



2023 REACH IMPACT REPORT

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.



2023 REACH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANT

The 2023 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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Grantees

17
New Reach Educators

22
New partnerships

2,543
Unique students

85,022
Hours of programming

2022

2023

Over 200%

Increase in hours of Reach programming offered

2022

2023

18%

Increase in students participating in Reach Initiative

2022

2023

22%

Increase in partnerships for Reach grantees



Expected **52%**
student retention

12

Years of the Reach Initiative

133

Certified Reach Educators
nationwide

600

Programs and schools using
the Reach curriculum annually

100,000

Youth sailors learning with the
Reach curriculum each year



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Sailing, STEM & Positive Youth Development

Self Confidence

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

STEM Concepts

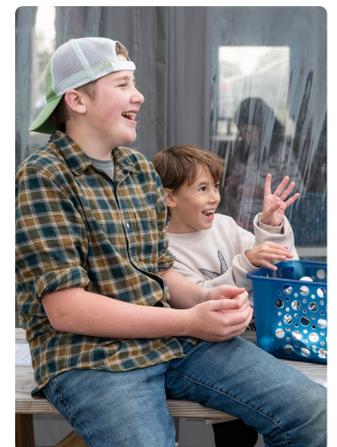
Students feel they will do well in high school classes similar to those subjects in the Reach curriculum.

Critical Thinking

Students need to actively analyze, evaluate, and applying knowledge to find solutions when using Reach Modules.

Spotlight: SouthCoast Wind at Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (RI)

US Sailing and SouthCoast Wind Community Liaisons collaborated to engage 30 youth at Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF) to learn about offshore wind and try a new STEM activity - making their own floating wind turbine with recycled materials and a small pool!





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"After promoting the Reach Initiative, we were able to receive multiple students that were recommended directly by the STEM Matters program and they will continue to sponsor us in the future."

Director of Sailing, Juan Pablo Sarmiento
Torres, Rocking The Boat (NY)

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"First, I'm going to win this buoyancy competition with a big hull. Then, I'm going to design a boat that goes really fast!" -**Student, Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation (OR)**

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"It was fun getting to build our own boats and seeing how long they could go without sinking!" - **Middle School Student, Edison Sailing Center (FL)**

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