**Growing Capacity: Systemic Incorporation of STEM & Environmental Education through Sailing  
Request for Proposals – Educational Resource Grant**

**Purpose**

Reach Educational Resources grants have been made available to provide support for sailing centers looking to begin or improve their STEM and environmental education programing through the Reach Initiative. This area of need was identified through the Reach mentoring sessions and educator surveys and was made possible from support from 11th Hour Racing, Rolex, and US Sailing donors.

**Criteria for Applicants**

* Utilize US Sailing Association Level 1 or Basic Keelboat certified instructors for all on-water activities
* Must be a 501(c)3 non-profit organizations
* Must be an Organizational Member of US Sailing
* Organizational Grant
* 18-30 students will participate in Reach modules 1-6. Those students will complete the student pretests on day one of the program and post tests on the last day.

-2018 Reach student pre test Modules 1-6: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018Reach_Pretest>

-2018 Reach student post test Modules 1-6: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018Reach_Posttest>

**Timeline**

* Proposals Due: March 2nd, 2018
* Notification of Award: March 13th, 2018
* Materials Shipped upon receipt of signed contract: March 20th, 2018

**Award/Grant – Grants will be awarded with a value of $1,000 each**

Educational Resource Grants include the following

* + (1) Reach Educator Course Scholarship\*,
  + (2) Reach Educator Guides
  + (30) Reach Student Logbooks & Portfolios
  + $500 – Funds can be used for student materials, or educator/ instructor travel to a professional development a conference in the industry. This includes but is not limited to the National Marine Educators Conference, local NMEA conferences, US Sailing meetings, or US Sailing Reach Mentoring sessions in the Northeast or Mid Atlantic.

\*The organization must register for the course and request reimbursement from US Sailing

**Reporting**

**Report Deadline: October 12th, 2018**

* A one-page informational report about the group of students participating
* Pre-& post test data **must** be entered online by your organization or students
* Please include 2-4 photos

**Application Process *Educational Resource Grants***

Please complete the attached application and a copy of your organization’s W-9 to [reach@ussailing.org](mailto:reach@ussailing.org)

**Organizational Information**

Name of Organization (as stated on IRS 501(c)(3) letter):

Name of Organization (if different from above):

US Sailing Organizational Member ID:

IRS Tax ID Number:

US Sailing Member ID #

Street Address: City: State: Zip Code:

Mailing Address (if different): City: State: Zip Code:

Website:

Mission:

**Contact Information**

Contact Name: Title:

Email Address: Phone Number:

**Please briefly answer the following:**

1. Approximately how many students will participate in Reach modules at your organization this year?
2. Briefly describe your Reach programming history:
3. List and briefly describe your youth and community partnerships in relation to Reach:
4. Describe how this grant will help you engage more youth in STEM, sailing, and stewardship:
5. How will your organization use of the $500 in funds?

**List the name(s) and member number(s) of US Sailing Small Boat Level 1 and/or Basic Keelboat and Reach Educator Course Certified Instructors used in your program for on-the-water activities:**

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| Name | US Sailing Certification & # |
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**Please include the following:**

1. Digital copy of organizational logo in .jpg or .gif format.
2. Copy of your Organization’s IRS Form W-9