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Twenty-four years ago the St. George community came together to found an organization to teach sailing to our youth in the beautiful waters of Tenants Harbor. The goal was to give children the chance to learn a cool sport (sailing), while also giving them a chance to experience the ocean, explore our harbor, and have a blast while doing so. Thanks to all the support we have received over the years, the program has been a huge success. To date hundreds of children have sailed with us — some just one session, some year after year, and some until they became paid instructors teaching the next generation.

As you can imagine, it is costly to maintain a program like this. Tuitions, which we try to keep affordable (and subsidize for locals), cover less than half of our annual budget. Besides hiring a staff of talented young instructors, we have to maintain nineteen sailboats, three motor boats, six trailers, seven moorings, and four floats. We are frugal, but we also need to stay safe and keep our equipment well-maintained. Our volunteer board works very hard to see that we are shipshape!



About ninety children sail with us every summer, pitting their wits against the wind, the tide, and the weather. Thank you for all you have done to make this possible, and for making sailing a part of life on the St. George peninsula. **All donations are helpful - and tax-deductible.** We also accept donations of boats for resale, which has proved to be a good source of funds for us.

Happy holidays, and see you in 2025 for our twenty-fifth season!

Yours truly,

Steve Lindsay

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