



OREGON
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FOUNDATION

Annual Report for 2018



Director's Statement

The year 2018 was a rebuilding year for us at the Oregon Boating Foundation. We experienced expansion in all of our programs, and established new partnerships in our community. We provided scholarships to ensure that everyone had access to our programs. We brought in the next generation of instructors to ensure our programs continue in the future.

We helped as the Port of Toledo put more than five hundred people on the water during their Free Family Boating events. We helped the Girl Scouts of Benton County enjoy a day at Beaver Creek. And, as in years past, we made our boathouse available to support the Newport High School Sailing Team.

The most exciting news is that we'll be introducing a new program starting in 2019 – guided kayak tours of Yaquina Bay. After nearly two years of planning, the facilities and equipment are in place, and our goal of providing job opportunities for young people in our community is being realized.

We are, most importantly, grateful to our donors, volunteers, and supporters who have made all of this possible. We rely on the generosity of our community to do our work, and you have not let us down.

Brian Getting

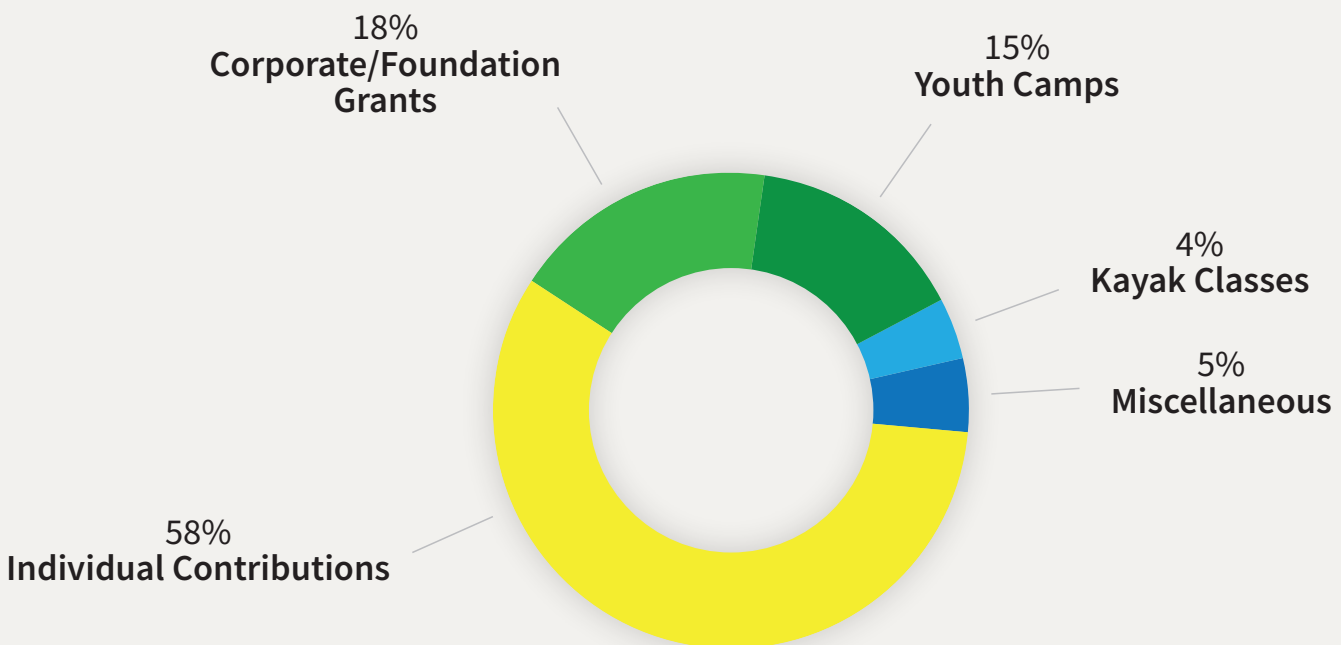
Executive Director

Financial Overview

This report is intended to give our stakeholders, donors, and other interested people information about our organization's activities and financial performance.

In 2018 the Oregon Boating Foundation's earned revenue came primarily from our youth camps and kayak classes. Thanks to the generosity of donors to our scholarship fund, we provided more than \$1,200 in financial assistance to ensure that everyone in our community had access to our programs.

Gifts from our donors, as well as grants and corporate sponsorships, continue to be vital to our financial success.



Sources of Revenue

Youth Camps

Our five-day youth camps are designed to be affordable, fun opportunities for kids to get out on the water during the summer. These camps have been gaining popularity in recent years, and we have been working hard to keep up with the demand for such programs.

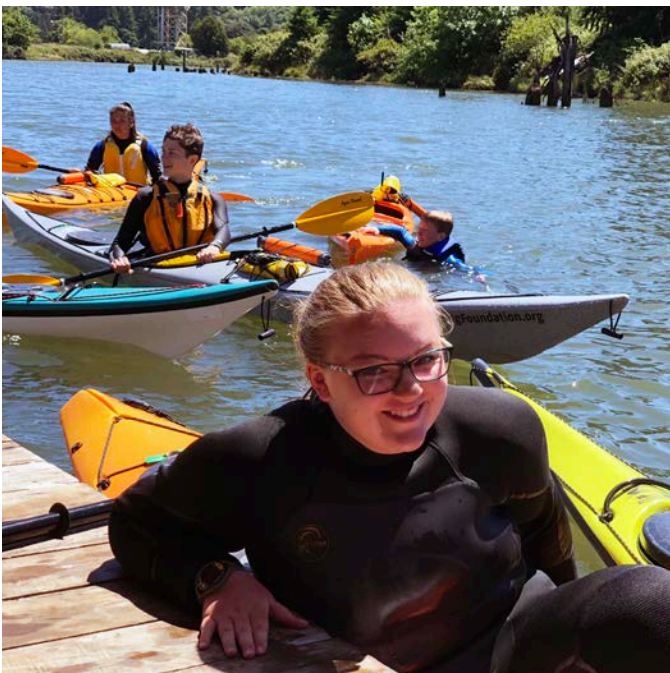
Sailing Camps

After a two-year hiatus, one of our goals this year was to revive our youth sailing camps. Thanks to Landon Reno, we ran two sailing camps in 2018, and both were at full capacity. Our goal for the future is to find more instructors and purchase more sailboats so that we can expand our capacity and keep up with the demand for these unique experiences.



Kayak Camps

Our youth kayak camp program has seen steady growth for many years, and we had more participants in 2018 than we've ever had before. We ran three youth kayak camps this year, and alumni from previous years helped out as assistants. Next year we'll be introducing an Advanced Kayak Camp to accommodate those who wish to continue further.



Kayak Classes

Nationwide, participation rates for kayaking have been on the rise for a number of years. The Oregon Boating Foundation offers sea kayak classes that help introduce people to the sport, and teach them to paddle safely.

We offer the following kayak classes, taught by American Canoe Association certified instructors:

- Introduction to Kayaking
- Essentials of Kayak Touring
- Coastal Kayaking

This year, we also provided custom kayak training for a few folks, and also helped some Girl Scouts enjoy a day of paddling on Beaver Creek.



Did you know? Over 80% of drowning victims are not wearing life jackets when found.

Free Family Boating

Twice a week between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Port of Toledo's Free Family Boating events provide an opportunity for everyone in our community to get out on the water – free of charge. We're proud to support this program by providing sailboats and life jackets. Many of our volunteers also participate to help ensure that this program runs smoothly.

In 2018, **more than five hundred people** – from all over the country – had the opportunity to spend some time sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding and rowing. The founder of this program, Joe Novello, can often be heard saying, “we are helping families make lifelong memories” – and he is absolutely right.



Guided Kayak Tours

Next year we'll be introducing a new program – guided kayak tours in Yaquina Bay. These unique, two-hour tours will offer an incredible opportunity to get up close and personal with the wildlife, fishing community, and landmarks of Yaquina Bay and the Newport Bayfront. It's a fantastic adventure for both residents and visitors.

These tours will also provide an endpoint to our kayak program. Completion of our kayak camps results in our participants being ACA certified paddlers, which qualifies them to work as guides just about anywhere in the world. In 2019 our guided kayak tours will allow us to offer such employment opportunities to young adults in our community.



The Next Generation

One of our goals at the Oregon Boating Foundation is to ensure the long term sustainability of our programs, so that we can continue to serve our community for many years to come. A number of the young people who have participated in our programs have returned to assume leadership roles, helping to foster the culture of safety and education we've worked hard to create. We are grateful to them, and look forward to watching the organization thrive under their stewardship.



Anya Panose

A Corvallis native, Anya has been making trips to the coast to join our kayak camps for more than five years. When she is not paddling, you'll find her training Ki-Aikido, dancing, or hanging out with her friends. In 2018 she volunteered as an assistant kayak instructor, and we look forward to her return in 2019, when she'll be leading guided kayak tours of Yaquina Bay in Newport.



McKenzie Thomas

Hailing from Toledo, McKenzie has been attending our kayak camps for more than five years. In 2019 she returned to volunteer as an assistant instructor, and is also a member of the Newport High School Sailing Team. She has made many appearances at the Toledo Wooden Boat Show to demonstrate skills and rescues, and next year she'll be leading guided kayak tours in Yaquina Bay.

Did you know? You can meet our entire friendly, highly trained staff by visiting our website at oregonboatingfoundation.org.

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We rely on the generosity of our community to do our work, and we'd like to thank everyone for the support we received in 2018.

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