



**Budget and Administrative Services  
Fiscal Services Division, Grant**

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**Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee**

**Application for Grant funding for the FY2015/2016 Budget year from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016**

Please complete the following information and submit to the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division Office by Thursday, February 5, 2015. All funding requests will be compiled and presented to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) at their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 (9:30 am, BCC Room 119). All departments/agencies requesting funds should have a representative present at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to present their request and answer questions from the Committee. Blank copies of this Application can be found at <http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/BoardsCommittees/MAC/> then clicking on "Boater Improvement Fund Application Information."

Name of Organization: Charlotte County Family YMCA  
Principal Officer, President, Chairman etc.: Randy Dunn, CEO  
Address: 19333 Quesada Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
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Amount of Funding Requested: \$17,030

Total Cost of Project: \$34,060

Does your organization/department receive any other funding sources: Yes If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

We charge sailing registration fees and receive donations from Punta Gorda Sailing Club, Y's Men, and Summerset Regatta. We charge a sponsorship fee for placing advertising on our Opti's. We also receive donated boats which we either use in the program or resell with the benefits going to the program.

Project Location: Bayfront Center YMCA – 750 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL

Estimated Completion Date: August 31, 2015

Purpose of Funding Requested: See Exhibit I

If permits are required, list each required, it's type and status. Attach all permits that have been issued to this application along with the estimated length of time to complete the project by phase and a vicinity map.  
No permits are required.

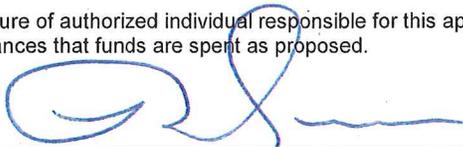
Benefit to the County: See Exhibit I

Any operating costs associated with the project: We did not include operational charges in our request. Cost of operations is covered by registration fees and volunteer hours. This request is designed to allow us to expand our program and prepare for the transition of the program from a YMCA program to a joint YMCA/Learn to Sail, Inc. Program in 2015. See Exhibit III for further information on the history of the program and plans for future expansion.

Other justification: \_\_\_\_\_

Please, attach any additional supporting information or documentation you feel is pertinent or supportive for your request.

Signature of authorized individual responsible for this application, and should funding be granted, the person responsible for assurances that funds are spent as proposed.

  
Randy Dunn, CEO

2-5-15  
Date

BUDGET ESTIMATE DETAIL	Grant Funds	Matching Funds <sup>1</sup>	Total
Construction Expenses (specify)	n/a		n/a
Contractual Services (specify)	n/a		n/a
Materials			
Dagger Boards - 3 @ \$360	\$1,080	0	\$1,080
Sunfish Rudder Blades - 3 @ \$270	810	\$90	900
<i>Match – Volunteer Labor ½ hr each at \$60/hour</i>			
VHF Handhelds Icom M24 – 3 @ \$165 each	495	0	495
"Learn Sailing Right Beginner" manuals - 25 @ \$15 each Learn to Sail manuals will be included in each adjul	375	0	375
Misc. Boat Parts (nuts, bolts, fiberglass, etc.)	350	600	950
<i>Match – Budgeted within the Y sail program budget under supplies</i>			
Tiller Straps – 3 @ \$40	120	90	210
<i>Match – Volunteer Labor ½ hr each at \$60/hour</i>			
Equipment			
Sunfish (used) – 6 @ \$800 each	4,800	Transport – 336 Repairs - 720	5,856
<i>Match – Transport boat and initial repairs – Avg transportation is 100 miles (Tampa). May include two trips – inspect boat, retrieve boat. Assume 100 mi @ .56/mile = \$56 each boat. Assume 2 hours of repair/inspection for each boat @ \$60/hr = \$120 Volunteer labor/boat</i>			
Club 420's (used) – 3 @ \$2,200	6,600	Transport – 168 Repairs - 360	7,128
<i>Match – Transport boat and initial repairs – Avg transportation is 100 miles (Tampa). May include two trips – inspect boat, retrieve boat. Assume 100 mi @ .56/mile = \$56 each boat. Assume 2 hours of repair/inspection for each boat @ \$60/hr = \$120 Volunteer labor/boat</i>			

<sup>1</sup> Matching funds are **required** only for Boating Safety and Recreation projects, but are encouraged for all projects.

Salaries <sup>2</sup>	n/a		n/a
(specify)			
Promotional materials (Specify)			
Scholarship Program for youth who cannot otherwise afford to attend our program. Under this program a disadvantaged youth's application will be reviewed by a committee of three volunteers. A scholarship will not exceed \$100 per individual.  <i>Match – The YMCA sailing program has a dedicated group of volunteers who support this program. (See Exhibit II). The program could not operate without these volunteers. They include US Sailing certified instructors and a lifeguard. We also have volunteers who repair, clean and rehab boats. They haul boats and generally do everything necessary to operate this program. In 2014, the estimated value of volunteer hours is nearly \$42,000. This year we anticipate the same level of support. The value of the volunteer instructors is estimated at \$33,600. We are only quantifying a small portion of this volunteer labor in this grant request, in order to meet the requirements of the 50% match.</i>	2,400	14,666	17,066
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,030</b>	<b>\$17,030</b>	<b>\$34,060</b>

<sup>2</sup> Salaries are **only** eligible as a WCIND grant expense for Law Enforcement projects.

## Charlotte County Marine Advisory Committee

### Charlotte County Family YMCA Grant Application – Exhibit I

Purpose of Funding Requested: Thanks to the members of MAC for their previous support, we were able to serve over 80 youth in 2014. We anticipate additional growth in the future and would like your ongoing support so that we are prepared to serve the increased demand for our classes.

#### Materials:

Since we are working on a very tight budget, all of our boats were used when we acquired them. There is a constant need to maintain our equipment in order to provide a safe program. Our request for dagger boards, Sunfish rudder boards and tiller straps are repairs that need to be made to our current boats in order to get the fleet ready for the summer youth sailing program. (Ongoing repairs are covered in the YMCA operating budget.) In the past, we have relied on VHF handhelds which were lent to us by volunteers. Unfortunately, the VHF handhelds are not available to us this summer and will need to be purchased. We are requesting funding for the Learn Sailing Right Beginner manuals so that we can provide better materials to our students. The manual is published by US Sailing. It would be provided to adult students, and covers all aspects of sailing, docking, anchoring, safety, and crew organization

#### Equipment:

Purchasing six Sunfish and three Club 420's would allow us to train additional students. Today, we limit our classes to the boats available. Additional boats will allow us to serve more students.

The Club 420's will allow us to advance the skills of our students as both Captain and Crew are involved.

In order to get the best deal on boats, we plan to find used boats through our network of volunteers. If boats need repair, repairs will be made by our volunteers at no additional cost. Our goal is to optimize the impact of any funding that you provide.

#### Promotional/Scholarship Program:

The scholarship program will fund youth who cannot afford to attend our program. We provide a safe learning experience for those who are not as fortunate as others. Sailing develops skills, self-reliance and overall confidence on the water, traits that will serve them well in life.

**Benefit to the County:** Our goal is to support the expansion of the Charlotte County sailing community by providing high quality, safe, affordable sailing lessons to both youth and adults. We help our young sailors develop confidence and learn teamwork.

This funding will allow us to expand the scope of our program and teach new sailors water safety, navigational skills and proper respect for the environmental aspects of our harbor and waterways. Our goal is to help more people learn to sail in a safe, fun environment. This will encourage more visitors to the area and help the area to grow as a sailing destination.

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### Charlotte County Family YMCA Grant Application – Exhibit II YMCA Sailing Program Volunteer Hours and Estimated Value in 2014

	People	Hours	Total Hrs	Avg Rate	\$ Value
Prepare new cable for Day Sailer	1	0.5	0.5	60	30
Install Day Sailer Cable	4	2	8	60	480
Rebuild mast step on Day Sailer	1	2	2	60	120
US Certified Instructor 7 hrs/day x 5 days per week x 8 week sailing program	3	280	840	40	33,600
Lifeguard 7 hrs/day x 3 days per week x 8 weeks	1	168	168	12	2,016
Catalina 22 Hours /lift, repair/paint/ trailer repairs	2	10	20	60	1,200
Repair training boats, fiberglass, fittings	2	30	60	60	3,600
Travel to pick up donations, chase parts and bring back safety boat from Miami	1	16	16	12	192
Fix trailer tires (4)	1	5	5	40	200
Step Catalina Mast/ pull halyards	3	2	6	40	240
Clean Bristol Sailboat for Sale	2	4	8	12	96
Deliver Bristol / follow up with repairs	1	4	4	12	48
			<b>1,137.5</b>		<b>\$41,822</b>

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## Charlotte County Family YMCA Grant Application – Exhibit III Program Overview

### History:

The YMCA Youth Sailing Program was founded in 2013. Our classes are taught by 2-3 ASA Certified Sailing Instructors. A lifeguard and other volunteers also help support the kids and ensure the safety of the program.

Our learn to sail program is geared to youth between the ages of eight and thirteen. Each week we teach up to twelve children the basics of how to sail, safety and navigation. Our program runs during the summer (usually 8-10 weeks). Students are allowed to attend multiple classes to increase their knowledge and skill level.

In 2014, we trained junior instructors to help with the program. This increases the sailing skill level of the junior instructors and improves overall teamwork within the sailing group.

Through the generous support of the MAC, Punta Gorda Sailing Club, the Y's Men and numerous other donors and volunteers we have been able to acquire the following fleet and equipment:

- 8 Sunfish
- 10 Opti's
- 2 Safety boats, 1 w/15hp Mercury, 1 w/9.9 Yamaha electric both 4 strokes
- Zuma
- Precision 14 on trailer
- Day Sailer II on trailer
- Catalina 22 on trailer 9.9 Nissan electric
- Thistle Sail
- 8 HP Yamaha short shaft
- 2 boat dollies
- 2 trailer dollies

### Future Plans:

The YMCA and our volunteer group have made the decision to develop a December 31, 2015 transition plan for the sailing program. Our volunteers have formed Learn to Sail, Inc., a nonprofit corporation which will handle the teaching and operations of the sailing program. The paperwork is underway for Learn to Sail to become a 501(c) 3. The YMCA and Learn to Sail, Inc. board of directors are working on a transition plan. The goal is to develop a sailing program modeled similar to the Englewood Sailing Association and the Englewood YMCA. At this time, no definite agreement has been made as to insurance, rental space and marketing of the program. Nor have we agreed on how we will transition current YMCA assets (safety equipment, boats and trailers) to Learn to Sail, Inc. That being said, both organizations are fully committed to finding a path to a successful program that continues to serve the sailing community.

We are also planning to expand our sailing program to include lessons for adults.

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Opti needs a replacement hatch, 3 Sunfish need work as does the Zuma to make it useable. 1 Sunfish has the old style rudder and should be converted. Masts and boom need replacement on many of the Sunfish as they have corrosion to the joint of holes in the aluminum. There is always a need for more pieces and parts to keep our fleet active. All of our boats have good sails, or we have replacements ready to go as needed at this time. We maintain contact with the shore from the 2 safety boats with VHF radios, that we have been borrowing, and would be nice to have them in house.

### Future plans:

Bring Opti, Sunfish, Zuma back on line. With the Catalina 22 repaired we could begin adult classes if we can find reasonable in water storage. The mooring field has offered us a free mooring, and use of the floating dock for dinghy storage for transport to the boat. Expand our Sunfish fleet to enable us to allow larger classes.

Some of our students are or have been racing in the PGSC club racing, and we have volunteers from PGSC who are willing to take some of our students aboard to introduce them to future cruising and racing. Adding adults to our program should enhance the PGSC program.

We have a tremendous group of active volunteers which include 4 US sailing Instructors, an Open Water Lifeguard who is also an RN, one active sailing RN, and 2 other lifeguards ready to assist with some very active sailors who are willing to clean, repair and promote our activities. We are exploring the 501 c3 option with our group to be more independent from the YMCA and solely work in conjunction with instead of for the YMCA. Our involvement with the YMCA is important as they provide access to youngsters. This independence could allow us to use our boats in the future to allow use by qualified sailors as rentals.

We have accomplished a lot in 2 years, and have plans to do even more, and we need the help of the PGSC to keep expanding. We need the money, and would like to have your help, and perhaps you could pick out a crew member or two as you assist.

We have attached student lists from 2014, 2013, a list of potential Jr instructors for 2015, and a list of our volunteers. We had students repeat from the 2013 year and several of the 2014 students sailed with us multiple weeks allowing us to have over 80 kids in 2014.

PGSC is prominently displayed on one of our Opti's and a burgee from the Club fly's on the Day Sailer II as a past and hopefully ongoing contributor to our program.