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Felix Kloman, Emeritus Ryan Cline Ben Vail Dear Friends of St. George Sailing,

Happy holidays from St. George Community Sailing Foundation!

2023 was our twenty-third summer. Over our six week season we enrolled a total of 87 sailors, beginners to advanced, hailing from Maine to the West Coast and many places in between. Our excellent team of young instructors made sure everyone developed their skills and had a great time on the water in beautiful Tenants Harbor.

Two of our crews participated in the Camden Classic Regatta in July, and three crews sailed in Rockland's Red Jacket Regatta in August. The sailors all had a great time racing, and one boat even made it onto the podium at the Red Jacket Regatta. Thanks to the volunteer mariners of Parents Aboard, parents of the morning session sailors were able to get out on the water to see their children sail (and capsize...). All of the sailors and their families enjoyed the awards ceremonies with their personalized paper plate awards!

Those warm weather pleasures seem far away, with the boats and floats well stowed for the winter, but we are already preparing for next season. Registrations will open on our website in February. Keep an eye out for our emailed announcement, as places usually fill quickly.

We take pride in providing reduced pricing for local children and scholarships to ensure that **any child who wants to sail has the opportunity to do so**. Your donations cover about half of our operating costs, with the rest from tuitions. If you are able to make a **tax-deductible donation** of any size, we thank you. Have a boat that you are no longer using? Please consider donating it to St. George Sailing: we sell the boat, you get a tax-deductible receipt, and the proceeds benefit the sailing program.

We wish you all the best for 2024, and we thank you for keeping St. George Sailing afloat and thriving as we head into our twenty-fourth season!

Yours truly,

President, SGCSF