



Quinte SailAbility

Celebrating 20 Years of Inclusion

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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. Quinte SailAbility is 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 2022 season. With 3 staff members on board, the program ran full-time, Monday to Friday from July 1 – August 31. With the easing of COVID19 restrictions, a number of sailors returned, as well welcomed some new faces! Thank you to staff, and volunteers!



FINANCIAL

Quinte SailAbility is a not-for-profit registered Charity which has been operating for 21 years. The majority of operating costs involves equipment and sail boat repairs, replacement and/or maintenance. With the generous financial support of service clubs, organizations and more we are able to continue to provide our programs to a low cost to members. In addition, Quinte SailAbility also researches and explores various government funding resources to support eligible expenses.

FUNDRAISING and RAISING AWARENESS

Fundraising and Awareness are both important components of Quinte SailAbility. In addition to the generous financial support received from a number of organizations, as well as private donations, Quinte SailAbility fundraises through volunteering at Belleville Lions Hall Charity Association Bingos. There is ongoing research and exploring of fundraising activities on an ongoing basis. In the past fundraising included bake sales and kayak raffles. Below is a listing of some of the raising awareness activities completed in 2022:

- Participated at the World Rowing Tour – Quinte Water Sports Fair
- Article in the Belleville Intelligencer on Quinte SailAbility
- Quinte SailAbility article in the '2022 Bay of Quinte Region Discovery Guide'
- Active and Engaging on Social Media Platforms
- A number of presentations (in person and virtual) providing updates on activities
- Participated in an OMERS Member Profile Article and Photoshoot

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QUINTE SAILABILITY SAILORS REPRESENT AT 2022 MOBILITY CUP

2022 Mobility Cup was held at the Northern Yacht Club in North Sydney, Cape Breton from August 29 to September 2. Nicole Flynn and Kai Freeland both competed in the Silver Class (companion sailors required) There were 10 entrants. Gold Class had ten entries as well. Mobility Cup attracts sailors from many locales and this year there were sailors from six Canadian provinces and two American states including three from California and one from Hawaii. Nicole was a determined fourth and Kai placed sixth in the final tally. Both QS sailors look forward to Mobility Cup 2023 which will be held in Toronto.



Nicole Flynn

OPERATIONS

In 2022, the majority of the fleet was utilized. There a number of vessels, as well as operating equipment, that are nearing 15-20 year in age, thus requiring consistent / ongoing maintenance and repairs.

SAILING FLEET

- 4 Access 2.3
- 4 Martin 16
- 2 Coach Boats
- 1 Challenger Trimaran



STAFF

Quinte Sailability hired 3 staff in 2022; Noah Carter, Chief Sailing Instructor, Lauren Molenhuis, Dock Supervisor and Katherine Price-Wessel, Dock Assistant. Staff did an excellent job, and were friendly, professional, hard-working and went above and beyond expectations. Staff worked a total of **702 hours**. In addition to sailing program instruction related activities, staff assisted in fleet repairs, equipment inventory projects and more.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a vital component to the success of Quinte Sailability, specifically in keeping staff costs down. Volunteers provided over **850 hours** of activity assistance. Activity included season setup, daily dock opening/closing tasks, season teardown, maintenance/repairs, rigging, attending fundraising functions and more. Teenage volunteers are also a valuable part of the program. Volunteering with Quinte Sailability is an excellent opportunity for high-school students to earn volunteer hours, which is mandatory for post-secondary school graduation.

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