

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



THE CENTER FOR
WOODEN
BOATS

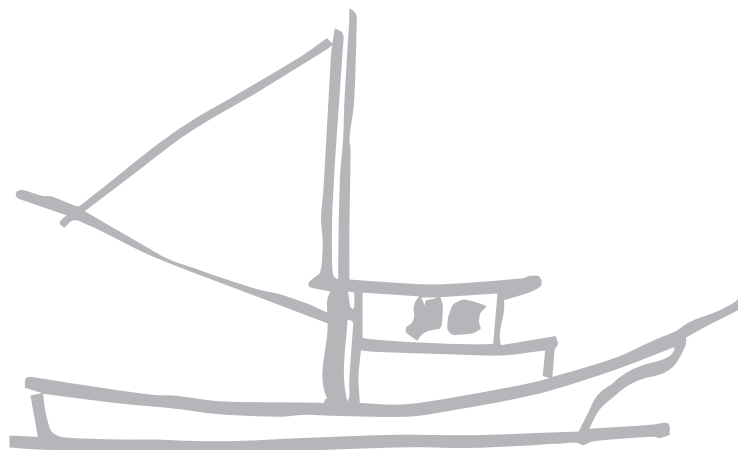
A message from the Executive Director

The Center for Wooden Boats shined in 2022. By nearly every metric the organization grew in terms of capacity, mission delivery, and stability. The support we received from our community stakeholders, our true partners in our maritime mission, was unlike anything experienced in recent memory. I am truly thankful for the support and dedication our community brings to this project every day. From major donors to youth campers, long time volunteers to first time visitors, wooden boat lovers to water sport enthusiasts, everyone's interest and passion collectively make this community so vibrant. That adoration for CWB makes it possible for the staff, board, and volunteers to succeed in our stewardship of this gem in the heart of Seattle.

We saw unprecedented demand for our services this year and worked to leverage that energy for future long term growth. For example, more youth got on the water this summer than in any year prior due to a couple capacity-focused initiatives. We successfully completed a three-year project with US Sailing on the Siebel Sailors initiative focused on increasing diversity in youth sailing which culminated with us adding the RS Feva fleet permanently to our collection. We will continue to use the fleet to carry on that diversity work via our programs. In conjunction, we finished the multi-year construction project on the new Chesapeake Light Craft designed Lake Union Swift class to run our STEM focused sailing curriculum. We also doubled the amount of youth scholarships available from the year prior to help make sailing more accessible.

The world has changed a lot in the last few years, and certainly Seattle has since The Center for Wooden Boats was first founded at the Wagner's floating home under the Aurora bridge. Moving forward the organization will strive to balance the change necessary to adapt, while maintaining the spirit that has sustained our rich history. We'll keep building on the community events that bring us together such as Sunday Public Sail and the Norm Blanchard Regatta. We'll also continue to make necessary long-term investments to maintain our landmarked historic floating buildings. Through it all though, some things will never change. CWB is a living museum where one and all can get involved.

Josh Anderson
Executive Director

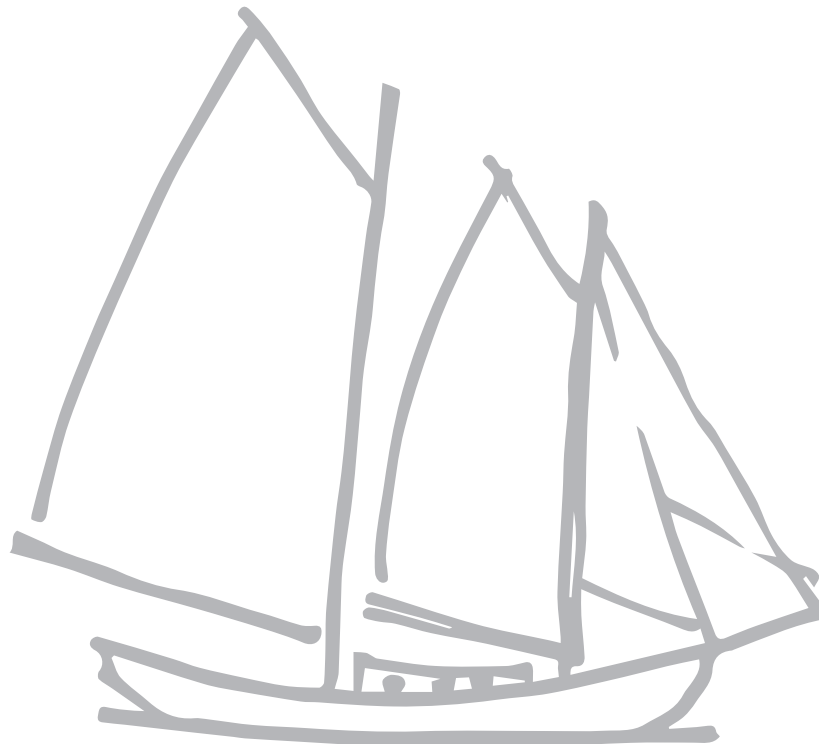


A message from the President of the Board

For the benefit of our supporters The Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) compiles and publishes an annual report, reviewed financial statements, and 990's. In these reports our stakeholders can find detailed information about our recent program accomplishments, donor recognition, and financial information.

In 2022 The Center for Wooden Boats hosted wonderful new exhibitions, received prestigious awards, enjoyed in-person events, and grew our programming. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our living museum whether as a first-time visitor or longtime supporter. We are grateful to our members, volunteers, donors, and collaborators who helped CWB reimagine itself post-pandemic. Thank you all for helping to make 2022 a success.

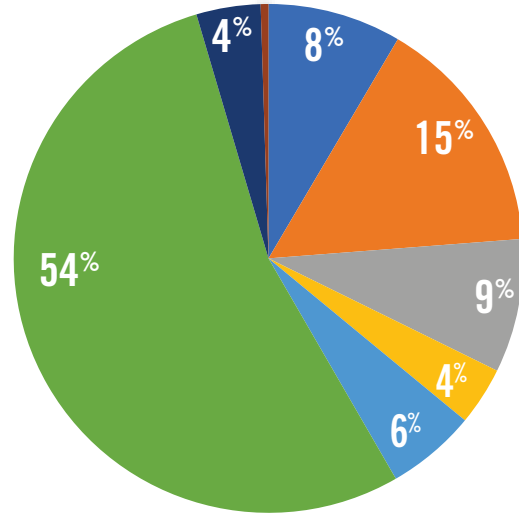
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Clay Gustaves
Board of Trustees President



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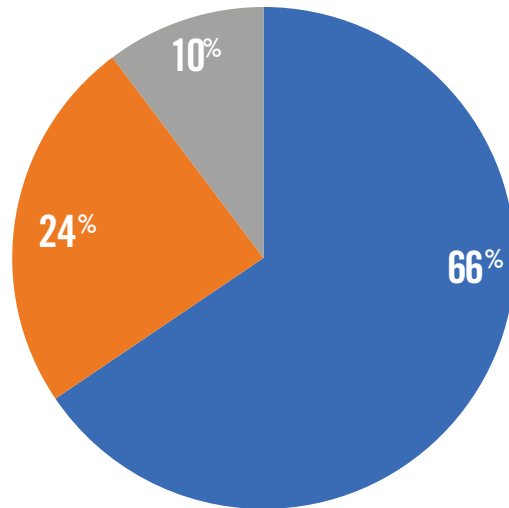
Operating Revenue Approximately \$1.95M

- Programs
- Contributions
- Grants
- In Kind
- Events
- Membership
- Sales



Operating Expense Approximately \$1.9M

- Program services
- Management & General
- Fundraising



A FEW 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- 119,557 visitors at South Lake Union
- 17,134 volunteer hours logged
- 8,304 people enjoyed a boat rental
- 39% of boat renters got on the water for free through public benefit programs
- 3,658 event attendees
- 3,318 toy boatbuilding participants and approximately 1,106 toy boats built
- 2,007 CWB members
- 1,539 participated in sailing instruction
- \$50,534 in scholarships awarded to 111 youth
- 222 people engaged with sailboat racing and regattas
- 103 people took part in boatbuilding classes

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