

OUR TIMELINE

2000

WE BEGAN

 The Center for Marine Education and Recreation at Oyster Bay (later DBA: The WaterFront Center) was incorporated and education programs began.

2001

GROWTH

 Launched the first capital campaign and bought the Oyster Bay Sailing School, Optimists, Sunfish, and coach boats.



LANDMARK

 The National Historic Landmark CHRISTEEN was acquired, and Junior Summer Programs were launched, combining sailing and marine science.



EXPANSION

 The fleet expansion campaign was a success, and eight used Sonars were purchased. Kayak rentals began.



SAILING

- Launched an open-to-the-public after-school High School Sailing program.
- The WaterFront Center serves over 10,000 program participants.



PARTNERSHIP

 Began providing free afternoon programming and summer activities for children part of the Youth and Family Counseling summer program.



EDUCATION

 Partnered with St. Dominic's Elementary School to provide in and out of the classroom STEM education throughout the school year.



GIVING BACK - VETERANS

- Veterans on Water (VOW), a free program for veterans, launched sailing aboard Sonars.
- The WaterFront Center serves over 15,000 program participants.

2016

GIVING BACK - ACCESSIBLE SAILING

 ZigZag, a free adaptive sailing program for people with cognitive and physical disabilities, launched.



HONORED

 Senator James F. Gaughran Honored WFC for service to the community in promoting water sports and safe boating.



WE'RE OPEN

- WFC acquires new launch boat ROUGH RIDER
- The Covid-19 Pandemic hit, and WFC successfully pivoted programming online and on the water to provide a space for the community to learn and play when most all activities were closed.



CHRISTEEN

- A new mast is completed and fitted on
 CHRISTEEN
- TOB Supervisor Joseph S. Saladino recognizes CHRISTEEN's National Historic Landmark registration with a sign in the park & celebration



GROWTH

 WFC continues to serve over 20,00 people from the tri-state area and beyond through marine science and sailing education and recreation.



THE FUTURE

 WFC looks forward to sailing the Oyster dredge IDA MAY, the replica of the boat that used to dredge for shellfish in the 1920s around Oyster Bay Harbor.





A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We thank our financial supporters, customers, volunteers, and stakeholders for contributing to our success. With you, The WaterFront Center can fulfill its mission. It takes great effort to raise funds yearly to support operations – about 25% of our budget. This allows us to keep programs affordable, provide scholarships and make West Harbor accessible to the broadest possible audience. We raise money through the Annual Fund, LOG, Annual Benefit Party, and Benefit Regatta. We thank every person and organization who has participated in these appeals.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we enter our 24th year of service to the community, it is with gratitude that we reflect on the dedication and passion of those who came before us, elected officials and private citizens alike, who had the passion and commitment to drive forward a public-private partnership. The WaterFront Center was founded with the focused mission to connect people to the water through education and recreation. It is a simple yet powerful mission that drives everything we do daily. In executing this mission, we are proud that we serve more than 20,000 people annually.

The WaterFront Center is thriving in many ways. With each new season, we continue to reach new people, many of whom never had the chance to paddle through the water on a kayak, explore the marshes along the edge of West Harbor, or experience the wonder of a sailboat moving peacefully through the water. Our marine education activities are enjoyed by young and old alike. They may include seining the tideline at Beekman Beach or experiencing the touch tank during a Marine Exploration sail aboard our 1883 Oyster Sloop, CHRISTEEN, a National Historic Vessel. We continue to offer needs-based programming to our community, often working closely with other organizations that do the same. We continue to provide free sailing to the disabled community through our Zig Zag program and honor our nation's veterans in the same way with our Veterans on the Water program.

New in 2023, we are proud to introduce the latest vessel in our fleet, the IDA MAY. Commissioned and constructed by the CHRISTEEN Oyster Sloop Preservation Corp., the same organization which restored CHRISTEEN from her original plans and made possible by the generosity of private donors and state grant funds, the all-wood Ida May was donated to the WFC following her launch on May 4. Built as a replica of the original IDA MAY, which was constructed in 1925 as one of the first powered oyster dredges operating in Oyster Bay, she served the Flowers Oyster Company for 75 years before her original hull was donated to the WFC. Joining CHRISTEEN, the possibilities for IDA MAY are endless as she has greater passenger capacity and range, allowing The WaterFront Center to share its marine education programming beyond the shores of Oyster Bay Harbor. We are excited to press IDA MAY into service and have no doubt that she will serve us well as the newest ambassador of both The WaterFront Center and Oyster Bay.

As The WaterFront Center approaches its 25th year, we reflect on the people who have volunteered their time and effort, believing in the mission and making a difference. On behalf of our board and staff, we thank our volunteers, past and present. We look forward to continuing the work together, dedicated to making a difference in our Oyster Bay community and beyond.



In 2000 we stood at the beginning of a new century with all the promises and ideals warranted by such an auspicious occasion. It was at this time that the vision of The WaterFront Center (WFC) became a reality on land that a prolific 20th-century industrial enterprise once occupied; the Jakobsen Shipyard complex was transformed into a 21st-century treasure, now known as the Western Waterfront.

With gratitude,

George J. Ellis Executive Director



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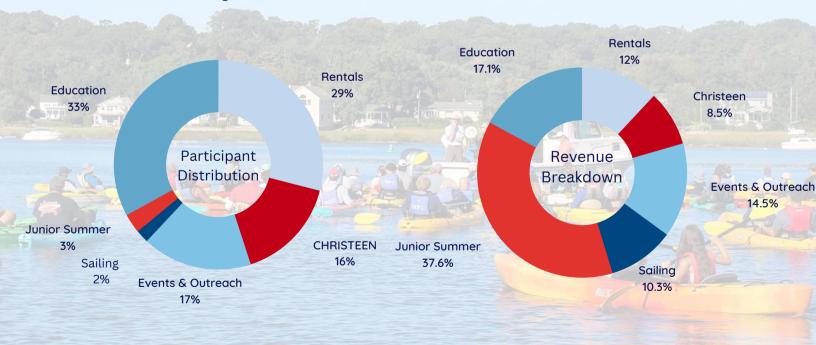
To connect people to the water through education and recreation.

The Center for Marine Education and Recreation at Oyster Bay, Inc. dba: The WaterFront Center (WFC) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization offering a diverse selection of activities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities that increase their wellbeing and appreciation of our beautiful estuary.

Establishing itself as a quality provider of marine education and recreation programs, The WaterFront Center provides marine and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education programs, beginner and advanced sailing instruction for adults and juniors, paddle and sailboat rentals, and cruises aboard the National Historic Landmark, the oyster sloop, CHRISTEEN.

With a focus on hands-on education and recreation, The WaterFront Center's programs utilize Beekman Beach, West Harbor, and the surrounding ecosystems as outdoor classrooms where learning knows no bounds.

From our signature events to our core programs, The WaterFront Center strives to build a community of environmental stewards to help ensure that Oyster Bay and beyond are available resources for future generations.



PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

Income Statement

	2022	2021	2020	2019
	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Fundraising	256,428	249,494	229,693	369,142
Sailing School	132,821	153,150	78,228	76,891
Junior Summer	274,326	329,028	144,812	323,600
Education programs	106,266	101,659	68,529	118,240
Christeen	103,329	95,574	20,636	65,903
Paddle & Sailboat Rentals	126,306	133,536	184,177	110,872
Merchandise sales	11,706	10,608		
Other revenue	2,944	52,627	28,415	(17,731)
Revenue from programs	1,014,126	1,125,676	754,490	1,046,917
(% of total income)	NA	73%	70%	89%
PPP Loan forgiveness		108,000	132,184	
Realized Gain/Loss	NA	29,749	80,750	16,678
Unrealized Gain/Loss	NA	256,705	80,619	76985
Interest and Dividends	NA	21,429	22,675	35,310
Total revenue	1,014,126	1,541,559	1,070,718	1,175,890
Payroll	965,437	793,700	513,035	701,947
Admin expenses	119,804	85,279	104,174	112,304
Program expenses	179,465	368,653	312,802	337,214
Boat related expenses	115,075	133,931	76,423	126,329
Print and Digital Media	20,245	15,379	5,789	15,718
Insurance	34,337	54,981	53,146	49,057
Total Expenses	1,434,363	1,451,923	1,065,369	1,342,569
Net Ordinary Income (Rev from prog less total expenses)	(420,238)	(326,247)	(310,879)	(295,652)

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022 - Unaudited

Cash and cash equivalents	38,895	Accounts Payable	77,899
Investments	288,670	Current liabilities	71,903
Temporarily restricted assets	792,010	Total Equity	1,620,824
Accounts receivable	36,258		
Other current assets	64,823		
Fixed assets	549,968		
Assets	1,770,625	Liabilities and Equity	1,770,625

THE WATERFRONT CENTER

Our Core Programs



Through marine discovery, marine science, and coastal ecology programs, we introduce students to local marine wildlife and foster their appreciation for and understanding of the marine environment. Our programs utilize the vast outdoor classroom surrounding our facilities, as well as hands-on activities on the beach, in the wet lab, and aboard our flagship CHRISTEEN.



As a U.S. Sailing accredited facility, The WaterFront Center offers a variety of sailing lessons and programs for adults and children. From "first experiences" to certifications and instructor seminars, The WaterFront Center has everything you need to become a confident sailor.



Junior Programs prioritize fun and experiential learning. Between late June and late August, summer programs engage children through marine exploration that fosters stewardship for the environment and sailing programs for children of all levels. Qualified, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic naturalists implement all Marine Explorer programs. Activities include seining, dip-netting, sniggling, kayaking, exploration of the Spartina marsh, etc. Almost all these activities occur on Beekman Beach, the Mill Creek tributary, and the marsh near West Shore Road.



These hands-on programs focused on inquiry and discovery were created to meet and reinforce the New York State and the National Science Standards. Teachers can use these programs as a foundation, reinforcement, complement, or introduction to science. Through our STEM programs, students can make connections across disciplines, including mathematics, social studies, and language arts.

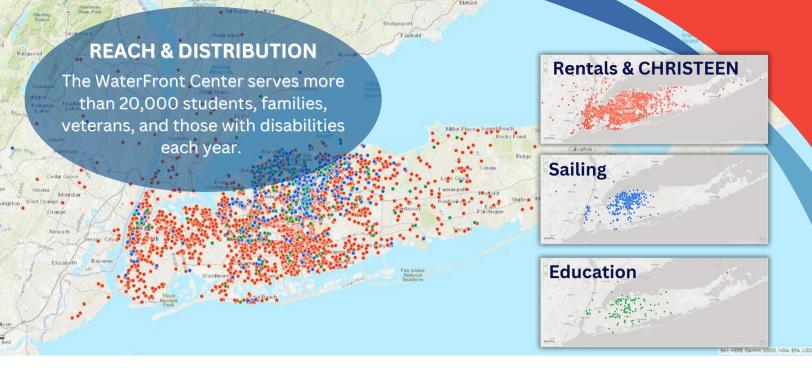


The WaterFront Center helps to make sailing more inclusive with no-cost programs for veterans, at-risk youth, and individuals with disabilities.



Sailing classes range from Beginner level to Race Team ready, as well as Adventure sailing for those who would rather leisurely sail and explore the bay. Our junior sailing fleet includes prams, optimists, C420s, Sonars, and J105.

Spring & Fall Sailing Programs meet or exceed the high standards for junior sailing instruction set by US Sailing. Students in High School can join our team and compete in local regattas. Opti sailors have the opportunity to experience all levels of sailing.









Volunteers

From tagging horseshoe crabs during a full moon to crewing aboard CHRISTEEN, our volunteers provide us with the support needed to realize our mission. From high school students to retirees, more than 20 volunteers contributed more than 722 hours of their time.

The WaterFront Center is fortunate to have a loyal community of volunteers who devote their energy and time to ensuring water access for thousands of people every year!

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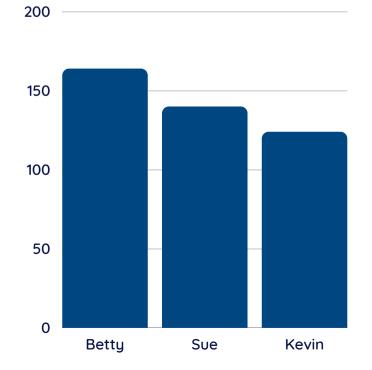






The 1883 Society

The WaterFront Center thanks our top volunteers, each with over 100 hours in 2022.



The WaterFront Center has developed a growing community of dedicated and energetic volunteers who best exemplify our goal of building a community of stewards, ensuring that Oyster Bay will be an available resource for future generations.

Though CHRISTEEN was first built in 1883, it was through the work of volunteers that the ship was restored, modified, and continuously maintained to shepherd students and passengers on education programs in Oyster Bay. Their commitment to our flagship and our organization has earned them the name of The 1883 Society.

WFC Community Programs

The WaterFront Center has provided free programming to over 1,450 people in partnerships

To ensure that everyone has access to the water, The WaterFront Center provides various free programs for our community. These experiences are unique and valuable for building a community of stewards that will continue to ensure that Oyster Bay is an available resource for future generations.

Thank you to the following granting organizations for your support:

Community Foundation of Oyster Bay St. John's of Lattington



V.O.W. VETERANS ON WATER

Sailing is often recommended for veterans as a therapeutic outlet that combines the challenge of seamanship with the serenity of being on the water. As an expression of continuing gratitude for their service, The WaterFront Center provides this program at no cost to veterans, retirees, & active-duty service members.



ZIGZAG: ADAPTIVE SAILING

When they get on the water, these sailors leave their differences on the dock. Powered by volunteers and designed for children, adolescents, and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities, this program ensures that sailing is a sport everyone can enjoy.



YFCA SUMMER EXPERIENCE

It provides unique on-water experiences to young people who might not otherwise be able to enjoy Oyster Bay to its fullest. The WaterFront Center assists the Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay-East Norwich, in their mission to enrich the lives of young people by exposing them to healthy leisure activities and experiences.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

In aid of the Boys & Girls Clubs' quest to help young people reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens, The WaterFront Center provides supplemental activities to programs at the B&G Clubs of Oyster Bay-East Norwich and Glen Cove all year round.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL

Bridging the gap between generations, young people interact and bond with the 55+ community over a variety of experiences and activities based around the waters of Oyster Bay in this partnership with The Life Enrichment Center, the Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay-East Norwich, and The WaterFront Center.









Organizations Served in 2022

THE BEST WAY TO GET CLOSER TO OYSTER BAY IS TO HOLD IT IN YOUR HANDS. THE WATERFRONT CENTER BRINGS MARINE LIFE TO ANY EVENT WITH AN INTERACTIVE TOUCH TANK FILLED WITH SPECIES FRESH OUT OF OYSTER BAY AND THE SURROUNDING WATERS! CATCH US AT THESE PREMIER COMMUNITY EVENTS: ROTARY CLUB OF OYSTER BAY, MILL NECK FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS, CSH WHALING MUSEUM, CSH FISH HATCHERY, AND OYSTER BAY MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE HAPPY TO SERVE THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Abilities Inc.
- Adelphi C-Step Program
- Bayville Public Library
- Bethpage Elementary
- Bethpage High School
- Camps R us
- Cantiague Elementary
- · Christ Church
- Cub Scout Pack 253
- Cub Scouts Pack
- Culture Play
- Deasy Elementary School
- East Hills Elementary School
- Friends Academy
- Future Stars -Brentwood
- Future Stars-Farmingdale
- Girl Scout Troop 510
- Girl Scout Troop 1280
- Girl Scout Troop 1290
- Girl Scout Troop 21
- Girl Scout Troop 218
- Girl Scout Troop 3244
- Girl Scout Troop Tramposch
- Glen Head Elementary
- Glenwood Landing Elementary
- Greenvale School
- Gribbin Elementary
- Hampton Street School
- Harbor Hill Elementary
- Hillel Day Camp
- · Homestead Elementary
- Jackson Elementary School
- Janice Home School
- · Jericho High School
- Learning Tree
- Lee Avenue Elementary
- Lloyd Harbor Village Park
- Lockhart Elementary
- Locust Valley High School

- Locust Valley Summer Camp
- Long Beach Catholic
- Long Island Traditions
- Love of Learning Montessori School
- Master Teacher Workshop
- Mats Kids Gym
- Meadow Drive East Elementary
- Melanie Home School
- Janice Home School
- · Jericho High School
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- Mats Kids Gym
- Meadow Drive East Elementary
- Melanie Home School
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- Mineola Enrichment
- Munsey Park Elementary School
- North Shore Holiday House
- Northport Blessing of the Fleet
- Ocean Avenue Elementary
- Oyster Bay Co-op
- Oyster Bay Farmers Market
- Oyster Bay High School
- Oyster Bay Manor

- Paul D Schreiber High School
- Piping Rock Country Club
- Plainview Old Bethpage Elementary
- Port Washington
 Library
- Portledge High School
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- Sababa Beach Away
- Saint Pious Elementary
- Sangha Education Center
- Saw Mill Road Elementary
- Science Museum of Long Island
- Sea Cliff Elementary
- Seawanhaka Yacht Club
- Shelter Rock Enrichment
- Silverstein Academy
- St. Johns Cold Spring Harbor -Nursery School
- St. Johns Little Learners
- Success Academy
- Teddy Roosevelt Elementary
- The Whaling Museum
- Town of Oyster Bay Cruise Night
- Town of Oyster Bay-Parks Department
- Town of Oyster Bay-art in the Park
- Vernon Elementary School
- Vernon Middle School
- Westbury Day Care

Partnering with WFC

2022 SEASON SPONSORSHIPS

2022 Season Sponsor and connect with The WaterFront Center's Community of over 20,000 people through digital, physical, and event promotions. Based on the level of support, Season Sponsors receive recognition on social media outside of events throughout the year. In 2022, \$39,000 was raised thanks to contributions from the following donors:





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LOG Supporters

The Annual LOG, the signature fundraiser of The WaterFront Center, is a collection of stories, news, interviews, and artwork created by our program participants. The LOG provides an opportunity for local business, organizations, and individuals to show their support for The WaterFront Center. In 2022, \$40,000 was raised thanks to contributions from the following donors:









































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Connecting Our Community With CHRISTEEN

Horizon Fund

The Horizon Fund was established in 2015 to address the long-term capital needs of The WaterFront Center. Our ability to provide affordable access to the water hinges on our ability to keep assets up to date and running at 100% capacity. The Horizon Fund gives The WaterFront Center the security it needs to approach the future with confidence and a measure of predictability. While one-time gifts are gratefully accepted, we ask that patrons give special consideration instead of making a three-year pledge at a significant level so that we may most effectively manage our capital budgeting and investment.

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Connection Cruise

The WaterFront Center was pleased to host special guests from the Lions of Oyster Bay, Raynham Hall Museum, First Presbyterian Church, Life Enrichment Center, North Shore Community Church, Friends of the Bay, Harmony Heights School, Oyster Bay High School, Chamber of Commerce and more for our Connection Cruises. The Connection Cruise was an idea spurred by The WaterFront Center board members, when they were thinking about the best way to let our community know about all the wonderful activities we host. Guests were invited to a two-hour sunset tour aboard the National Historic Landmark oyster sloop CHRISTEEN. While onboard they were treated to a lesson about marine creatures with a mobile touch tank filled with species directly from Oyster Bay.







THE WATERFRONT CENTER

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Not Much Better in Life than Sailboats & Sunsets

Benefit Regatta

Sponsors assembled their crews & rekindled friendly rivalries as they raced toward the finish line at The WaterFront Center's Benefit Regatta. Supporting education and recreation has never been more fun than on the race course and over cocktails at the award ceremony. The Benefit Regatta raised \$18,379 in 2022.

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The WaterFront Center's Annual Benefit is our premier fundraising event, celebrating over 22 years of providing access to the water to over 20,000 people annually. Our mission, is your mission and with the generosity of our supporters we were able to raise \$40,750 towards scholarships, transportation grants, and free programing for veterans and those with disabilities.

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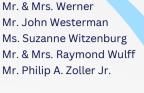
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