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Dear Friends of MattSail and Supportive Community,

Happy Holidays to you and your family! What an exciting sailing season we had this past summer. We added 10 students to each sailing class both AM and PM, certified a few more instructors, continued to repairs and paint boats, bought new sails, welcomed our new boat, Safety First donated by Atlantic Boats with our beautiful logo on it as a special touch. We welcomed Cindy Brownell as a new board member. She has brought so much to the board in a short time with her extreme knowledge, organizational skills, and her motivation and energy has just been wonderful. Cindy spearheaded the Fun' Raiser Fling along with Jen Collyer and Rita Stellato that unfortunately was canceled due to COVID but all their hard work was truly appreciated .

As COVID-19 has continued to affect all of us this past year, we weren't quite sure how we were going to navigate, run and most importantly FUND our non- profit youth sailing program knowing that it solely depends on donations from the community, corporate donations and sponsors, and membership support. It is with great pride, that I am able to report that the William E. Mee Sailing Program ran stronger than ever while making safety our first priority for all of our staff and sailing students. The program ran 3, two week sessions with AM and PM classes. All 3 sessions were full and the staff was able to run each session with 20 kids in the morning and 20 kids in the afternoon. That is a total of 120 sailing students that were able to learn how to sail safely but most importantly all while having fun, making friends and getting out on the water! Our Private Sailing Lessons were busier than ever this year providing both children and adults with 1:1 sailing instruction. We hired and provided salaries for 11 employees and were able to pay for some to become level 1 certified. We had 5 wonderful volunteers that learned a lot and some are wanting to become an instructor next season. We could have used another 5 instructors as we had a waiting list of kids who wanted to participate in our program but we just didn't have the funds. Our goal this year is to hire more staff and continue to pay for their certifications so we can grow our sailing program and provide each child and adult who wants to sail the opportunity to do so. We rely on all of you and your generous funding to keep our boats safe, our staff trained and our programs successful!

As a Non-Profit Organization, MattSail (Mattapoissett Community Sailing Association) is reaching out to you to ask for your generous donation so we can continue to provide the kids in our community and surrounding towns with an amazing sailing education packed with fun. Without your donations, we are not able to run our program. We are heading into our 17th year and proud to report we have serviced over 1260 students who have participated in our various programs including the William E. Mee Youth Sailing Program. We have had over 20 students come through our program who are now qualified sailing instructors. MattSail also sponsors the ORR Bulldog Sailing Team providing the use of the sail boats, safety boats, rigging and maintenance. Your donations will go towards funding the sailing program, repairs to the boats which have been sailing for 17 years, insurance for the boats and towards the short fall of 25,000 that is needed each year. Please consider donating and or becoming a member of MattSail so we can continue to provide opportunities to children and adults in the sailing community.

As always, thank you for your support!
The Mattapoissett Community Sailing Association

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