







## You Helped Maya Take The Helm

Your support gave Maya the chance to skipper a boat in heavy air, a rare opportunity for girls in the Pacific Northwest.

The Columbia River Gorge can be an intimidating place, particularly for young sailors. It's especially challenging for girls, who often find themselves in crew positions while boys get to serve as skippers.

So how can girls like Maya practice and gain confidence in the big breeze the Gorge is famous for? How can they prepare to take the helm at

future regattas and equalize gender disparity in sailing?

Through your support of the Siebel Sailors Program!

In an all-female Siebel clinic, Maya shared her boat with three other teens. At the beginning of the week, they were all nervous leaving the dock. Jibes were rocky and capsizes were common. But as the girls practiced, their skills and confidence flourished. They applied math and science concepts to read the wind and the water. They became more comfortable making quick decisions, righting the ship, and trying again.

By the end of the week, they were sailing faster, not

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#### Thank You

You are making a difference for sailors of every age, interest, and ability!



## 49er Teams Win Silver, Thanks To Your Support!

Just three years ago, the U.S. didn't even qualify to compete in the 49er class for the Tokyo Games. Now, thanks to your support, two of America's 49er teams took home silver in recent Olympic-level competitions!

In May, team Ian Barrows/Hans Henken brought home Silver from the Hempel World Cup Series at the Princess Sofia Regatta in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. And just weeks later, team Nevin Snow/Mac Agnese earned Silver at French Olympic Week in Hyères, France.

Their success is a testament to your support of Project Pinnacle and the US Sailing Team.

Because of you, the US athletes are part of a holistic program that combines the best coaches, the

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latest tech, and a drive to create a collaborative, cohesive, and winning team.

While in France, USST Coach Charlie McKee noted, "Nevin and Mac came back to international competition after a long absence and shocked the fleet with their ability to immediately perform at the highest level. Their teammates (and Palma silver medalists) Ian Barrows and Hans Henken were hugely helpful in getting Nevin and Mac back up to speed, and the cooperative spirit these athletes displayed showed the true power of 'Team' within the resurgent US skiff program."

The athletes' recent wins are a true testament to your investment in them.

You are putting the US Sailing Team back on the path to the Olympic podium. **Thank you!** 



# Jose and Tim Discovered That Sailing is 'Their Thing,' Thanks to You!

Kids who live in a Seattle public housing complex recently learned to sail, thanks to you! For best friends Jose and Tim, the experience was transformational.

It's an easy walk from the Mercy Magnuson housing development to the local community boating center. But for kids who live at Mercy, sailing is a distant dream. They don't see themselves as part of the sailing community.

That is, until your support enabled a local boating center to reach out and enroll youth from Mercy Magnuson in the Siebel Sailors Program.

Pre-teens Jose and Tim decided to give it a try.

The two boys walked to their lessons together and immediately took to sailing. With no prior experience, they flew the spinnaker on the fourth day!

As their confidence as sailors grew, so did their confidence in themselves. They began to mentor the younger kids in the program, helping with



Thanks to you, kids from every economic background are getting on the water and discovering their inner strengths.

onshore activities and offering encouragement while on the water. And on no-wind days, Jose entertained the group with his talent as a budding magician!

Jose and Tim both agree that they've found 'their thing' in sailing. They're eager to be the best they can be at the sport, and they want to join a racing program next. They also want to help other kids like them join the next generation of sailors.

Thank you for giving Jose and Tim a home at the sailing club and for helping them to discover their hidden talents.

Names were changed for youth privacy and protection.

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capsizing as often, and simply having more fun!

"At the beginning of the week I hated the spinnaker," Maya told her coach. "By the end of the week I was mad when you told us to take it down."

Because of your support, Maya can become an avid, confident, and resilient sailor. Plus, her newfound confidence will go far beyond being in the boat. Knowing how to make decisions and deal with consequences, how to apply STEM concepts in real situations, and how to work as part of a team will help her succeed in every aspect of her life.

Thank you for empowering the next generation!

Maya's name was changed for youth privacy and protection.

## You Can Change a Child's Future Today!



You can give a kid who wouldn't otherwise learn to sail the chance to get on the water and build confidence, learn the value of teamwork, and gain skills that will last a lifetime!

Right now, a child in an underresourced community is waiting to get her chance. To find a place where she truly belongs. To be outdoors and have fun. To explore science, technology, and math in an engaging and hands-on way. To test her mettle and see what she's truly made of.

She wants to learn to sail. And you can make that happen!

You can change a life today by donating to the Siebel Sailors Program.

You can help her learn to make quick decisions under pressure, build self-confidence, and understand the value of teamwork. Because of you, she'll gain skills that will make a positive difference throughout her life, both on and off the water.

Plus, when you give now, your gift will be **matched** by the Tom and Stacey Siebel Foundation, **doubling your impact!** 

You know the joy and challenges that only sailing can bring. Will you share that gift with a child who is waiting and change their life forever?

### My Next Gift To Help Kids Learn, Grow, And Set Sail!

☐ Yes, I believe that sailing	can help kids
become strong, resilient,	and confident!

Yes, I want to give a child the chance to learn, grow, and set sail through the Siebel Sailors Program!

#### Please double my gift of:

- ☐ \$46 to help one child start sailing
- \$92 to help two children start sailing
- to help as much as possible!

Your gift will be doubled!

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