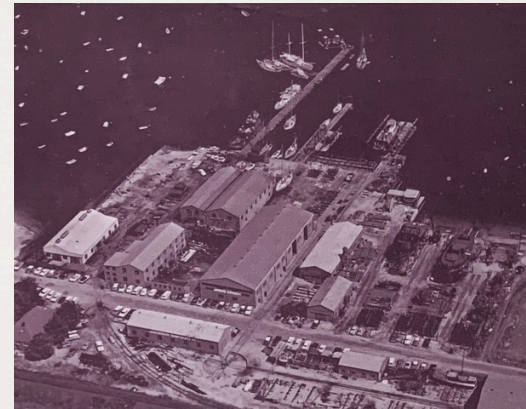


ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Celebrating 25 Years of Connecting People to the Water



HONORING OUR HISTORY • CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY • BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Thank you for 25 incredible years.

OUR TIMELINE

25 YEARS OF EDUCATION, RECREATION & COMMUNITY



2000

WE BEGAN

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

2001

GROWTH

- Our first capital campaign brings in the Oyster Bay Sailing School, Optimists, Sunfish, and coach boats.

2002

LANDMARK

- We acquire the National Historic Landmark CHRISTEEN and Junior Summer Programs launch, combining sailing and marine science.

2004

EXPANSION

- The fleet expansion campaign is a success. We purchase eight used Sonars. Kayak rentals begin.

2009

SAILING

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

2012

PARTNERSHIP

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

2013

EDUCATION

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

2015

GIVING BACK - VETERANS

- Veterans on Water (VOW), a free sailing program on our Sonars, launches.
- 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, launches.

2019

HONORED

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

2020

WE'RE OPEN

- As an Essential Business during the pandemic, the WFC operates at 75% capacity in accordance with safety guidelines, providing a much-needed outdoor outlet for the community.

2021

CHRISTEEN

- CHRISTEEN receives a new mast and undergoes significant maintenance work.
- CHRISTEEN's National Historic Landmark sign is installed near the pier in the Western Waterfront.

2022

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

- A three-year plan to upgrade technology results in improved customer experience through an informative website and easy to use rental and programs booking systems.
- The WFC acquires a J105 to enhance training and racing opportunities for the Jr. Big Boat program.

2023

IDA MAY JOINS THE FLEET

- The oyster dredge IDA MAY joins the fleet and serves as both a floating classroom and an ambassador for the Long Island Sound within and outside of Oyster Bay.

2024

GROWING IMPACT

- WFC continues expanding education, sailing, recreation, and community programs, connecting thousands of students, families, veterans, and visitors to Oyster Bay Harbor.

2025

25 YEARS ON THE WATER

- The WaterFront Center celebrates a quarter century on Oyster Bay Harbor, honoring our history, our community, and the future of education, recreation, and access to the water.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Quarter Century on Oyster Bay Harbor



Dear Friends,

Twenty-five years ago, The WaterFront Center began with a simple but powerful vision: **to connect people to the water through education and recreation.**

Today, as we reflect on our 25th anniversary, I am incredibly proud of how that vision has grown. What began here on Oyster Bay Harbor has become a vibrant community organization that welcomes students, sailors, paddlers, veterans, families, volunteers, and visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Our reach also extends far beyond our shoreline. Through marine and STEM education, school partnerships, community outreach, sailing and paddling programs, adaptive opportunities, and experiences aboard our historic vessels, we are bringing the lessons of the marine environment to people throughout Long Island and beyond.

At the heart of it all is Oyster Bay Harbor.

For 25 years, this remarkable estuary has been our classroom, our playground, and one of our greatest teachers. Whether a child is holding a marine animal for the first time, a young sailor is learning to navigate the wind, a family is paddling together, or guests are experiencing the harbor aboard **CHRISTEEN** or **IDA MAY**, each experience creates an opportunity for a deeper connection to the water.

Those connections matter.

They build confidence and curiosity. They introduce young people to science and the natural world. They create friendships and memories. And, importantly, they help cultivate the next generation of people who will understand, appreciate, and care for our marine environment.

Our 25th anniversary gave us an opportunity to celebrate everything that has brought The WaterFront Center to this point—the visionaries who believed in its potential, the staff and instructors who brought that vision to life, the volunteers who gave countless hours, the donors and partners who invested in our mission, and the families and participants who made WFC part of their lives.

But this anniversary is about more than looking back.

It is about what comes next.

As we begin our next chapter, we remain committed to expanding access to the water, strengthening marine education, creating meaningful recreational experiences, preserving our maritime heritage, and ensuring Oyster Bay Harbor remains a place where future generations can learn, explore, and discover.

There is so much more ahead for The WaterFront Center, and we could not do this work without you.

Thank you for being part of our first 25 years and for helping us continue this mission for the next generation of sailors, scientists, stewards, and waterfront neighbors.

Here's to the next 25 years of connecting people to the water.

With gratitude,

George J. Ellis
Executive Director

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHT

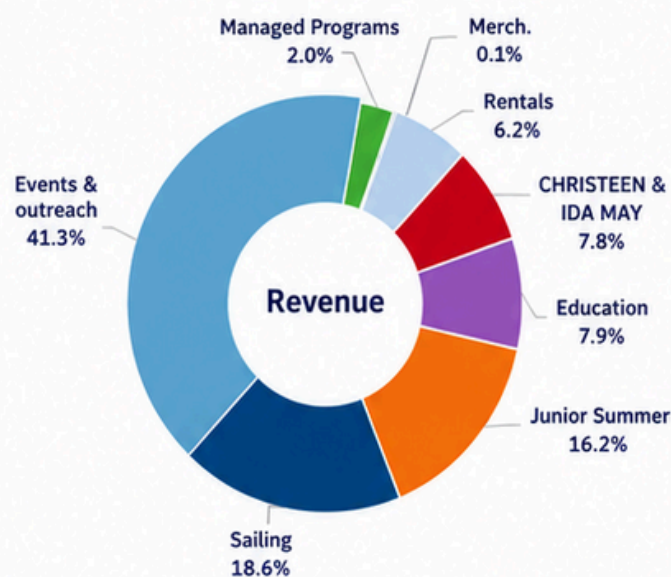
Income Statement

2025 Unaudited

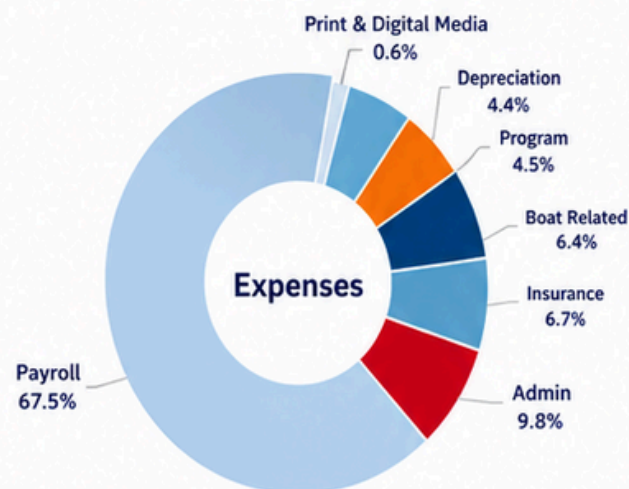
INCOME

	2025
	<i>Unaudited</i>
Fundraising & Events	600,844
Sailing School	270,674
Junior Summer	235,675
Education programs	115,664
CHRISTEEN & IDA MAY	114,179
Paddle & Sailboat Rentals	89,611
Managed programs	28,995
Other revenue	21,775
Gain/Loss on sale of boats	20,524
Merchandise sales	964
Miscellaneous income	1,251
Revenue from programs	1,478,379
(% of total income)	101.0%
Realized Gain/Loss	98,435
Unrealized Gain/Loss	(129,758)
Interest and Dividends	16,185
Total revenue	1,463,240
EXPENSES	
Payroll	1,137,378
Admin expenses	164,427
Program expenses	76,065
Boat related expenses	108,521
Print and Digital Media	10,265
Insurance	113,145
Depreciation	74,088
Total Expenses	1,683,889
Net Ordinary Income (Rev from prog less total expenses)	(205,510)
Total Net Income/(Loss)	(220,648)

2025 REVENUE MIX



2025 EXPENSE MIX



Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025 – Unaudited

Cash and cash equivalents	143,087	Accounts Payable	1,146
Investments	75,836	Current liabilities	45,500
Temporarily restricted assets	331,525	Note payable	146,027
Accounts receivable	84,881	Total Equity	656,404
Other current assets	10,497	Liabilities and Equity	849,078
Fixed assets	203,250		
Assets	849,078		

THE WATERFRONT CENTER

Annual Report 2025

2025 Milestones

Thanks to your generosity

We have been able to expand our reach and impact, connecting more individuals to the transformative power of the water through education and recreation.



1. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Over
6,648
students

Our 134 educational programs reached students through 91 unique schools, camps, scouts, and organizations. We sparked curiosity and instilled a deeper appreciation for the marine environment through hands-on experiences and interactive learning.



2. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

1,310
participants

Junior Summer Programs offered sailing classes, science activities, and opportunities for youth to grow in confidence, leadership, and teamwork through time on and around the water.



3. CHRISTEEN EXCURSIONS

2,154
guests

Our historic oyster sloop CHRISTEEN welcomed guests aboard for harbor tours, sunset cruises, and private charters. Additionally, 829 individuals participated in Marine Education Sails, learning about Oyster Bay's rich maritime history and harbor environment.



4. SPRING BREAK SCIENCE WEEK

15
students

Students immersed themselves in hands-on scientific exploration and discovery during Spring Break Science Week.



5. ADULT EDUCATION

380
adults

We provided learn-to-sail opportunities through the U.S. Sailing Basic Keelboat Certification program, private lessons, and Discover and Community Sails.



6. RECREATIONAL RENTALS

2,199
rentals

Kayaks and paddleboards were rented for exploring Oyster Bay Harbor. 34 people joined Wildlife Tours on kayaks.



7. YOUTH RACING PROGRAMS



High School Sailing:
approx. 24
students each season



Opti Race:
approx. 8
students in fall and winter



Junior Big Boat:
approx. 6
students

These programs help young sailors build racing skills, confidence, and sportsmanship across multiple levels of competition.



Our Core Programs

2025

We inspire learning, build skills, and connect our community to the water through education, sailing, and youth programs.



EDUCATION

Classroom

Field Trips

Historic Vessel
Education

Outreach



Our education programs connect students and community groups to local marine life through classroom lessons, field experiences, harbor exploration, and hands-on learning aboard CHRISTEEN and IDA MAY.

Programs support science learning through interdisciplinary experiences in marine biology, environmental science, ecology, stewardship, and local history.



829 historic vessel education bookings

Total Education
Participants

6,648



SAILING

Adult Sailing

Sailing Rentals

Veterans on Water

ZigZag



The WaterFront Center is a U.S. Sailing accredited facility offering introductory lessons, certifications, rentals, and inclusive on-the-water experiences for adults and community members.

Our access programs help make sailing more welcoming through no-cost opportunities for veterans and individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities.



380 adult sailing • 71 rentals • 74 access bookings

Total Sailing &
Access Bookings

525



JUNIOR PROGRAMS

Marine Explorers

Sailing

Race Teams



Junior Summer Programs help young people build confidence, independence, curiosity, and a lasting connection to the water through sailing, marine science, paddling, and exploration.

Our youth sailing pathway includes beginner classes, adventure sailing, race teams, and opportunities for high school students to advance into Junior Big Boat experiences.



43 spring and fall youth sailing bookings

Total Junior Program
Participants

1,310

unique participants



Empowering Veterans Through Your Support



Your generous contributions fuel transformative programs at The WaterFront Center—creating meaningful experiences for veterans, students, and youth. Read on to hear directly from participants whose lives have been touched by your support.



Veterans on the Water (VOW): Healing and Connection

For veterans like Edward, the Veterans on the Water program is a lifeline.



“I’ve always had a grand time. I’ve met other veterans out here, we’ve doubled up, and had a nice sail... It’s a great boat, the people have always been friendly... And since I can’t go out alone, it gets me out on the water where I love being.”



This program provides not only therapeutic relief but also a sense of community and purpose, helping veterans like Sully navigate their challenges with renewed hope.

“I am a former US Marine Corps Sgt who suffers from PTSD... Learning something new and challenging like sailing forced me to focus on the present moment and I was suddenly free from all my chronic racing thoughts. It worked better than any medication or traditional therapy. Whoever thought to mix veterans with sailing as therapy is truly heaven-sent.”



Thanks to your support, programs like VOW offer more than time on the water—they deliver healing, connection, and renewed hope.

Interactive Hands-On Labs

By funding these programs, you're helping students connect classroom learning to real-world exploration, fostering a deeper understanding of their environment.



Science Classes: Inspiring the Next Generation

Your support enriches educational programs like our Science Classes, which provide hands-on learning for students.

“

"Visiting The WaterFront Center with my AP Environmental Science students has been a highlight of their high school education. The hands-on learning they experience on the water is invaluable, and many students continue to refer back to it long after their visit."

Reena Bhasin, AP Environmental Science Teacher at Jericho Schools



Junior Summer Program (NSP): Building Confidence and Joy

Our Junior Summer Program empowers youth to develop confidence and a love for the water.

“

"My child is more confident in and around the water and talks about what she learned and The Waterfront Center all the time... She loves camp at The WaterFront Center and tells everyone that it's her favorite place."

2024 Junior Summer Program Parent



**Your contributions ensure that young sailors and scientists
can experience the thrill of independence and the joy of discovery on the water.**

Volunteers

From tagging horseshoe crabs during a full moon to crewing aboard CHRISTEEN and IDA MAY, our volunteers provide the critical support needed to realize our mission. As a true community effort comprised of high school students to retirees, volunteers have contributed hours of their personal time to supporting the mission of The WaterFront Center.

The WaterFront Center is powered by a loyal community of volunteers whose time, energy, and care help ensure access to the water for thousands of people each year.

1883 Society Members

Recognizing dedicated volunteers who help preserve and support our historic vessel programs.

- Sue Bello
- Jeanne Beyer
- Liz Cousins
- Victor D'Angelo
- O.J. Donovan
- Penny Gadzini
- Jack Hoyt
- Dave Kellogg
- Matthew Kleinman
- Catherine Markopoulos
- Scott Massoni
- David Nieri
- Beth Nugent
- Kevin O'Donnell
- Norm Orenstein
- Peter Pramberger
- Richard Schlueck
- John Wilson

1,717+

The number of hours volunteers contributed in 2025.

1,417 hours -

CHRISTEEN & IDA MAY crew volunteers

300 hours -

Horseshoe crab tagging, Friends Academy volunteers and other volunteer service hours.





Celebrating Our Volunteers at Our Annual Holiday Party 2025

OUR VOLUNTEER IMPACT IN 2025


1,417+
Volunteer Hours
Combined vessel
volunteer hours


1,007
CHRISTEEN
Hours


410
IDA MAY
Hours


132
Sails
2,461
Passengers
Welcomed

TOP CHRISTEEN VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Sue Bello
- 2 O.J. Donovan
- 3 Peter Pramberger
- 4 John Wilson

TOP IDA MAY VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Peter Pramberger
- 2 Sue Bello
- 3 Richard Schlueck
- 4 John Wilson



The WaterFront Center's volunteers help preserve CHRISTEEN, support IDA MAY, and welcome students, families, and visitors to the water. Their time and care sustain marine education, vessel stewardship, and community connection on Oyster Bay Harbor.

From rigging and maintenance to sailing and sharing stories, volunteers keep our historic vessels strong and our mission moving forward—one hour, one sail, and one visitor at a time.



1883 SOCIETY
Their dedication to our historic vessels earned them a place in the 1883 Society.



Thank you to all our volunteers for your time, talent, and passion.
You are the heart of The WaterFront Center.

WFC Community Programs

To ensure that everyone has access to the water, The WaterFront Center provides **free and low-barrier programs for our community**. These experiences build confidence, connection, and stewardship, helping ensure our environment is preserved for future generations.



2025

In 2025, access-focused programs continued to create welcoming experiences for veterans, youth, families, and community partners.



Thank you to our 2025 grant and community program supporters

- **Bahnik Foundation**
- **Community Foundation of Oyster Bay**
- **North Country Garden Club of LI, Inc.**
- **Patagonia**
- **Paul & Maxine Frohring Foundation**
- **St. John's Church of Lattintown**
- **Storm Trysaï Foundation**
- **The Marion O. & Maximilian E. Hoffman Foundation, Inc.**
- **The PHFFoundation, Inc.**



Veterans on Water (V.O.W.)

Sailing offers veterans a therapeutic outlet that combines challenge, calm, and connection. The WaterFront Center provides this program at no cost to veterans, retirees, and active-duty service members.



ZigZag Adaptive Sailing

Designed for people of all ages with physical and cognitive disabilities, ZigZag helps ensure that sailing is an inclusive experience that can be enjoyed by everyone.



YFCA Summer Experience

This partnership creates unique on-water experiences for young people who might not otherwise have access to Oyster Bay. The WaterFront Center works with the Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay-East Norwich to enrich lives through healthy leisure activities and waterfront experiences.



Boys & Girls Club

In support of the Boys & Girls Clubs' mission to help young people reach their full potential, The WaterFront Center provides supplemental water-based activities for the Clubs of Oyster Bay-East Norwich and Glen Cove throughout the year.



Multi-Generational

Bridging generations, young people interact and bond with the 55+ community through a variety of experiences and activities centered on the waters of Oyster Bay in partnership with The Life Enrichment Center and Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay-East Norwich.





Organizations Served in 2025

IN 2025, THE WATERFRONT CENTER CONNECTED STUDENTS, FAMILIES, SCOUTS, SENIORS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE WATER THROUGH HANDS-ON MARINE SCIENCE, SAILING, PADDLING, AND WATERFRONT EXPERIENCES.

Our education and outreach programs reached participants through 91 unique schools, camps, scouts, libraries, senior centers, and community organizations.

The organizations listed below reflect our 2025 partner schools and community organizations.



Schools & Educational Partners

- Cantiague Elementary
- East Hills Elementary
- East Woods School
- Garden City Park School
- Glen Head Elementary
- Great Neck South
- Harbor Hill School
- Holy Martyrs Armenian Day School
- Jackson Elementary
- Jericho High School APES
- John Quincy Adams Elementary
- Landing School
- Lee Avenue School
- Lockhart Elementary School
- LUHI School
- Meadow Drive Elementary
- Monsey Park
- Ocean Avenue Elementary
- Oyster Bay High School
- Plainview-Old Bethpage
- Portledge High School
- Robbins Lane
- Sawmill Road School
- Silverstein Hebrew Academy
- Smithtown High School
- South Grove Middle School
- St. Dominic High School
- St. Gertrude's Pre-K
- St. Peter's South Huntington
- Sunsquam Elementary School
- Teddy Roosevelt Elementary
- The Green Vale School
- Tiegerman Middle School
- Trinity Lutheran School
- Unqua Elementary School
- Uniondale High School
- Vernon Middle School
- William Floyd School



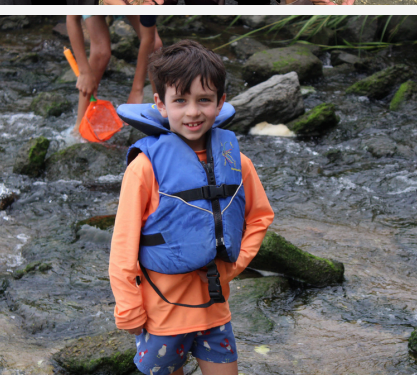
Libraries, Senior & Community Partners

- A Work of Heart
- Bayville Free Library
- Berkshire Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Center Moriches Public Library
- Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery
- Cold Spring Harbor Library
- Friends of Sagamore Hill
- Glen Cove Library
- Glen Cove Senior Center
- Glengariff Healthcare Center
- Life Enrichment Center
- at Oyster Bay
- LI Sound Partners / NY Sea Grant
- Love of Learning
- Massapequa Center for Rehab & Aging
- Mount Sinai Child Services
- North Merrick Library
- Oyster Bay Co-op
- Oyster Bay Preschool Pre-K
- Project Excel
- Reach CYA
- SCO Families
- The Schoolhouse
- Viscardi Center
- White Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
- White Oaks Senior Center
- Wyandanch Dept. of Labor
- Zen STEM



Camps, Scouts & Summer Programs

- Camp Gan Israel
- Cold Spring Harbor
- Beach Club
- Crestwood Summer Camp
- Faith Nursery School - Syosset
- Future Stars Farmingdale
- Future Stars Old Westbury
- Girl Scout Troop #1887
- Girl Scout Troop #365
- Girl Scout Troop #558
- Home School Programs
- Jackson Ave. Mineola
- Summer Program
- Masters Teaching Workshop
- Noah's Ark Centerport
- Oyster Babies
- Roslyn Summer



Partnering with WFC

2025 PARTNER SPONSORSHIPS

In 2025, Partner Sponsorships connected with over 15,000 individuals in The WaterFront Center's community through digital, physical, and event promotions. Season Sponsors received recognition on social media based on their level of support in addition to event acknowledgments. The following sponsors contributed a total of \$87,500 in 2025.

Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsor



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



Partnering with WFC

With Gratitude to our Final LOG Supporters

For the final edition of The LOG, an extraordinary group of businesses, organizations, families, and individuals once again stepped forward in support of The WaterFront Center. Their generosity helped make this special 25th anniversary publication possible while continuing a tradition of community support that has been part of The LOG for many years.

As we close this chapter in WFC's history, we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported the 2025 edition. Thank you for helping us celebrate 25 years of connecting people to the water and for continuing to believe in the mission of The WaterFront Center.



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Thank you for being part of The LOG's legacy.

The Final Year of The LOG

A Legacy of stories, artwork and community

For many years, The LOG has been a meaningful part of The WaterFront Center's story. More than a publication, it has served as a beautiful coffee table collection of stories, news, interviews, artwork, and memories created by and for our program participants, volunteers, families, and supporters.

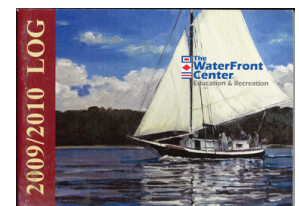
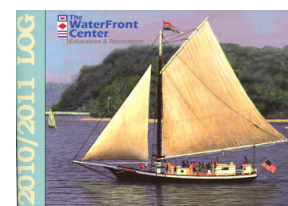
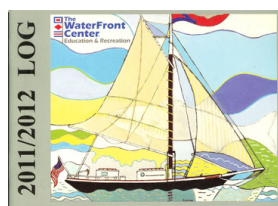
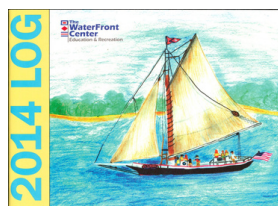
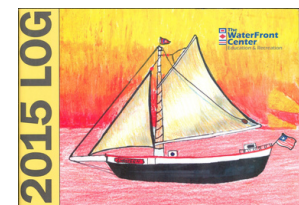
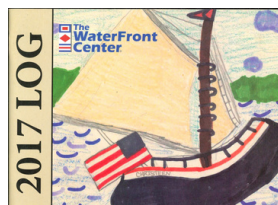
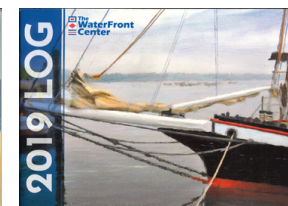
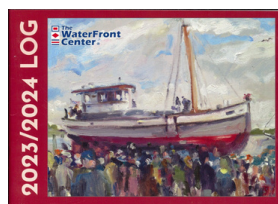
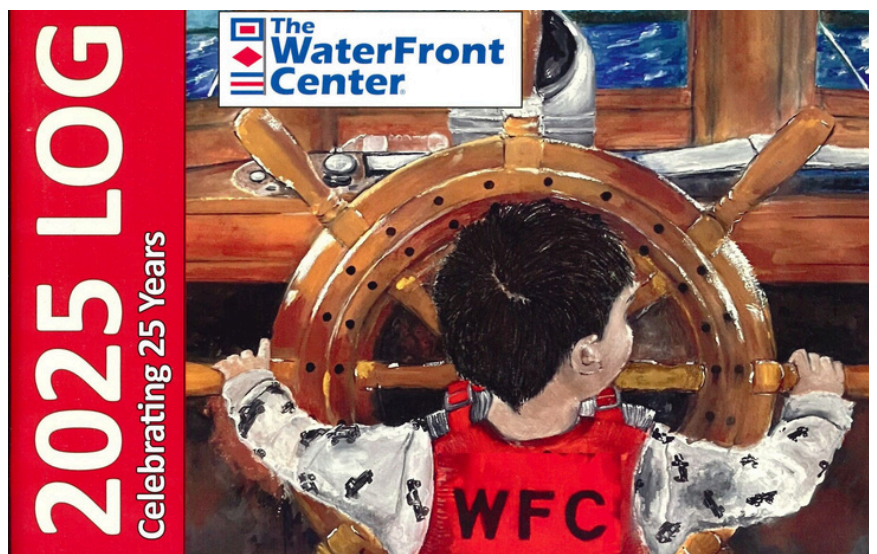
In 2025, as we celebrate the final year of The LOG, we pause to recognize the care, creativity, and dedication that made it possible year after year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to longtime board member Ms. Jamie Deming for producing this wonderful publication for so many years and for helping preserve the voices, experiences, and spirit of The WaterFront Center community.

Through The LOG, local businesses, organizations, and individuals have also had the opportunity to show their support for The WaterFront Center and our mission of connecting people to the water through education and recreation.

While this chapter comes to a close, the legacy of The LOG will continue through our Estuary Echo publications, sponsorship opportunities, and future storytelling efforts. Through these platforms, we will continue sharing the stories of our programs, celebrating the people who make our work possible, and creating meaningful ways for supporters to stay connected to our mission.

As we look ahead, we are deeply grateful to Ms. Deming and to all of the supporters who helped make The LOG a lasting celebration of our waterfront community.

The legacy continues through Estuary Echo.



25 Years on Oyster Bay Harbor

Celebrating a quarter century of connecting people to the water



Celebrating 25 Years of The WaterFront Center

On June 7, 2025, The WaterFront Center marked a milestone moment: 25 years of connecting people to the water through education and recreation.

The celebration brought together community members, local officials, sponsors, volunteers, staff, and longtime supporters for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating WFC's first quarter century. The day recognized the organization's growth from a community vision into a regional waterfront institution rooted in access, education, stewardship, and connection.

Remarks from WFC leadership, local officials, and community partners highlighted the Center's role in maritime education, environmental stewardship, and public access to Oyster Bay Harbor. The ceremony also included citations and recognition from public officials and community organizations, reflecting the lasting impact of WFC's work across Long Island.

Following the ribbon cutting, guests had the opportunity to meet staff and volunteers, learn more about current programs, and celebrate the people who have helped shape WFC's story since its founding in 2000.

“Here's to the next 25 years of connecting people to the water.”

BENEFIT REGATTA

A day of racing, camaraderie, and community support on Oyster Bay Harbor

Our 2025 Benefit Regatta brought sailors, families, and supporters together for an inspiring day on the water. From race-day action on the harbor to shoreside gathering and volunteer support, the event celebrated the strength of our sailing community while helping advance The WaterFront Center's mission.

Mrs. Michèle Bahnik Mercier
& Mr. Kevin Mercier
Ms. Jolanda Blum
Ms. Wendy Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Buchner
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Kyleen Chen
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RACING ON OYSTER BAY HARBOR



SUPPORT TEAMS KEEPING RACE DAY STRONG

FAMILIES ON THE WATERFRONT



LOCAL TEACHERS SPENT THE DAY LEARNING ON OYSTER BAY HARBOR



DAY AT A GLANCE

- Approximately 30 local teachers
- Oyster Bay, Glen Cove, Syosset and other Long Island districts
- Presented in partnership with Nassau TRACT
- Classroom instruction and seining
- Marine-life observation
- Time aboard IDA MAY

On May 15, 2026, approximately 30 local teachers from Oyster Bay, Glen Cove, Syosset, and other Long Island school districts spent a full day learning on and around Oyster Bay Harbor at The WaterFront Center.

Presented in partnership with Nassau TRACT, the professional development program gave teachers an opportunity to experience the same active, place-based learning that engages students during The WaterFront Center's marine education programs.

The day began with classroom instruction before participants headed outside to explore the harbor. Teachers walked to the docks, practiced seining, and closely observed local marine life.



Local educators explore Oyster Bay Harbor during a hands-on professional development program presented in partnership with Nassau TRACT.

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When teachers connect directly with the harbor, that experience can travel back to classrooms across Long Island.
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Teachers touched and examined some of the marine life found in the harbor while learning how these species contribute to the estuary's ecosystem.

The group also spent time aboard IDA MAY. Being on the water allowed the teachers to experience Oyster Bay Harbor from a different perspective and connect their classroom discussions with the living environment around them.

Throughout the day, teachers exchanged ideas and considered how hands-on environmental learning supports lessons in science, conservation, local history and stewardship.

Live Music, Sunset and Friends

Annual Benefit

On September 19, 2025, The WaterFront Center continued its 25th anniversary celebration with a milestone Annual Benefit held in the historic Wooden Boat Shop on West End Avenue in Oyster Bay.

The setting was especially meaningful. The Wooden Boat Shop is where the oyster dredge IDA MAY was built and where the historic oyster sloop CHRISTEEN was restored — two vessels that continue to carry WFC's mission forward on Oyster Bay Harbor.

The evening honored founder Fritz Coudert and the visionary founders whose commitment helped create The WaterFront Center. Guests gathered for live music, auctions, and a celebration of the programs, vessels, volunteers, donors, and community partnerships that have shaped WFC's first 25 years.

Together, sponsors, donors, and supporters helped raise more than \$110,000 to support WFC's mission and ensure that education, recreation, scholarships, adaptive programming, and access to the water remain available for the next generation.

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