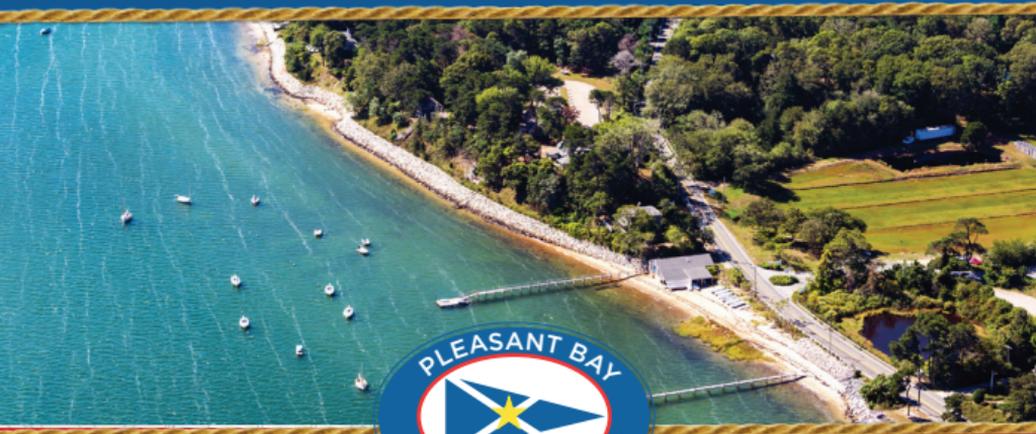


Affordable, accessible marine-related programs are extremely limited in our communities.



## **Pleasant Bay Community Boating**

is a community-based nonprofit committed to ensuring that everyone has access to the Bay.

We work to provide everyone with the opportunity to participate in marine-related activities, regardless of their physical, cognitive, or financial abilities.

PBCB offers a wide variety of affordable programs for children, adults, families, and people with disabilities that range from skill-building classes and recreational activities to marine stewardship.

Many Adaptive and Community Outreach programs are free to participants.

***PBCB Provided  
1,000  
Free Outreach  
Activities  
in 2017***

***BUT WE CANNOT  
DO THIS WORK  
WITHOUT  
THE SUPPORT OF  
DONORS LIKE YOU***

## **Please Donate to Our Annual Fund Today!**

*Your gift will support free programming and help ensure that the Bay and these resources remain accessible to everyone.*

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***Keeping Boating Accessible and Affordable for All***

## *Comments from a Blind & Vision Impaired participant...*

“I am writing to acknowledge the wonderful opportunity that Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB) has given me through the organization’s Blind and Vision-Impaired Sailing program. I had always wanted to learn to sail, but when I lost my sight in mid-life I never thought I would be able to learn. Then in the fall of 2015 I heard that Pleasant Bay Community Boating was planning to offer an instructional sailing program for individuals who were blind and vision-impaired. I jumped at the chance to participate in the program, which is just one of many outstanding programs that PBCB offers.

I remember the first time I stepped aboard a sailboat in the summer of 2016. I was a bit nervous walking along the age-old dock with my sighted guide, but once I stepped onto the Flying Scot it was like I had come home! The instructors were wonderful. I quickly learned the parts of the boat and some general sailing terms. Once out on the water things got a little more challenging as I strived to understand how to judge the direction of the wind, how to steer with the tiller, and how to maneuver the sail. With each lesson I became a bit more confident. I sailed again during the summer of 2017, continuing to learn and refine my skills. I know that I have quite a bit more to learn, but with time and experience I think I will become a better sailor.

I would not have had the opportunity to learn to sail were it not for the generosity of Pleasant Bay Community Boating. To have been able to take advantage of this free program has meant the world to me. It has broadened my horizons and introduced me to new challenges. It has been a real adventure!

I have met so many wonderful people through the Blind and Vision-Impaired Sailing program; from the instructors, to the volunteer sighted guides, to the hard-working individuals that keep the boats in tip-top condition. All have been extremely generous with their time and have been incredibly supportive of my efforts to learn to sail. Best of all I have had the opportunity to share this adventure with other blind and vision-impaired individuals.

I can hardly wait until next summer when I will hopefully have the opportunity to sail again on Pleasant Bay. Until then I have to be satisfied with memories of the taste of salt spray, the wind on my neck, the sound of the waves against the side of the boat, the smell of the salty air, and the feel of the tiller under my hand!”

With appreciation, Carla Burke