browns Backers (2026 donation) - we now have a new Highfield CL420 fully paid for and ready for the 2026 season.

We are incredibly grateful to Erie Marine and the Ammerman family for their continued partnership and support.

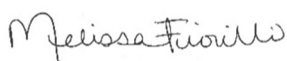
The 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner raised a record \$8,371. Additional support from the Race Team 50/50 raffle, Yacht Club ice cream sales, and the Kroger Rewards Program helped offset program costs and support future improvements.

Thank You for Your Support

This season truly took a village—or as we like to say, an island. PIBCSS is supported not only by a dedicated board, but by families, volunteers, donors, and community members who believe in what this program provides for our kids.

We're excited to continue building on this momentum and welcome even more involvement in the seasons ahead. Thank you for your continued support.

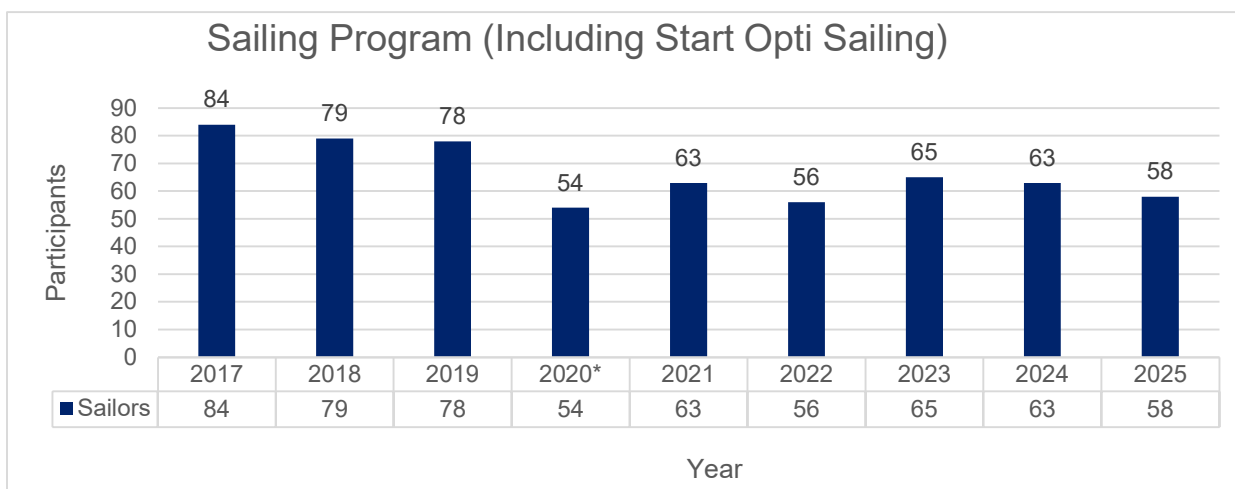
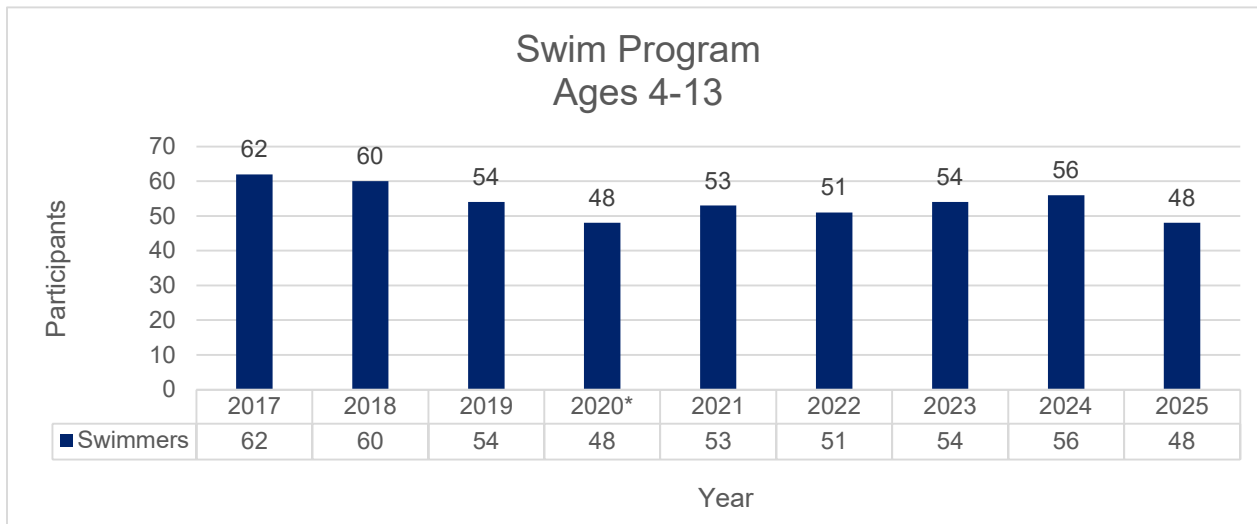
With Appreciation,



Melissa Fiorilli, 2025-2026 President

Program Highlights of 2025

Participation at a Glance



* In 2020, due to the COVID-19 protocols, we had to limit the number of participants and we did not offer Start Opti Sailing.

Swim Program Highlights

Swim classes are offered to children four years of age and older. Classes are offered, Monday through Thursday, for five weeks and follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim curriculum. Levels 1-7 swim Monday thru Thursday in the morning. Thursday classes are held at the State Park for lake swim.

Many teens continue swimming to stay in shape for high school teams and/or to prepare for additional water safety or lifeguarding courses.

This year, we added a Swim Director & Lead Instructor. By creating this dedicated position, we are investing in the long-term success of the swim program and ensuring every participant receives consistent instruction, skill development, and a positive aquatic experience.



Level 1



Level 4



Level 2



Level 5



Level 3



Level 6



Level 7

Photo credit:
Madeline Pugh

Sailing Program Highlights

Our Sailing program is a 5-week summer program from mid-June to mid-July. Our experienced coaching staff provided the fundamental skills necessary for our youth to learn to sail and get comfortable with the water. The Sailing program strives to get young sailors eager to continue developing their skills. Courses are structured to maximize learning. For our race team, we are able to offer those with greater desire to compete an opportunity to advance their skill and travel to I-LYA Traveler's Series regattas within the area. In the mornings, we had Race team practice, and in the afternoon, we had our Intermediate and Beginner classes as well our new Adventure Sailing class.

This year we added a new Adventure sailing class water for enthusiasts who aren't necessarily interested in the technical or competitive sides of sailing and allowed them to continue to foster a love of sailing and other water activities in a low-pressure environment.



Start Opti Sailing – (S.O.S.) This four-day course is for 5-7-year old's that will enter the Sailing program during the following season. It emphasizes learning proper skills through skill progression—teaching the basics and progressing with small building blocks until the skill is mastered. Sailors are motivated by these small successes and will be assured that the skills are taught properly. Teamwork is also encouraged in this course, as sailors start with two to three kids per boat, eventually graduating to sailing on their own in our Camp Sailing Classes.



Beginner – The beginner class is designed for sailors aged 8 by August 1 of the current year and up, or those with minimal or no sailing experience, with a strong focus on fundamental boat handling and water safety skills. Conducted in Optimists (Optis), it builds confidence and comfort on the water while emphasizing safety, enjoyment, and essential sailing principles. Participants are paired in boats for safety and enjoyment, but may sail independently at the instructor's discretion, enhancing their immersion in the sailing experience. Sailors learn terminology, rigging, and derigging, gaining practical skills and confidence in handling wind and water dynamics, along with fundamentals like

knot tying, maneuvering, and capsiz recovery. Team-building activities, on and off the water, promote collaboration and sportsmanship, creating a supportive learning environment for both enjoyment and skill development.



sailors are introduced to racing techniques and terminology to gauge their interest in competitive sailing. The instructors and director assess each sailor's skills and progress before considering advancement to the Race Team or Adventure Sailing. While successful completion of the Intermediate Class is typically required for advancement, exceptions may be made based on individual performance and readiness.

Intermediate – In this class, sailors transition from partnered to solo sailing in Optis, learning the fundamentals of single-handed sailing. Progressing from beginner to intermediate levels, students receive personalized instruction in sail trim, body positioning, tiller use, and essential maneuvers like tacking, gybing, and self-rescue. Our supportive environment encourages camaraderie and teamwork as students advance to larger, more technical boats like double-handed 420s or single-handed Lasers. They learn rigging, basic boat handling, seamanship, and rules of the road, with opportunities to explore advanced techniques such as trapeze use and spinnaker handling. Throughout the class,



love the water and enjoy experiencing it in various ways.

Adventure Sailing – Adventure Sailing is perfect for individuals 12 and older with at least 3 years of sailing experience. This class is also ideal for those eager to reconnect with their love of the water. This class is designed for water enthusiasts who aren't necessarily interested in the technical or competitive sides of sailing. Adventure Sailing introduces participants to a variety of boats including Optis, 420s, Lasers, Hobies, kayaks, paddle boards, and more, with the aim of exploring local points of interest around Put-in-Bay and surrounding islands. The goal of this class is to continue to foster a love of sailing and other water activities in a low-pressure environment. Perfect for those who



Race Team - Race Team is our competitive junior sailing group, focusing on racing skills, strategies, and techniques. They have the opportunity to compete off-island against other clubs in the Inter-Lake Yachting Association (I-LYA) through the Junior Traveler Series. Racing takes place in Optis, Lasers, and 420s. While there's no age requirement for joining, sailors must have at least two years of sailing experience. Participation in off-island regattas is at the discretion of our instructors. Well-qualified sailors who are old enough may compete in Junior Bay Week, the season's culminating regatta, which is hosted at our very own Put-in-Bay Yacht Club.

2025 I-LYA 69th Annual Junior Championships

7/13/2025 – 7/17/2025

I-LYA Junior Championship Week – Team PIBCSS and Put-in-Bay Yacht Club had 9 sailors represent our program and club at the Inter-Lake Yachting Association’s Junior Championships. This event is held each year at our home club, and we were proud to send 2 c420 teams and 5 laser radial sailors to compete in a very competitive four days of racing. They won 2nd place in the skit icebreaker event!

A week filled with fun, camaraderie, education, sportsmanship and sailboat racing!



Participants:

Laser radial: Grant Dunfee, Evan Tigges, Rider Myers, Jack Calfee, Beckham Marriott

c420: Molly Dunfee and Chelsea Clark, and Logan Thidemann and Ava Fiorilli

Photo credit: Tina Myers

2025 Award Recipients:

Swimming Awards:

Sailing Awards:

Level 1	Ben Bolyard
Level 2	Autumn Niese
Level 3	Nadine Saunders
Level 4	Skyler Stoiber
Level 5	Killian Thidemann
Level 6	Norah Blumensaadt
Level 7	Emma Jurkawicz

Beginner	Killian Thidemann
Intermediate	Penelope Harold
Adventure	Addison Dress
Race Team	Beckham Marriott



Danny Drake Swim Award (Excellence & Dedication to Swimming) – Kalix Parker

PIBYC Sailing Perpetual Awards:



The Ballast Island Trophy in memory of Ken Gardner – Grant Dunfee



Cheryl Cody Award (Most Improved Advanced Sailor) – Jack Calfee



Helen Davis Memorial Award (Most Helpful Sailor) – Chelsea Clark

Photo Credit: Marilyn Paselsky

Equipment and Capital Plan

Our current boat fleet consists of 10 c420s, 19 Optimists, 4 Lasers, 1 Thistle, a Highfield CL 380 (12'6" length) and a number of trailers.

Safety remains our top priority. Our safety boats are essential to our program and maintaining a reliable fleet is paramount. But aging equipment and rising maintenance costs have made day-to-day operations more challenging. Over the last several years, we have taken significant steps to address these needs with some much-needed fiberglass repair to a number of our c420s and Lasers. After selling some of our power boats in the fall of 2024, we are in the process of rebuilding our powerboat fleet.

2025 was the first year we were granted a Boating Safety Education Grant by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft. Grant money is restricted for use to establish, develop, expand, maintain and promote boating safety programs. Funds from this grant were allocated to our Safe Water Campaign. We were able to use the funds to put a deposit toward the purchase of a Highfield CL420, Mercury 50HP motor.

2025 was a challenging year due to circumstances beyond our control. Safety boats that we had ordered for the 2025 season were delayed due to the ongoing international tariff dispute and we had to pivot to temporary safety boat solutions for the season. The community stepped up and we were able to provide safety on the water for our classes and regattas.

The Safe Waters Campaign was a focus for 2025. It is a \$50,000 capital initiative to upgrade and maintain a fleet that supports not just safety boats but the overall safety of our programs and participants.

Our longer-term plan includes purchasing another Highfield boat to be used as a Junior Instructor boat (grant dependent) and another new Highfield (11' RIB) to replace the 16' Whaler we disposed in 2024.

In the future, we also plan to fundraise for specific equipment purchases. In 2025, we held a 50/50 raffle in order to raise funds to purchase a new ILCA 6 race sail that was used during the I-LYA Junior Bay Championships.

We continue to reinforce our commitment to long-term safety on the water. We have a commitment to ensure that every swimmer and sailor can train, learn, and compete in a safe and supportive environment.



2025 Leadership & Staff

Officers and Advisory Board members are elected at the end of summer meeting and serve until the next end of summer meeting. This is the leadership staff as of December 31, 2025.

Voting Board Members:	
President:	Melissa Fiorilli
Vice President:	Jill Ammerman
Treasurer:	Tina Myers
Secretary:	Courtney Blumensaadt
At (not so very) Large:	Jason Paquet
At (not so very) Large:	Corlee Wisiewski

Advisory Board Members:	
Krista Calfee	Caroline Zerby

Staff:	
Colleen Mooney	Sail Director
Martin Gwozdz	Sailing Instructor
Lily Schwartz	Sailing Instructor
Robert Durkin	Sailing Instructor
Jack Calfee	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Jacob Myers	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Ava Fiorilli	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Madeline Pugh	Swim Director, Lead Instructor
Teagan Kowalski	Swim Instructor
Emma Michael	Swim Instructor
Britain Marriott	Swim Instructor



Colleen Mooney hails from Cleveland but has been a summer resident of Put-in-Bay all her life. She and her family have been involved with PIBYC and I-LYA for decades. Colleen learned to swim and sail through PIBYC/PIBCSS programs, and eventually spent many summers teaching sailing for PIBCSS, as well. A passionate water enthusiast, Colleen loves to swim and sail and continues to race competitively when she can. This was her 3rd summer with us as Sailing Director!

In her own words: I am very excited for the summer swimming and sailing season to begin! I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting many new ones. We have a wonderful team of instructors who are eager to pass their knowledge on to the next generations and nurture their love of these sports and this Great Lake. Our ultimate goal is to teach kids to appreciate and respect the water around them, while they develop their skills and learn valuable lessons.



Madeline Pugh is a lifelong island resident and passionate educator. Madeline brings a strong background in child development, inclusive education, and creating safe, engaging learning environments. After being a part of the Put-in-Bay Swim/Sail program for many years growing up, as both a swimmer and sailor, she brings her experience with the program along with her love for the water to the program completing her first year as our swim director.

In her own words: I am eager to get rolling with my second season after a very successful first season. I have a passion for making sure all kiddos know how to swim and have the ability to save themselves and others in any situation they may come across. I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and adding some new ones to the program too. I love seeing the progress all learners make throughout the program from some students just learning to get in the water to others perfecting their skills. I look forward to guiding my team of instructors through another great year in the program!

2025 Fundraising Highlights:

Fundraising remains a vital part of sustaining our programs each year. The annual spaghetti dinner continues to be our most successful fundraising event, bringing together our community for an evening of good food and generous support. In addition to event proceeds, we rely heavily on donations from families, local businesses, and friends of the program to help cover expenses and invest in the safety and quality of our program. These contributions are essential for maintaining our equipment, supporting our administrative expenses and ensuring that every participant can benefit from a safe and enriching experience in and on the water.

We also held a 50/50 raffle at one of the PIBYC Thursday Dick's Burger Nights! The proceeds from this were used to purchase a new ILCA 6 race sail set to be used during the 2025 I-LYA Junior Championship.

Event Name	Receipts	Expenses	2025 Net
Spaghetti Dinner	\$8,371	\$327	\$8,044
50/50 Raffle	\$565	-	\$565
Ice Cream Sales	\$389	-	\$389
Total	\$9,325	\$327	\$ 8,998



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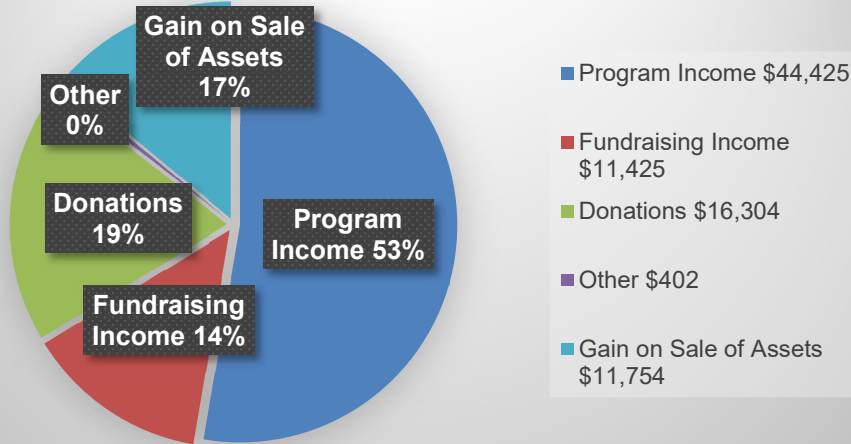
Financial Highlights of 2025

Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail is a charitable tax-exempt non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The information below represents a summary of the operations for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 and is based on management-prepared financial statements that have not been reviewed or audited by an independent certified public accountant. Financial highlights reflect the operations in the same manner as reported on the organization's Federal Income Tax Return. For Federal Income Tax purposes, we expense the cost of certain types of assets in accordance with IRC Section 179 and current bonus depreciation rules and this is reflected in depreciation. Although we have net losses for 2025 and 2024, it is mainly due to a non-cash expense (depreciation). We are on sound footing with designated funds for future equipment purchases.

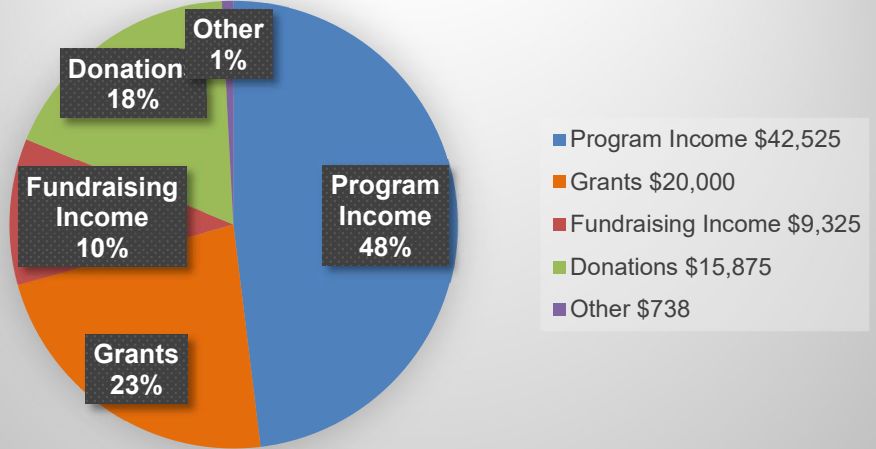
2024		2025	
Assets:		Assets:	
Cash in Bank	\$ 34,098	Cash in Bank	\$ 49,225
Property & Equipment	\$ 131,094	Property & Equipment	\$ 129,994
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$ 114,911)</u>	Accumulated Depreciation	(\$ 119,221)
		Other Assets	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$50,268</u>	Total Assets	<u>\$70,498</u>
Liabilities		Liabilities	
Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>
		Temporarily Restricted Net Assets (Note 1)	\$ 16,050
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 50,268</u>	Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 54,448</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$50,268</u>	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$70,498</u>

Note 1: Temporarily Restricted Net Assets consist of the remaining amount from the 2025 ONDR grant as well as funds designated for the Safe Water Campaign.

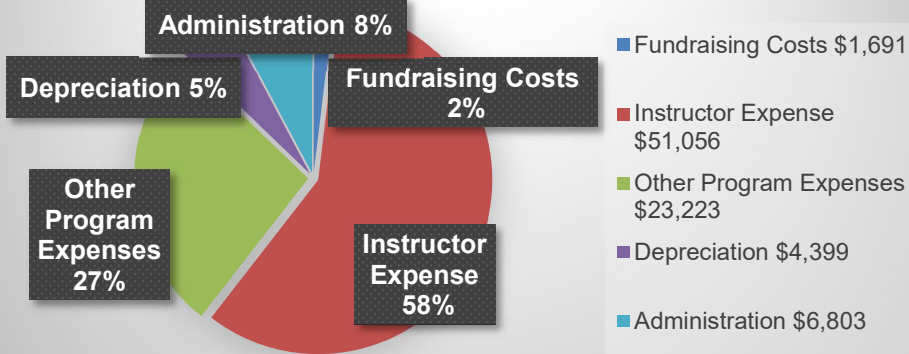
2024 Revenues: \$84,310



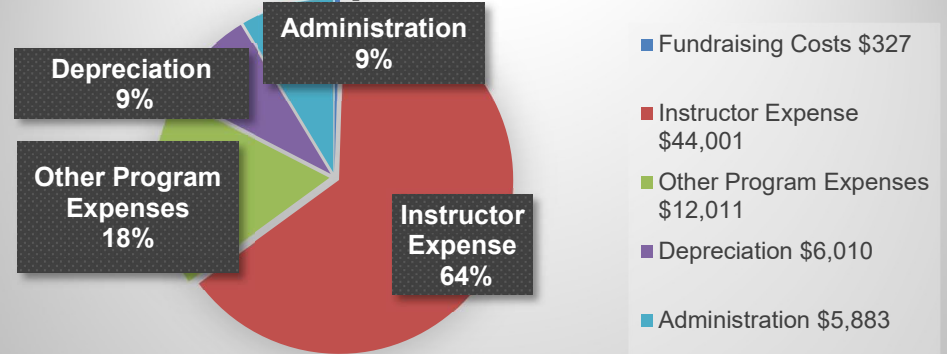
2025 Revenues: \$88,463



2024 Expenses: \$87,172



2025 Expenses: \$68,232



2024 Net Loss: (\$2,862)

2025 Net Income: \$20,231

Giving in 2025

The Put-in-Bay Community Swim/Sail Program relies on donors to provide operating funds to survive and thrive. Financial donations from families and businesses help keep the costs of the program affordable, assist with paying highly qualified instructors, support our youth as they develop in the program, and help maintain the fleet and equipment. We appreciate all support provided to help sustain this fulfilling program and promote a safe and exciting love for the lake among our youth!

Gold Sponsors

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2025 Safe Water Campaign

Safety remains our top priority. Our safety boats are essential to our program, but aging equipment and rising maintenance costs have made day-to-day operations more challenging. In 2024, we took a significant step by purchasing a new Highfield RIB and selling the outdated safety boat fleet to help fund this next phase. We secured a \$20,000 ODNR Boating Education grant—but we still had a goal to raise an additional \$50,000 throughout 2025 to round out our fleet and maintain the highest standards for the program.



That's why in 2025, we launched our Safe Water Campaign, a \$50,000 capital initiative to upgrade and maintain a fleet that supports not just safety boats but the overall safety of our programs and participants.

The Safe Waters Campaign is an investment in the future, ensuring that every swimmer and sailor can continue to learn, grow, and explore safely.

New RIB safety boats are at the heart of this campaign, funds raised support a comprehensive safety initiative that ensures the long-term success of our current and future program offerings.

Additional Goals:

- Training for instructors and staff to ensure best safety practices
- Fleet maintenance and upkeep to sustain program longevity
- Upgrades, maintenance, or additions to our fleet of 420s, Optis, and Lasers
- Future purchases to support the Adventure Sail class



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In-kind Donations

We are grateful to the many volunteers, donors, grantors and businesspeople who have donated their time, skills, and labor to help. We recognize that many individuals and local businesses have donated goods for use as raffle ticket prizes, various fundraiser prizes, food for fundraising/social events and many parents have donated time and skills to help continue to make this program a success. Unfortunately, they are too numerous to name individually. Please accept our gratitude for your continued generous support!

In particular, we'd like to express our gratitude to The Foundry & PIBYC member Mike & Gina Trebilcock and Islander Rob Kihlstrom for providing us with the use of their power boats as safety boats for the 2025 season! You allowed us to continue providing a robust program.

We love our volunteers!

Thank you!

If you would like to learn more about Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail and ways in which you or your organization can support our mission, please contact us.