The mission of US Sailing’s Reach Initiative is to engage youth and enhance career opportunities in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics while fostering Environmental Stewardship through hands-on learning experiences.

2022 Reach Youth Engagement Grants

The 2022 Reach grants provide financial support for materials, program costs, and staff training when implementing the Reach Initiative. These programs are invaluable for the youth who are now given a chance to experience hands-on learning while exploring their local aquatic environments from a sailboat.

10 Grantees
2,164 Unique Students
32,744 Hours of Programming
18 NEW Partnerships

STEM & Positive Youth Development

Self-confidence
Students report increased self-confidence when they apply skills learned in the curriculum and problem-solving.

Retention
Most students report an interest in continuing to learn STEM through sailing after participating in the Reach program.

STEM
Students feel they will do well in high school classes similar to those subjects in the Reach program.

Environmental Stewardship: Events and Partners

Sea Change Sustainability Festival
Long Beach, CA
675 pounds of trash collected.

Over 50 youth participating in STEM activities.

San Francisco Beach Cleanup
Thousands of people passed through the event village over the two-day event.

65+ youth participating in STEM activities.

Testimonials

“Thank you for running such a wonderful [STEM Camp] program! I don’t know if I’ve ever seen two girls get so interested in learning and come home every day excited to tell us about what they’ve learned.”

-Sarah B., parent of sailor, Green Bay Sail & Paddle, WI

“I had a great time, and I learned a lot. I never knew there was so much trash in the water. I learned about how it hurts our lake.”

-Arjan, sailor, Henderson Harbor Water Sports Program, NY

“The most impactful lessons I taught this past summer were the ones about taking care of the ocean environment and the motivational lessons on water and wildlife quality. The most impactful experience was the hands-on sea-life lesson, which allowed me to get up close and personal with the local marine life, and helped me develop a greater sense of responsibility towards these beautiful places that we get to sail.”

-Camryn M., Reach Instructor, Dillon Junior Sailing Club, CO

56 individuals participated in the Reach/STEM Educator Course preparing them to use inquiry-based teaching techniques with students.

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