



Put-in-Bay Community

Swim and Sail

2024 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 2023-2024 PRESIDENT



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

Together, we celebrated 75 Years of Swim Sail! Our memorable 2024 Summer Swimming & Sailing program unfolded from June 10th to July 12th with 86 individuals diving and sailing into new adventures. Offering five distinct classes—SOS, Beginner, Intermediate, Adventure Sail, and Race Team—our sailors navigated the waters with burgeoning confidence and finesse, acquiring invaluable skills along the way.

For the Race Team, there were opportunities to travel to I-LYA events around the area to race. Regattas were held at North Cape Yacht Club, Edgewater Yacht Club, Cleveland Yacht Club, Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, Port Clinton Yacht Club, and Hoover Sailing Club. We saw our race team participants be very competitive in the Traveler's Series. In addition, we competed at the Carson Cup at Jolly Roger Sailing Club. Our active season concluded with eleven sailors participating in the I-LYA 68th Annual Junior Championships.

It was exciting to introduce a new class opportunity, Adventure Sail! The inaugural class saw nine sailors experience sailing on a wide variety of boats, sharpening their skills and learning to handle new boats. We are incredibly grateful to our community of seasoned adult sailors who freely dedicated their time, their boats, and their passion for sailing to this class. We attained the goal of keeping kids on sailboats, who enjoy sailing and being on the water without a focus on racing.

We strive to keep tuition costs low with generous financial support from local businesses, the PIB Recreation Committee, island families, countless volunteer hours, and our fundraising activities. Class tuition pays for instructor labor, and fundraising covers capital equipment and maintenance – so we count on your donations to balance the budget. Our community came together to enjoy the 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser event, which has expanded into our largest event of the summer. The success of this fundraiser is a crucial component to program accessibility for all who want to participate, as well as capital equipment and maintenance needs. With your direct financial support, we began investing in our safety boat fleet to enhance the safety and efficiency for the program. The board is hard at work with grant research and developing a capital campaign to continue investing in the safety fleet.

As I look forward to our 2025 season, the opportunity to provide more memorable and rewarding experiences for our sailors and swimmers spurs our commitment to the PIBCSS mission. I know our program is in the best hands and appreciate the dedication of the Board.

Thank you to the volunteers and financial donors who make this program so successful every year.

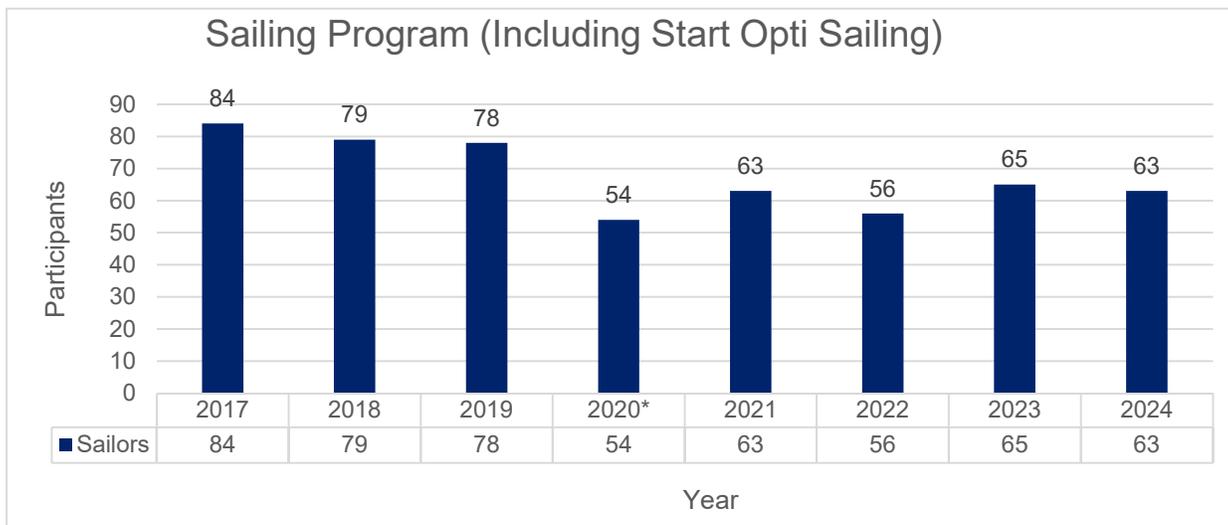
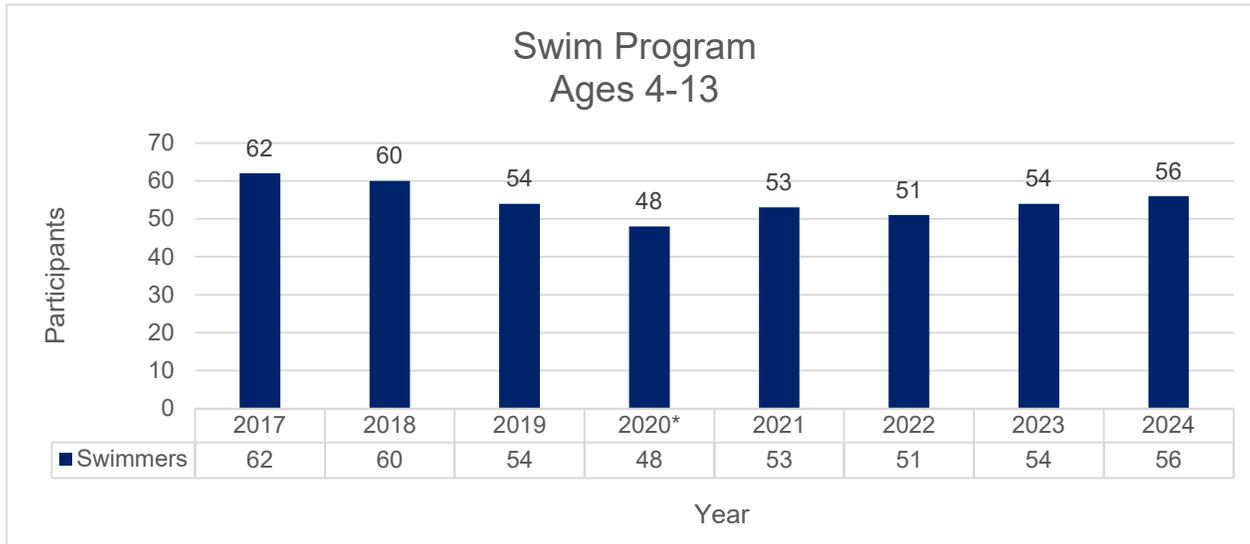
With Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandy Marriott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brandy Marriott, President

Program Highlights of 2024

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 1-5 swim Monday thru Thursday in the morning. Thursday classes are held at the State Park for lake swim. Endurance Swim (Levels 6 & up) held swim classes on Monday & Wednesday and had Friday Lake Adventure class.

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



Level 1



Level 4



Level 2



Level 5



Level 3



Level 6



Photo credit:
Madeline Pugh

Level 7

Lake Adventure Swim

Fridays we had the Lake Adventure Class for ages 12+.



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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 olds 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.



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,

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.



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

love the water and enjoy experiencing it in various ways.



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.

2024 I-LYA 68th Annual Junior Championships

7/14/2024 – 7/18/2024

I-LYA Junior Championship Week – Team PIBCSS and Put-in-Bay Yacht Club had 11 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 3 c420 teams and 4 laser radial sailors and 1 laser 4.7 sailor to compete in a very competitive four days of racing. They won 1st place in the skit icebreaker event!

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



Participants:

Laser radial: Grant Dunfee, Evan Tigges, Jacob Myers, Rider Myers

Laser 4.7: Beckham Marriott

c420: Jack Calfee and Molly Dunfee, Mia Hristovski and Ava Heineman, and Logan Thidemann and Beibhinn Thidemann



Photo credit: Tina Myers

2024 Award Recipients:

Swimming Awards:

Sailing Awards:

Level 1	Grayson Koch	Beginner	Nora Blumensaadt
Level 2	Autumn Niese	Intermediate	Melody O' Donnell
Level 3	Owen Woischke	Adventure	Bert Ammerman
Level 4	Emma Jurkiewicz	Race Team	Rider Myers
Level 5	Paige Horvath		
Level 6	Andrea Lopez		
Level 7	Nic Fiorilli		



Danny Drake Swim Award (Excellence & Dedication to Swimming) – Melody O' Donnell

PIBYC Sailing Perpetual Awards:



Cheryl Cody Award (Most Improved Advanced Sailor) – Ava Fiorilli



Helen Davis Memorial Award (Most Helpful Sailor) – Molly Dunfee



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

Photo Credit: Marilyn Paselsky

2024 Fundraising Highlights:

Event Name	Receipts	Expenses	2024 Net
Spaghetti Dinner	\$7,157	\$692	\$6,465
Spring Raffle	\$3,750	\$999	\$2,751
50/50 raffle	\$518		\$518
Total	\$ 11,425	\$1,691	\$ 9,734



Photo credit: Tina Myers

Equipment and Capital Plan

Our current boat fleet consists of 10 c420s, 19 Optimists, 4 Lasers, 1 Thistle, 1 Lightning Sailboat and a number of trailers. At the beginning of the season, we had 4 Boston Whalers that our instructors used while out on the water with the various classes.

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 past year, we have taken significant steps to address these needs by investing in fiberglass work to 3 of our Boston Whalers as well as some much-needed fiberglass repair to a number of our c420s and Lasers. Unfortunately, we had to scrap one of our safety power boats (Baby Blue) due to the inability to operate it safely on the water.

We also purchased a new Highfield CL 380 (12'6" length) at the beginning of the season. This is a RIB boat that is ideal for overseeing dingy boat sailors.

We ended the season with a decision to sell 3 of our Boston Whaler power boats and to eventually rebuild our power boat fleet.

We have a commitment to ensure that every swimmer and sailor can train, learn, and compete in a safe and supportive environment. As we look to the future, we continue to reinforce our commitment to long-term safety on the water. In 2025, we are launching our Safe Waters Campaign to build on our progress we made in 2024.

The Safe Waters Campaign will be our focus for 2025 and will build a fleet for the future. 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.





Gill - our 13' Boston Whaler that we sold in 2024



"Merica - our 13' Boston Whaler that we sold in 2024



Our new Highfield CL360 purchased in 2024



Betty - our 16' Boston Whaler that we sold in 2024

2024 Leadership & Staff

Officers and Advisory Board members are elected at the end of summer meeting and serve until the next end of summer meeting.

Voting Board Members:	
President:	Brandy Marriott
Vice President:	Melissa Fiorilli
Treasurer:	Tina Myers
Secretary:	Jill Ammerman
At (not so very) Large:	Colleen Clark
At (not so very) Large:	Lynn Kezur
At (not so very) Large:	Courtney Blumensaadt
At (not so very) Large:	Jason Paquet

Advisory Board Members:	
Krista Calfee	
Caroline Zerby	
CC Wisnewski	

Staff:	
Colleen Mooney	Director
Ridgeway Case	Sailing Instructor
Juan Campos	Sailing Instructor
Elizabeth Yang	Sailing Instructor
Grace French	Sailing Instructor
Jack Calfee	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Jacob Myers	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Rider Myers	Jr. Sailing Instructor
Taylor Smith	Swim Instructor
Teagan Kowalski	Swim Instructor
Jacob Seaman	Swim Instructor
Luke Wilkins	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.

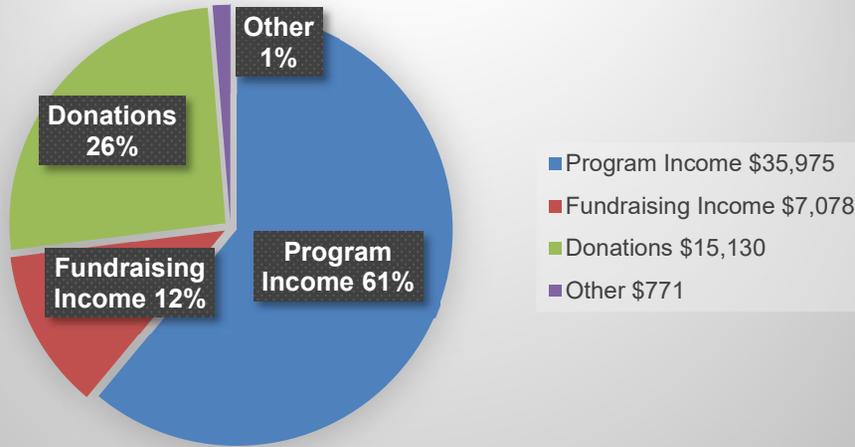
In her own words: I am very excited for the summer swimming and sailing season to begin! I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and meeting many new ones. We have a wonderful team of instructors who are eager to pass their knowledge on to the next generations and nurture their love of these sports 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.

Financial Highlights of 2024

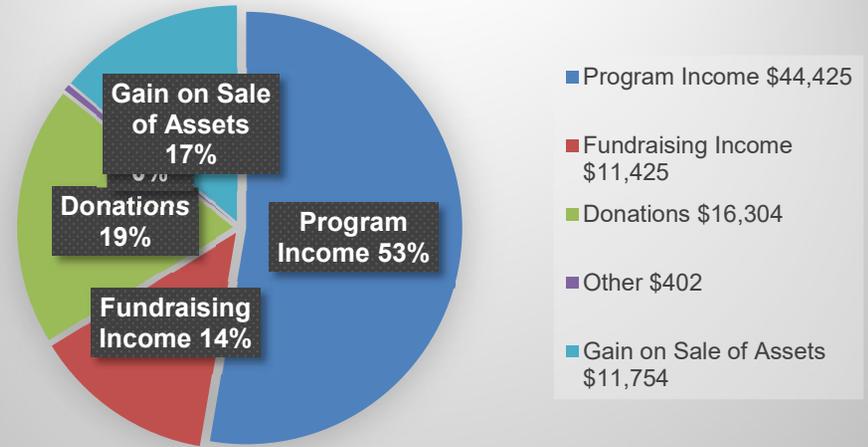
Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail is a charitable tax-exempt non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The information below represents a summary of the operations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and is based on management-prepared financial 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 2024 and 2023, it is mainly due to a non-cash expense (depreciation). We are on sound footing with designated funds for future equipment purchases.

2023		2024	
Assets:		Assets:	
Cash in Bank	\$ 50,377	Cash in Bank	\$ 34,098
Property & Equipment	\$ 152,977	Property & Equipment	\$ 131,094
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$ 150,224)</u>	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(\$ 114,911)</u>
Total Assets	\$53,130	Total Assets	\$50,268
Liabilities		Liabilities	
Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$53,130</u>	Net Assets	<u>\$50,268</u>

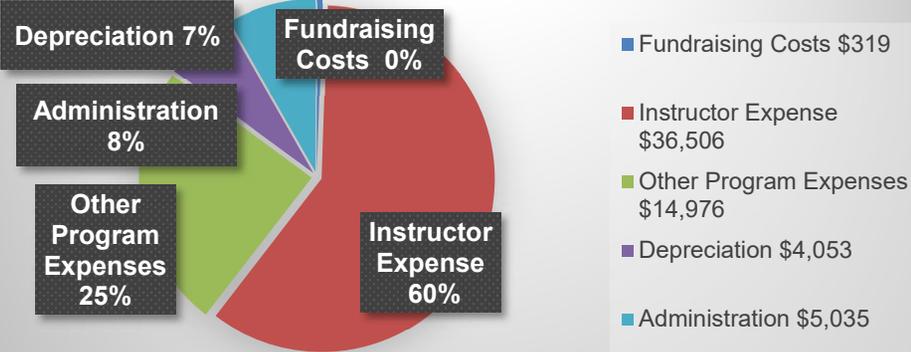
2023 Revenues: \$58,954



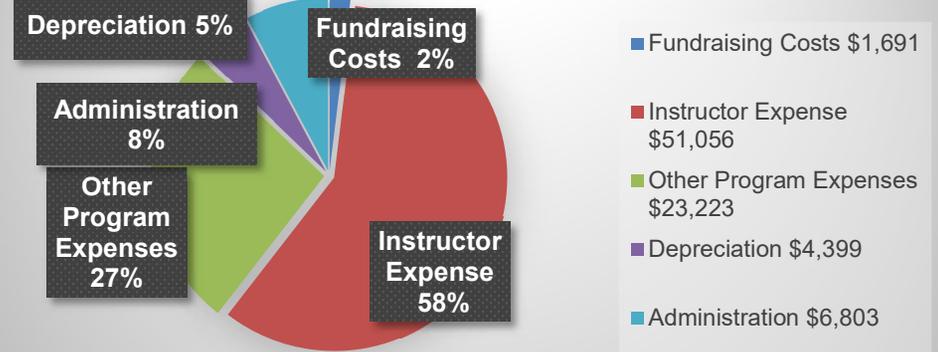
2024 Revenues: \$84,310



2023 Expenses: \$60,889



2024 Expenses: \$87,172



2023 Net Loss: \$1,935

2024 Net Loss: \$2,862

Giving in 2024

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!

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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!

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.