“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember; INVOLVE me and I learn.”

This quote by Confucius is at the heart and soul of what we do at the Community Boating Center, or CBC for short.
We INVOLVE area youth age 5 to 24 in fun, hands-on activities using boating and the marine environment. We take kids out of their comfort zones and expose them to opportunities they never thought would be possible. Our mission is to teach positive life values to youth through boating.
Challenges Facing New Bedford

Graduation Rate
- New Bedford: 65%
- State: 88%

Per Capita Income
- New Bedford: $24,000
- State: $38,000

Youth Participation in Team Sports
- New Bedford: 32%
- State: 78%
History

CBC was born in 1995, the brainchild of JoAnn Tschaen, a social worker, who after spending the day with seven kids in New Bedford, saw seven boats in the harbor and thought, “seven kids, seven boats…”

From this kernel, CBC was incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 1998.
Today at CBC

100 Boats

2,500 Kids

9 Educators

25 Schools & Partners
Who’s who?

Andy Herlihy  Executive Director
Andy Chin    Director of Training
Caroline Conzatti  Assistant Director
Abby Cook    Science & Sailing Educator
Richard Feeny  Education Director
Greg Pimentel  Program Director
Christina Rebello  Development Director
Taber Russell-Pelsue  Operations Manager
2018 Highlights from all four seasons

• **Fall** Piloted a Marine Trades training program to teach and train youth for jobs in the marine industry.

• **Winter** Coded 3 autonomous sailboats with 8th grade students from Our Sisters’ School. And expanded into more area schools with more hours teaching STEM education.

• **Spring** Started an aquaculture program.

• **Summer** Continued to grow our Junior Instructor Program with 44 youth compared to last year’s 34. And because of our donors, more than eighty percent (80%) of the children enrolled in CBC’s 2018 Summer Youth Sailing Program, a program they could not have otherwise afforded, attended free of charge.

• **Throughout the year** Reached every 5th grade student in the New Bedford Public Schools through our Ocean Stewardship program at Sea Lab.
2018 Volunteers at CBC

• Volunteers contributed over 11 hours.
• The value of that labor is estimated to be $26,599.
• For every dollar spend on the Volunteer Program, we got back $7.09.
• We made $108,000 from Opening of the Bay and the 420 North American Championship. This equates to 12% of our operating revenue for the year. These events would not be possible without volunteers.
As a volunteer

- Follow the procedures and protocols outlined in our Volunteer Handbook.
- Remember that all of us serve as role models for our participants.
- Show up on time for your assignment – we’re counting on you!
- Don’t hesitate to ask us if you have questions.
- And never forget the cornerstone of CBC...
Safety, Fun, Learning

We create a safe environment for kids – socially, emotionally, and physically – built around fun engaging activities, which leads to an amazing learning environment. Kids are constantly learning, even when they don’t realize they are learning!
Thank you for your commitment to CBC!