



Safe Waters Campaign: Building a Fleet for the Future

Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program's 2025 Capital Campaign

For over 75 years, the **Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program** has been a cornerstone of our community, teaching swimming, sailing, and water safety to participants of all ages. We've built confidence, developed lifelong skills, and inspired a passion for the water—both recreationally and competitively.

As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, **safety remains our top priority**. That's why we're launching the **Safe Waters Campaign**, a **\$50,000 capital initiative** to upgrade and maintain a fleet that supports not just safety boats but the overall safety of our programs and participants.

Campaign Focus: Safety First

While new **RIB safety boats** are at the heart of this campaign, funds raised will also support a comprehensive safety initiative that ensures the long-term success of our current and future program offerings.

Immediate Boat Purchase Goals:

- **Highfield CL380 FCT (12'6", 30HP with trailer)** – Upgraded motor for improved performance in classes.
- **Highfield CL420 FCT (13'10", 50HP with trailer)** – Supports classes and regattas.
- **Highfield 16ft - 19ft RIB** – Replacement for "Betty" 16ft, 90HP 4 stroke

Additional Goals:

- Training for instructors and staff to ensure best safety practices
- Fleet maintenance and upkeep to sustain program longevity
- Upgrades, maintenance, or additions to our fleet of 420s, Optis, and Lasers
- Future purchases to support the Adventure Sail class

Why Now?

Our safety boats are essential to our program, but **aging equipment and rising maintenance costs** have made day-to-day operations more challenging. In 2024, we **took a major step** by purchasing a new Highfield RIB and selling the outdated safety boat fleet to help fund this next phase. Thanks to the efforts of our **Board Advisory member, Brian Kezur**, we also secured a **\$20,000 ODNR grant**—but we still have a goal to raise an additional **\$50,000 throughout 2025** to round out our fleet and maintain the highest standards for the program.

The **Safe Waters Campaign** is an investment in the future, ensuring that every swimmer and sailor can continue to **learn, grow, and explore safely**. With the support of our community, we are confident in delivering another great season while working toward our long-term goals.

Why Support the Safe Waters Campaign?

Invests in Skill Development – Foster teamwork, resilience, and self-confidence that extends far beyond the shoreline and leave a lasting impact of participant's lives.

Ensures Safety for All – Provide the boats, equipment, and training needed to keep swimmers and sailors safe. It's about more than the equipment—it's about building confidence and peace of mind on the water.

Fosters Community and Connection – By coming together to support this campaign, we create an environment where participants feel welcomed, build lasting friendships, and develop skills that extend beyond the water.

Creates a Lasting Legacy – Ensure future generations can experience the joy of the water, continuing a tradition of learning and adventure for years to come.

How You Can Help

By supporting the **Safe Waters Campaign**, you help build a **strong, safe, and sustainable program**.

- **Donate** – Every contribution brings us closer to our goal.
- **Spread the Word** – Share the campaign with friends, family, and fellow supporters to maximize its reach and impact.

Together, we are building more than a fleet—we are creating a lasting foundation of safety, skill, and community. A **safe program is a strong program**, and with your support, we will continue to grow, inspire, and ensure its impact for generations to come.

Thank You For Your Support,

The 2025 Safe Waters Committee

Melissa Fiorilli, Jill Ammerman, Lynn Kezur, Brandy Marriott, C.C. Wisniewski,
Brian Kezer, and Colleen Mooney

The Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program is a fully vested 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization (EIN: 34-1943107), registered with the State of Ohio. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Official registration and financial information can be obtained from the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section.

Safe Waters Campaign Donor Levels

COMMODORE LEVEL – \$10,000 (Limited to first 3 donors)

- **Boat Naming Rights** – Name a new RIB safety boat with your chosen design or name prominently displayed.
- **Public Recognition** –
 - Name listed on the **"Founders of the Fleet"** donor plaque at the yacht club.
 - Acknowledgment on the **PIBCSS website, social media, and newsletter**.
- **Exclusive Experience** – Invitation to the **Donor Appreciation Event**.
- **Keepsake** – Custom **"Founders of the Fleet"** plaque for home or business display.
- **Community Engagement** –
 - **Featured in a donor spotlight article** in the *Gazette*.
 - Special acknowledgment at the **end-of-season awards** and listing in the awards program.
 - **Recognition and personalized framed photo** with program participants at the safety boat christening ceremony.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** – **8 Complimentary Tickets** to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.
- ***Flexible Payment Plan Available***

CAPTAIN LEVEL – \$5,000

- **Public Recognition** –
 - Name listed on the **"Founders of the Fleet"** donor plaque at the yacht club.
 - Acknowledgment on the **PIBCSS website, social media, and newsletter**.
- **Exclusive Experience** – Invitation to the **Donor Appreciation Event**.
- **Keepsake** – **Personalized campaign-branded gift**.
- **Community Engagement** –
 - **Mention in a donor spotlight article** in the *Gazette*.
 - **Recognition** at the safety boat christening ceremony.
 - Listing in the **end-of-season awards** program.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** – **6 Complimentary Tickets** to the annual Spaghetti Dinner

NAVIGATOR LEVEL – \$2,500

- **Public Recognition** –
 - Name listed on the **"Founders of the Fleet"** donor plaque at the yacht club.
 - Acknowledgment on the **PIBCSS website, social media and newsletter**.
- **Exclusive Experience** – Invitation to the **Donor Appreciation Event**.
- **Keepsake** – **Personalized campaign-branded gift**.
- **Community Engagement** –
 - Listing in the **end-of-season awards** program.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** – **4 Complimentary Tickets** to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

HELMSMAN LEVEL – \$1,000

- **Public Recognition** –
 - Name listed on the **"Founders of the Fleet"** donor plaque at the yacht club.
 - Acknowledgment in the **PIBCSS newsletter**.
- **Exclusive Experience** – Invitation to the **Donor Appreciation Event**.
- **Keepsake** – **Campaign-branded gift**.
- **Community Engagement** –
 - Listing in the **end-of-season awards** program.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** – **2 Complimentary Tickets** to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

CREW LEVEL – \$500

- **Public Recognition** – Acknowledgment in the **PIBCSS newsletter**.
- **Keepsake** – **Campaign-branded gift**.
- **Spaghetti Dinner Tickets** – **2 Complimentary Tickets** to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

SAILOR LEVEL – \$250

- **Public Recognition** – Acknowledgment in the **PIBCSS newsletter**.
- **Keepsake** – **Campaign-branded gift**.

Donation Form

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commodore Level - \$10,000* | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigator Level - \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Crew Level - \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Captain Level - \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Helmsman Level - \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailor Level - \$250 |

Contact Name: _____

Business Name or Recognition Name or In Honor/Memory of for public recognition:

- ☐ I prefer my donation to remain anonymous in public recognition.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Double Your Donation! Many employers match charitable contributions. Check with your company to see if they offer a matching gift program.

- ☐ My employer offers donation matching.

Company Name: _____

Payment Method:

- ☐ **Check** - Please make checks payable to *Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program* and mail along with this donation form to: PIBCSS, P.O. Box 881, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456.

- ☐ **Credit Card** - To make an online payment, visit <https://bit.ly/safewaters>. A 2.99% processing fee is included to ensure your full contribution supports the organization. Please scan or photograph your donation form and email it to pibswimsail@gmail.com or mail it to: PIBCSS, P.O. Box 881, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456.

Donations are not considered confirmed until payment has been received. *If you are donating at the Commodore Level and would like to discuss a payment plan, please contact pibswimsail@gmail.com or connect with a Safe Waters Committee member. Thank you for your generous support in helping us build a safer, stronger future on the water!

The Put-in-Bay Community Swim & Sail Program is a fully vested 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization (EIN: 34-1943107), registered with the State of Ohio. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Official registration and financial information can be obtained from the Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Law Section.