



Quinte SailAbility

Celebrating 20 Years of Inclusion

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

Quinte SailAbility is a sailing school for persons with a physical or developmental disability, regardless of age or degree of disability. Founded in 2001 and serving the greater Quinte area, it has grown to be the second largest school of its type in Ontario. It operated out of the CFB Trenton Yacht Club for 19 years, and is in its 2nd year of being co-located / independently operated out of the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club (BQYC), Belleville. Its goal is to be accessible, affordable and active. Through the use of technology, barriers are eliminated, providing the therapeutic benefits of sailing on one's own. Our core product is self-esteem and confidence

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

Quinte SailAbility had a great 2021 season. Despite the pandemic, Quinte SailAbility organized and ran a very streamlined, safe program to a number of returning and new members! This was the 2nd year operating out of the new location and so pleased to offer our programs to members of the community. Thank you to the Bay of Quinte Yacht Club for their support, as well as thank you to all the volunteers who provided their time and expertise.



FINANCIAL

Quinte SailAbility has been operating for 20 years. The majority of operating equipment and sail boats required much need repairs, replacement and/or maintenance. With the financial support of service clubs, organizations and more we are able to continue to provide our programs to a low cost to members.

AWARDS BANQUET

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID19 pandemic gathering / event restrictions, as well as vaccination policy developments pertaining to indoor events and/or activities, there was not a season end banquet held in 2021. To recognize member participation, there will be distribution of certificates of congratulations, and a small take-away.

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FUNDRAISING

Due to COVID19 restrictions, traditional fundraising activity was postponed during the 2021 season itself, however, there are activities being explored and planned to be held during the off season. In the past, fundraising included raffle to win a kayak, holiday baking and other in-person type of activity. Fundraising is an important part of Quinte Sailability, both financially, as well as raising awareness of the great programs offered.

OPERATIONS

A number of much needed fleet repairs, and equipment updates/maintenance were completed during 2021. In addition to repairs, there was continued/ongoing inventory and equipment review.

SAILING FLEET

- 4 Access 2.3
- 4 Martin 16
- 2 Coach boats
- 1 Aluminum Boat with an Outboard Motor
- 1 Challenger Trimaran



TRAINING

Due ongoing COVID19 restrictions, especially physical distancing restrictions, there was some decrease of members who registered to participate, however, there was a sufficient number of participants that this did not affect sailing hours and staff duties. The program ran full-time commencing June 28 to August 31. Instruction included on land and in the water, including recreational programs.

STAFF

Quinte Sailability hired 3 staff in 2021; Noah Carter, Chief Sailing Instructor, Abby McLean, Dock Supervisor and Ben Pelletier, Dock Assistant. Staff did a terrific job, considering the COVID19 restrictions and challenges; they were professional, pleasant, organized and hardworking. Staff worked a total of 678 hours. In addition to sailing program instruction, they assisted in fleet repairs, equipment inventory projects and more.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital contribution of the success of Quinte Sailability, specifically in keeping staff costs down. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, traditional recruitment of volunteers did not move forward, however there were a number of volunteers that provided over 300 hours of activity assistance. Activity included onsite season setup, season teardown, maintenance/repairs, rigging, and more. For the 2022 season, there will be efforts to recruit volunteers with experience in sail boat repair /maintenance and related, in addition to other needs. Teenage volunteers are also a valuable part of the program. Volunteering with Quinte Sailability is also an excellent opportunity for high-school students to earn volunteer hours, which is mandatory for post-secondary school graduation.

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Looking Back 2021...



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