



2025 REACH IMPACT REPORT

The mission of US Sailing's Reach Education 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.

2025 REACH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANT

The 2025 Reach Youth Engagement Grants provided financial support to ten sailing programs for materials, transportation, scholarships, and other program costs for students incurred while implementing the Reach Initiative. These programs are invaluable for the youth who are given a chance to experience hands-on learning while exploring their local aquatic environments from near the water or on a sailboat.





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10
Grantees

5
New Reach Educators

17
New partnerships

2,741
Unique students

16,824
Hours of programming

2024

2025

16

STEM-specific events, reaching 1000+ students

2024

2025

22%

Increase in students participating in Reach Initiative

2024

2025

24

Schools directly impacted by Reach Initiatives in 2025



Grant Funded
Student Scholarships

55%

14

Years of the Reach Initiative

153

Certified Reach Educators
nationwide

600

Programs and schools using
the Reach curriculum annually

115,000+

Youth sailors learning with the
Reach curriculum each year

STEM, Sailing & Positive Youth Development

STEM Concepts

Students feel they are **more prepared** for middle-school and high school classes similar to those subjects in the Reach curriculum.

Self Confidence

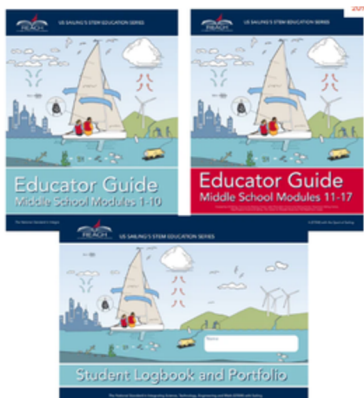
Students report **increased self confidence** and feel they can apply skills learned sailing to real world situations and problem solving.

Critical Thinking

Students need to actively analyze, evaluate, and **apply knowledge to find solutions** when using Reach modules and activities.

Spotlight: Reach Initiative Grant Partners

This year, the Reach Youth Engagement Grant was honored to receive support from **BankNewport** in order to send each Grantee the Reach Program Bundle of books!



“Printed books with all of the information schools need to understand the program has been really useful. Reach materials keep our programs consistent and connected to US Sailing.”
Milwaukee Community Sailing Center (WI)





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Inaugural Marine Debris Pick Up Challenge!

The Marine Debris Pick Up Challenge is part of US Sailing's focus on sustainable best practices at events nationwide. In 2025, each US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival hosted a Marine Debris Pick-Up Challenge with equipment for a safe and effective waterfront clean-up activity, along with resources to run additional activities on shore.



Over 1,000 Reach Grantees and Junior Olympic participants collected more than 500 pounds of marine debris in our Marine Debris Challenge, supported by Yeti.

Through our collaboration with Sailors for the Sea powered by Oceana, each Junior Olympic Festival was registered as a Clean Regatta -- empowering sailors and sailing organizations to take meaningful action in protecting the waters we love.





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Partner Spotlight: Harken Blockheads, New England Ropes and Yeti!

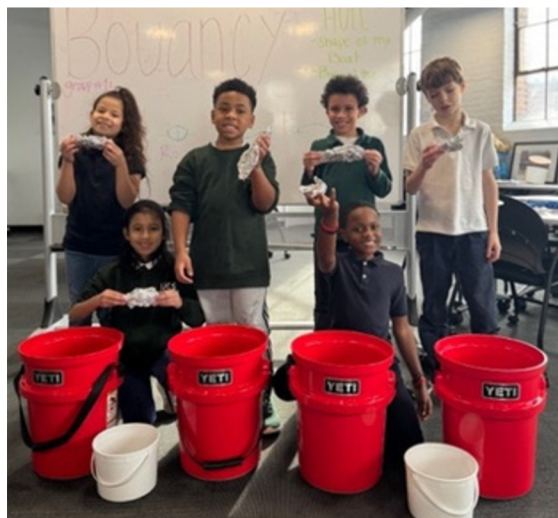
US Sailing is excited to collaborate with partners to provide greater value to our Reach Grantees and further the Reach Program Initiative. Thank you to Yeti for supplying 5-gallon buckets, and Harken Blockheads with New England Ropes for a Simple Machines display!



Yeti provided 30 buckets with lids to 10 Reach Grantees venues that supported marine debris pick ups for waterways around country!



Harken Blockheads and New England Ropes provided 400 feet of line and more than 90 blocks to demonstrate the mechanical advantage of purchase systems.





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We believe Reach succeeds because it meets students where they are, combining activities they find exciting with learning outcomes we know lead to growth. **That intersection of fun and education is where transformation happens.**

-Program Director, Gabrielle Sleeman,
Jolly Madison Sailing Club (MI)



"I wish **science class** could be like this **every day!**"

-Student, CBC New Bedford (MA)

"I learned how **wind** makes the boat go faster. We also learned about keeping the **water clean**. Sailing is so much fun!"

- Student, Havre de Grace (MD)

Thank you to our partners and donors for your continued support!



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