



GROSSE POINTE YOUTH
NAUTICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION
2020 Annual Report



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2020 GPYNEF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

NAME	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Anna Breiden	Grosse Pointe South High School	University of Michigan
Alexander Deimel	University Liggett School	Hillsdale College
Dominic Dulac	Grosse Pointe South High School	Pomona College
Matthew Elliott	West Bloomfield High School	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
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Jonathan Smith	Grosse Pointe North High School	American Airline Cadet Academy
Adrian Stone	Cranbrook Academy	University of Michigan
Luc Waltz	Grosse Pointe South High School	Michigan State University

2020 AND THE YEAR AHEAD

This year was indeed unique as the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic altered our plans for funding, grants and activities. The Great Lakes Boating Festival was canceled and thus our reduced annual fundraising activities impacted our grants and planned projects. Fortunately, a group of GPYNEF sponsors continued their support even with the Boat Show cancellation which enabled us to continue with many of our projects. In addition, personal donations played an important role in our ability to sustain the foundations scheduled programs in this unusual year and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

Our contribution to providing a safe environment, GPYNEF provided gaiters to be worn as masks for sailors in an effort to keep them safe during this Covid period.

GPYNEF was able to award 13 college scholarships this year bringing our total to 99 since the scholarship program inception. In addition, we added one new Perpetual Scholarship in Memory of Zach Rockwell. The initial award for this scholarship will be in May of 2021.

We continued to support Challenge the Wind to improve their infrastructure by resurfacing severely damaged docks at the Belle Isle Boat House. This renovation has enabled them to expand their program.

They are prepared and poised to restart their Community Sailing Programs in 2021 and have the ability to accommodate up to 80 youngsters from the Detroit inner-city.

Limited High School Sailing has had the authority to resume this Fall. GPYNEF sponsored the State of Michigan High School Double Handed Sailing Championships Tier Two Fleet Regatta hosted by GPYC on October 17, 2020.

2021: A LOOK AHEAD

We are excited to put the Covid situation behind us and are hoping to return to a new normal for local area youth sailors. The 2021 Great Lakes Boating Festival weekend to be held May 21–23, 2021 is in its beginning planning stage so we hope ample funding will be available.

The GPYNEF team will work to provide a fun venue for the Boat Show and we plan to include a unique experience for the auction party that will revive the Keels 'n Wheels theme we prepared for 2020.

We are anticipating the High School Collegiate Sailing and the Challenge the Wind community sailing programs will be back in full swing. We will look for creative ways to support the needs of their programs. The GPYNEF also plans to sponsor the 420 North American Championships, July 2021.

GPYNEF Scholarships will continue to be our focus. The Foundation looks forward to awarding a minimum of 11 college scholarships at our Sunday Brunch scheduled on May 23, 2021 at the GPYC, which will put our total GPYNEF Scholarships awarded to over 110.

We appreciate the support of our Sponsors: the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, the Yachtsmen's Committee and our individual donors who have kept us afloat during this difficult year and continue to support the GPYNEF.

*GPYC member
Andrew Walton,
volunteered to create a
video of the GPYNEF
program. To view scan
the code to the right.*



13 WINNERS

Dedicated Sailors Earn 2020 GPYNEF Scholarships

THE GROSSE POINTE YOUTH NAUTICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO ATTRACT TOP NOTCH APPLICANTS WITH OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SCORES, A DEDICATION TO THE SPORT OF SAILING AND ESSAYS THAT OFFER WISDOM AND PRACTICAL IDEAS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF SAILING.

In 2020, thirteen GPYNEF applicants were awarded a \$1,500 college scholarship. Since its inception in 2012, there has been a total of 99 GPYNEF scholarships awarded. Eleven of those scholarships have been funded in perpetuity.

Scholarship eligibility includes a summary of sailing experience in the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Association Club programs, high school or college freshman sailing programs, high school transcript, college entrance exam score and two personal essays.

2020 Scholarship recipients were awarded by mail this year. The traditional brunch held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in May was canceled due to COVID related restrictions.

2021 GPYNEF Scholarship
Application may be found at:
www.gpynef.org/scholarships.
Application Deadline:
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club by April 2, 2021

ANNA BRIEDEN

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending:
University of Michigan
Scholarship:
Commodore Tymon C.
and Sheri Totte



ALEXANDER DEIMEL

Graduated:
University of Liggett School
Attending:
Hillsdale College
Scholarship:
Benno Steinborn



DOMINIC DULAC

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending:
Pomona College
Scholarship:
Edwin and Felicia Shaw



MATTHEW ELLIOTT

Graduated:
West Bloomfield High School
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Scholarship:
Commodore James and
Patricia Anderson



MEG GLEASON

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending:
University of Georgia
Scholarship:
W. W. Williams Company



GWENDOLYN HUDSON

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending:
University of Michigan
Scholarship:
Manuel and Nora Moroun



JULIA HUDSON

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe South High School
Attending:
The College of William and Mary
Scholarship:
Commodore John and
Marlene Boll



VICTOR LOGAN
Graduated:
International Academy
Attending:
University of Kentucky
Scholarship:
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CHARLES RAMSDELL
Graduated:
Grosse Pointe North High School
Attending:
University of Michigan
Scholarship:
Commodore Iija and
Kelley Vreeken

DANIEL SNOW

Graduated:
Monroe High School
Attending:
Michigan State University
Scholarship:
Detroit Regional
Yacht-racing Association



JONATHAN SMITH

Graduated:
Grosse Pointe North High
School
Attending:
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Academy
Scholarship:
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ADRIAN STONE
Graduated:
Cranbrook Academy
Attending:
University of Michigan
Scholarship:
Commodore Sean &
Dr. Kristen Schotthoefer



LUC WALZ
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Scholarship:
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CHALLENGE THE WIND

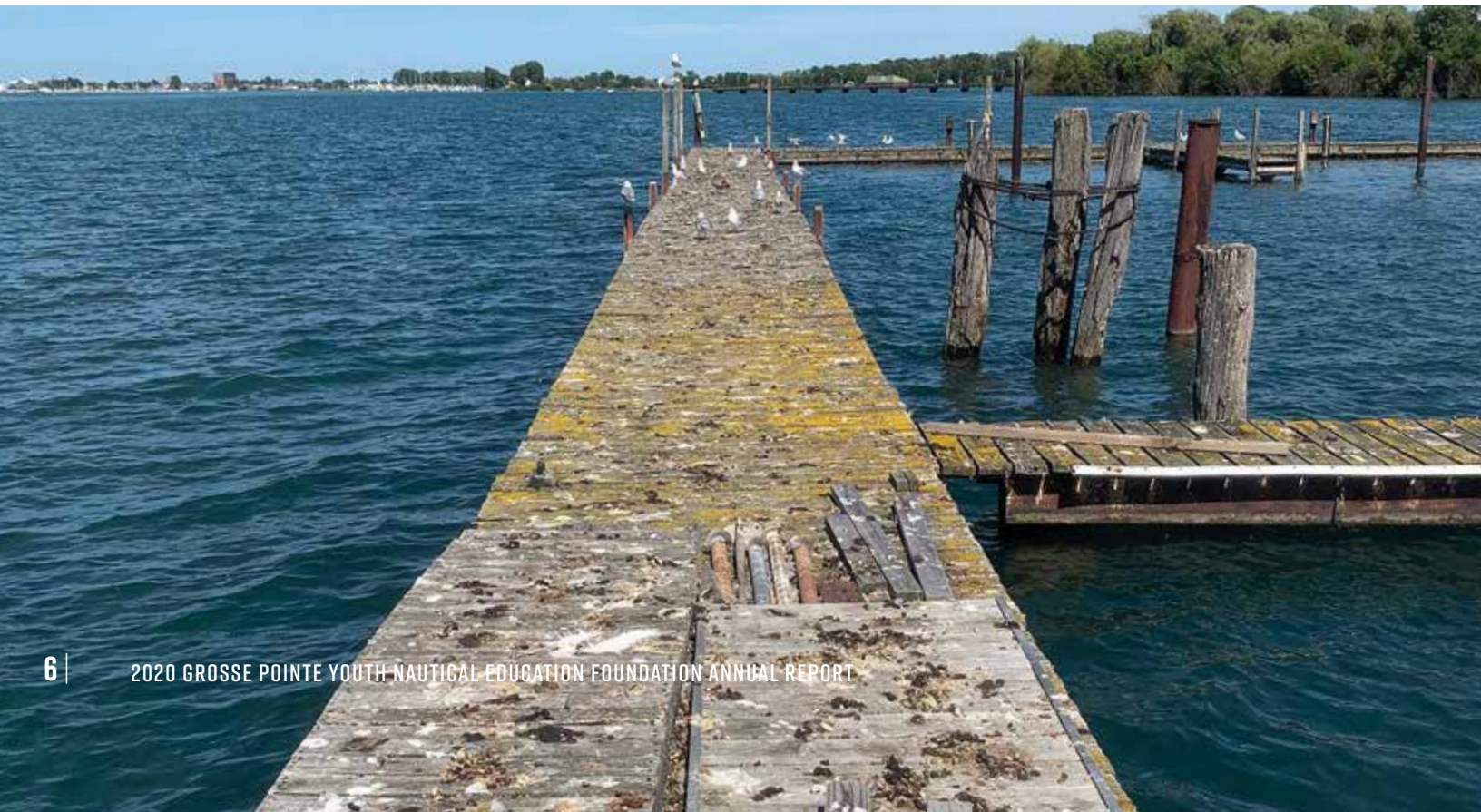
Safety top priority in 2020

Challenge the Wind has experienced a steady growth in their Detroit youth sailing program since its beginning in 2004 — now boasting 60 participants with a capacity for 80. Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation has supported their growth with donations of boats, financial, infrastructure and technical assistance through rigging and racing clinics. In 2020 CTW together with GPYNEF focused on issues of safety.

As a compliment to their youth programs, CTW planned to launch an adult sailing in 2020. Then, the pandemic hit. Like many summer programs across the nation, the CTW program was canceled. With no enrollment, CTW had the opportunity to reevaluate their efforts to provide a safe environment for the future of the program.

First, the CTW assessed relocating to an area that would assure higher ground in the event water levels continue to rise. They explored options such as relocating to the Milliken G. State Park and Harbor Marina located on Atwater Street in Detroit and other locations. Frustrated by the bureaucratic decision-making process, CTW initiated a dialog with Friends of Detroit Rowing at the Belle Island Boat House, their present address. After reviewing plans to keep the Boat House dry, CTW decided to remain at their current location — the former Detroit Boat Club.

GPYNEF provided funding and manpower to refurbish water damaged docks in 2018, along with the E.G. Korneffel Co. who donated equipment and time to remove damaged docks.



In 2020, GPYNEF continued its support to complete additional 786 square feet of docks resulting in a safer sailing environment for all.

During the sailing season, CTW's fleet of boats are stored on floating platforms. The only access to these platforms is from docks that had become unsafe. GPYNEF partnered with the CTW team and provided the labor to refurbish the docks.

Today the project is complete. Program director, Harry Jones and his team can focus on making 2021 the best sailing season to date. They continue plans to introduce adult sailing making CTW a first-class sailing program. And, key to that success will be the commitment of the Belle Isle Boat House to keep the grounds dry.



Challenge the Wind director Harry Jones created a video highlighting GPYNEF's contributions to their sailing program. Scan the code to view.



Challenge the Wind director Harry Jones proudly stands on newly renovated docks.

STATE OF MICHIGAN SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation sponsored the State of Michigan High School Sailing Championship held on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Grosse Pointe South High School was the host school who drew 18 high school teams from around the State. Three teams were from the Traverse City area, four teams were from the Grand Rapids area where as the remaining teams came from Metro Detroit area High Schools.

The day turned out to be perfect, sunny and with a light breeze.

The winner this year and State of Michigan Sailing Champion was Novi High School led by Michael and Connor Kirkman. A close second was Grosse Pointe South High School followed by Cranbrook Academy, Traverse City Central and Troy High School.

Grosse Pointe South sailors led the way most of the day only to be edged out by Novi in the final three races. The Grosse Pointe North team with growing experience sailed well throughout the day.

Photo top: State Champions Novi High School sailors Michael and Connor Kirkman.

Photo top right: Grosse Pointe South High School sailing team.

Photo bottom right, foreground: Cranbrook Academy sailors Henry Gonzalez and Paige Gorman.



For more photos of the event, scan the code

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

DOUBLE TROUBLE DONATION

Non-resident members Byron and Nella Vasiliou from Chicago recently donated their all mahogany and teak cockpit 19 foot Arrow sailboat to GPYNEF. *Double Trouble*, commissioned in 2001, is in pristine condition. It was used sparingly, always dry docked and maintained at the original production facility, Nimphius Boat Works. It is the last Arrow fleet boat hand built by Alex Nimphius, son of legendary boat master Ferd Nimphius from Neshkoro, Wisconsin. To learn about the incredible craftsmanship of this vessel and others made by Nimphius Boats, please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ba370oio9Xc to view 'Building of Brilliant', a 2008 interview by Charles Kuralt with Ferd Nimphius. It underscores how fortunate GPYNEF is to have this treasure and to carry on her legacy!



SAILING BOOK FOR BEGINNERS



In 2020, the GPYNEF purchased *Sailing for Kids* instructional books and distributed them to beginning sailors in the DRYA sailing community. The book will assist young sailors with instructions and skills needed to be safe on the water.



TESTING THE WATERS FOR THE FUTURE

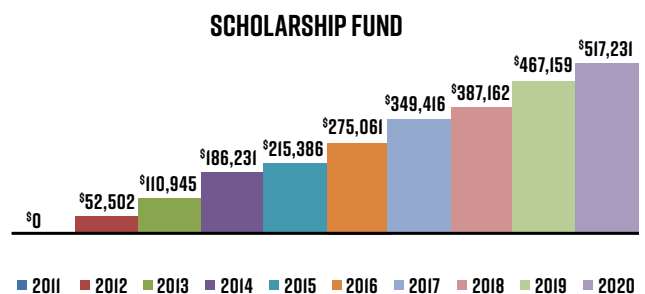
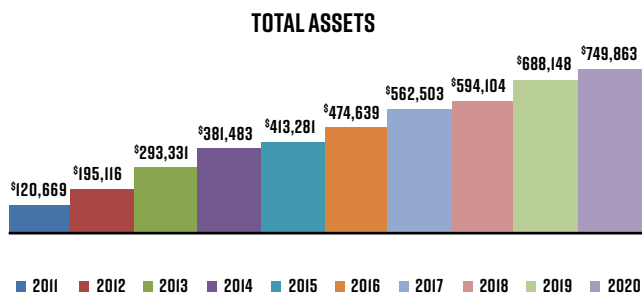
During 2020, the GPYNEF's two major fundraising events, the Great Lakes Boating Festival along with the Party and Auction were canceled due to COVID-19.

The foundation, with the help of its remaining sponsors and auctioneer Lori Stefek, launched its first online auction in September to raise funds. Five test-auction items were presented through a live Youtube channel while registered attendees bid from their phones. It was an introduction to the possibility of future online auctions.

GPYNEF appreciates the support of its sponsors who stuck with them during this unusual year: Fifth Third Bank, Sterling Insurance, Colony Marine, DTE Energy Foundation, Renewal by Anderson and the Grosse Pointe News.

FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 70,037	\$ 75,150
INCOME — GLBF/SUMMER BREEZE	\$ 31,465	\$ 74,123
Investment Income	\$ 27,715	\$ 68,855
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Grants and Event Support	\$ 44,155	\$ 85,747
Administrative Expenses	\$ 17,945	\$ 32,595
Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 655	\$ 654
Professional Fees	\$ 2,340	\$ 7,497
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 65,095	\$ 126,493
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 64,123	\$ 91,635
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Bank and on Hand	\$ 20,095	\$ 17,962
Schwab Investment	\$ 204,875	\$ 199,210
Schwab Scholarship Funds	\$ 517,231	\$ 467,159
Total Current Assets	\$ 742,201	\$ 467,159
OTHER ASSETS	\$ 7,662	\$ 3,817
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 749,863	\$ 688,148



2020 GPYNEF CONTRIBUTORS

PLATINUM \$10,000–\$50,000

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Rockwell

GOLD \$5,000 – \$9,999

Commodore John & Marlene Boll

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Mr. Byron & Nella Vasiliou

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