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AHOY THERE!

Teamwork is a core value taught at Camp. Campers are part of a cabin. Counselors are part of an activity. We are all part of the Camp community. Working together is what we do. Thank you to everyone who is part of our team.

Our current Strategic Vision Plan continues to guide our decisions with a focus on five key priorities:

- **Leadership Development of Staff and Campers**
- **Program Quality, Excellence and Innovation**
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**
- **Resource and Asset Development and Sustainability**
- **Philanthropy**

In this edition of the Anchorline, we celebrate our alumni and the teams we've been able to see virtually and in person! Whether it was meeting campers and families at Camp Nights, gathering with staff and alumni at Camp Seafarer's Run a Kid to Camp or planning Camp Sea Gull's upcoming 75th anniversary celebration with volunteers, it has been incredible to strengthen existing relationships and build new ones.

Our most treasured partnership is with you. Volunteers, you have worked tirelessly as part of our team inspiring to us to innovate while preserving treasured traditions. Parents, you have trusted us with your children, and we are honored that you chose Camp as a partner in their social and emotional development. To all of our generous donors who help us fulfill our greatest philanthropic needs, we say thank you.

The partnership with all of you is one of the most rewarding aspects of our work.





SEA GULL

Rob Reider

**Philanthropy Manager,
The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital
& Co-Founder of the Sad Dads Club**

To say Rob wears many hats is putting it mildly. Rob is a professional musician, record label owner, fundraising professional, husband, father, grassroots organizer...and Camp Sea Gull alumnus. Now residing in Portland, Maine, Rob has made stops at MTV with his band *The Friday Night Boys*, at Harvard working in public affairs and facilities and began his fundraising career at his alma mater, Bowdoin College. Rob credits Camp with growing his vulnerability and ability to build community in all of life's stages and chapters.

YEARS AS A CAMPER: 4 summers + 1 CILT

STAFF: Motorboating (2 summers)

Professional & Personal Passions

Since January 2022 I've been working at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital as their Philanthropy Manager. I think people inherently understand the never-ending need for funds at a hospital. But I love actualizing the impact for donors. Telling the story of the difference that their support makes. It's easy to invest emotionally in the cause. So far, it's been great.

A passion project, soon to be turned official 501(c)3, that I'm heavily invested in is Sad Dads Club. My wife and I lost our daughter, Lila, five years ago. She was delivered stillborn on December 13, 2017. Meeting her (holding her, singing to her, kissing her) and immediately having to say goodbye was, and continues to be, really complicated for me. Since she passed away, I've connected with other dads in similar situations. I had the fortunate misfortune of having a close friend from college who suffered the same tragedy 11 months earlier. Then, the two of us were put in touch with another dad in Maine who'd also had a stillborn daughter. The three of us became an outlet for one another, and that connection inspired us to create a support group for loss dads (though, anyone is welcome) all over the US and beyond. Our aim is to eliminate alienation for loss dads as they navigate their grief journeys. Feeling alone as you grieve is dangerous, and there hasn't been anything out there catered towards dads who've lost children. We knew we could create a unique, and needed, space – a community. We'd conceptualized Sad Dads Club

for years but it launched formally on March 1, 2022 with a website (www.saddadsclub.com) and Instagram (@sad.dads.club). We also have a twice monthly "Loss Dads Open Hour" via Zoom that has evolved into an incredible group of profoundly supportive, and insightful, loss dads. It really has blossomed into a community. It's rewarding, emotionally heavy, and therapeutic. We want to break the stigma that men must be tough – meaning they can't openly mourn or grieve. Feeling sad doesn't make you weak. No one should suppress genuine feelings, ever.

Camp Impact

You get into a rhythm at Camp Sea Gull. That groove you feel by the end of week 1 is undeniable. You're settled in and starting to connect with one another on a level beyond musical or athletic interests. It becomes a place that's comfortable and feels like home – you're sandy and sweaty all the time, and that feels good. Then, you get into more serious devotions and your cabinmates let you in on a deeper level. I think those devotions created moments where collective cohesion was palpable, and that's a uniquely special experience.

Young dudes often feel as though it's not cool or OK to be emotionally vulnerable, or to share their difficult personal experiences. When they do open up, and that openness is met with support from cabinmates, a bond is unlocked. That's exactly what I'm doing now, creating a supportive



Sad Dads Club Founders (L to R): Jay Tansey, Chris Piasecki and Rob Reider.



space with Sad Dads Club. A space that invites openness and vulnerability. A space where you feel certain that you're not the only one struggling through something. And a space where you can feel certain that you have the support of those around you – your neighbor or your bunkmate or your cabin mate. What an interesting parallel.

Our last devotion when I was in Cabin 29 (Camp II – “silver, and black: camp II pack attack, HEY!”) – “What was the best day of your life, and what was the worst day of your life?” Interestingly, I adopted this devotion theme when I became a counselor, but did it a little earlier in the session. It was amazing as a camper. I remember people sharing things that were so intensely personal. The willingness of my cabinmates to be so open was unlike anything I'd experienced as an 11-year-old dude at that point. When you create a space where people can share that type of thing, it blows the proverbial doors off all expectations and stereotypes. The willingness for someone to be that open about their life is an invitation for connection amidst a group. I still remember being out on the dock during that devotion. There were tears, there were hugs, and there was a greater understanding of how complicated and difficult life can be for some people. It was beautiful and, honestly, a bit surreal.

Camp Community & Connection

The people I connected with at Camp had a lasting impact on me. I understand that everybody has something of value

to offer and the power of what people can do together is important. I remember becoming so incredibly attached to and fond of the people I met at Camp. Camp encourages you to be a genuine, thoughtful, and considerate human being. Work hard, be nice, embrace your neighbor, and create that community that you want to be a part of.

Ray Mao and Dave Stoldal are two close friends of mine to this day. I just think the world of them. I can't imagine not knowing them. They were peers when we were counselors and made everything immensely enjoyable (and hilarious). Brandon Blackman was a leader on motor boating and nailed it when it came to creating the right balance of laughter and professionalism. He took his role seriously, inspired others to do the same, and made sure we were having fun. Kind of the perfect boss if you ask me.

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SEAFARER

Lauren Smith Brody

Author & Founder, *The Fifth Trimester*

Lauren is a writer and editor by trade, but her story has expanded to include entrepreneur and advocate. Lauren is a champion of mothers through her business that grew out of her book, *The Fifth Trimester: The Working Mom's Guide to Style, Sanity, and Success After Baby* and more recently advancing maternal rights co-founding the Chamber of Mothers.

Camp History

YEARS AS A CAMPER: 3 as a camper and 1 CILT year

I'm the oldest of four siblings from Atlanta, and we all went to Sea Gull and Seafarer once my parents had found it for me. I had had a bad experience at another overnight camp previously, and my mom worked with a camp advisor locally who strongly recommended Seafarer.

Professional Beginnings

I started out in women's magazines at *New Woman* magazine and *CosmoGirl* in my early 20s and then went to *Glamour* and stayed there for nearly 13 years in various roles. At heart I'm a writer and an editor but I got to work in TV and events. It was challenging and I was learning new things including being a working mom.

In 2008 I was ill-prepared for coming back to work after having a baby. It was startlingly hard and I couldn't understand the self-blame and mom-guilt that I see so often. I found that being in leadership, I could be honest about the challenges and that they made me a better more authentic leader. I realized that there's actually a whole Fifth Trimester when the working mom is born, and it is really a time of growth.

The Fifth Trimester Movement and Current Focus

I left *Glamour* in 2014 and started researching and writing about the return to paid work after baby. I interviewed nearly 800 moms who had all definitions of careers and family to find what we have in common and what we have working against us. I wanted to give readers a collective working mom mentor. My book, *The Fifth Trimester: The Working Mom's*

FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY:

Archery – I got to the highest rank and got to be a CILT in archery. It was probably the first time in my life I was good at something athletic and it felt great.

CAMP ROLE MODEL:

Cille Griffith – she was amazing!

FAVORITE CAMP SONG:

Whim-O-Way. When my boys were little and I couldn't think of lullabies I would sing Camp songs to them.

FAVORITE CAMP FOOD:

I liked breakfast. Growing up I wasn't allowed to have sugar cereal and having those little boxes of Cinnamon Toast Crunch was a plus.

THREE WORDS THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOU:

Optimist, earnest and determined.

Guide to Style, Sanity, and Success After Baby was published in 2017. It's meant to be a guide to help individual mothers, of course, but also a resource to help women make the economic case to push for wider progress in their workplaces.

I scaled this work by turning the book into a business. As CEO of The Fifth Trimester, I help private sector companies achieve gender equity through support for working families and caregivers. Most of my clients are finance and tech companies and law firms that need consulting, coaching, and management training to help them attract and retain the best employees. Whether I'm coaching 1 on 1 or speaking to an audience of thousands (thank you, Seafarer for getting me over stage fright at age 10!), my goal, ultimately, is systemic and cultural change and a stronger economy. Dovetailing that, I have a branch of what I do that's activism and advocacy. I'm a co-founder of the Chamber of Mothers, a nonpartisan nonprofit that assembles America's moms to change federal supports for our families. Just before dropping my son at camp last year, I got to take him to the White House. Lately, we have been working with the administration on public health emergencies for moms, like last year's baby formula shortage.

Camp Impact

What I had seen in the leadership at Seafarer as a camper and now see at Sea Gull as a parent, is that the counselors are so exquisitely capable. I always felt safe and seen. My counselors always made me feel included and special and they were very much attuned to the varying strengths of kids. I remember feeling very secure and that the people in charge were fun! There was a silliness and a joy coupled with a feeling of community and safety that was very unique.



Sons Teddy and Will at Sea Gull drop off, Summer 2022



Camp 1 Talent Show circa 1988



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At the Helm

Bruce Ham was the Head Counselor of the Camp 1 Sardines at Camp Sea Gull in 1988. Their greeting was “bloop, bloop.” This was Bruce’s first summer working at Camp. When he chose to name his group the Sardines, the Personnel Director at the time, Bo Roberts, said, “This guy is going to soar or he is going to flop. And I’m not sure which.”

He did not flop! His start with the YMCA of the Triangle as a bus driver in 1985 led to his summer at Sea Gull. After 37 years and a wide variety of positions including Chief Development Officer, Bruce stepped into the role of CEO following Doug McMillan’s successful tenure.

“I’d heard so much about Camp in my years as a Y after-school counselor, I thought I’d try it out. I was hired as a Head Counselor, a significant role for a first timer, but at the time didn’t even know where the Mess Hall was located,” said Bruce. He credits the lessons he learned that first summer and the relationships he built for in building the foundations of his career.

Bruce’s first full-time role at the Y was leading the father/child Y Guides Program allowing him to spend many weekends at Camp each spring. He learned where the Mess Hall was located and learned how to sail a Sunfish!

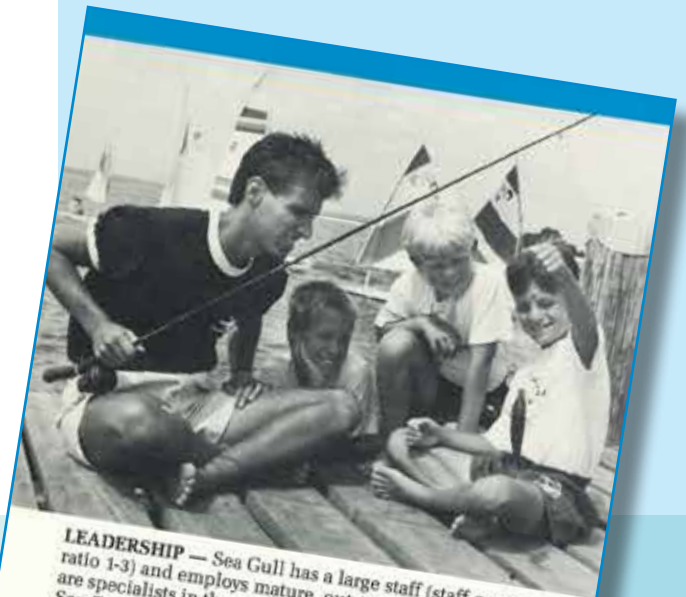
As a single father with three girls, he credits Camp Seafarer staff for co-parenting with him. “My girls all attended Seafarer and have all worked there. The acceptance, love, and exposure to role models instilled a confidence in them that I could not have instilled on my own. I am grateful for all that has been poured into my kids through Camp, and I am committed to ensuring those types of relationships will continue to exist into perpetuity.”

Bruce has strong vision for the YMCA and overnight Camps. He is committed to ensuring that Camp is accessible for all who want to attend and he has a continued focus on strong relationship building and skill development, upgrading facilities and grounds, and developing strong leaders for the future.



Bruce Ham,
YMCA of the Triangle CEO

“Camp has been a significant part of my life and my family’s life. I can’t wait to see what more we can do!”



LEADERSHIP — Sea Gull has a large staff (staff-camper ratio 1-3) and employs mature, outstanding leaders who are specialists in the camp’s activities. A large portion of Sea Gull’s staff returns year after year giving Sea Gull a stability of leadership and a continuity of organization highly important to the performance of a well-organized camp.

Bruce on staff at Camp Sea Gull in 1988.

Cheers for the Years

In December 2022, YMCA of the Triangle CEO **Doug McMillan** retired after 55 years of service to the organization and nearly 30 years in the leadership role.

Under Doug's leadership, the YMCA of the Triangle grew to be the Triangle region's leading nonprofit serving more than 200,000 people across seven counties through 17 facility branches, three program centers, multiple program sites throughout the community, and three overnight camps.

Doug's impressive career began with a summer job at age 17 at Camp Seafarer. "When I was in high school, Don Cheek and Lloyd Griffith were YMCA and Camp staff who worked with Leadership Clubs at Broughton High School," said Doug. "In 1968, Lloyd recruited Hank Cunningham, Bobby Sherrill and me to work on the Mess Hall Staff at Camp. The following year, we recruited others to work at Camp and 13 friends from Broughton worked on Food Service.

As we waited on tables, we began to see some of the genius of camps – led by Lil Taylor and Jerry Bachelor from the Head table. As I began working at Sea Gull in 1970, I experienced that genius as well. I witnessed the power of a positive example within small group relationships."

The lessons in leadership and life made such an impression on Doug that he continued to return to Camp during his college years and even after he started teaching in junior high.

"On the kitchen staff, we worked with and for wonderful, hardworking women from Pamlico County," said Doug. "We learned that all work has value and no task is below you. Do the most difficult task first. Work to completion. Don't ignore responsibilities. Trust your teammates. Ask for support when you don't know the answer. When your job is done, look to help someone else. Leadership comes from many voices."

During Doug's tenure at Camp Sea Gull, he served in a variety of roles that ranged from Assistant Head Counselor and overseeing athletics to Head Counselor of Camp 2 in the summers while he taught in junior high school. In 1980, he joined Camp full time as the Y Guides and Land Program Director.

Doug insists the lessons learned during those early days at Camp still hold true for him today.

- *Always have high expectations.*
- *Pay attention to detail.*
- *Inspect what you expect.*
- *Skill development leads to competence, to confidence, to self-esteem to self-reliance, to independence and strong leaders.*

"I look forward to the next chapter of my life and more time with family, grandchildren, being outdoors and volunteering. But I will always be the YMCA's and the Camps' biggest cheerleader."



Doug McMillan,
Former YMCA of the Triangle CEO

“We have worked hard to strategically instill those same values into other programs of Camp and the YMCA as we expanded over the last 50 years.” says Doug. “Some see camp as a physical place or a fun experience. For me, it was life shaping, and I still feel that impact today.”



Doug (fourth from left) on Summer Staff at Camp Sea Gull.

CAMP ADVISORY BOARD

The **Camp Advisory Board** advises on the vision and strategic plan of Camp, supports philanthropic efforts at the leadership level and serves as ambassadors for Camp connecting with resources, other organizations and their communities.

- **Penn Clarke** (Raleigh, NC)
- **Kelvin Coleman** (Washington, DC)
- **Allison Dunn** (Brooklyn, NY)
- **Laura Kottkamp** (Richmond, VA)
- **Sharat Nagaraj** (Raleigh, NC)
- **Kurt Newman** (Bethesda, MD)
- **Mary Talbert Newman** (Raleigh, NC)
- **Amy Jo Pitts** (New York, NY)
- **Bobby Ramseur** (Raleigh, NC)
- **Coleman Team** (Winston-Salem, NC)
- **Mike Woody** (Washington, DC)

OUTGOING CAMP ADVISORY BOARD

Thank you for your service!



Beth Bowen

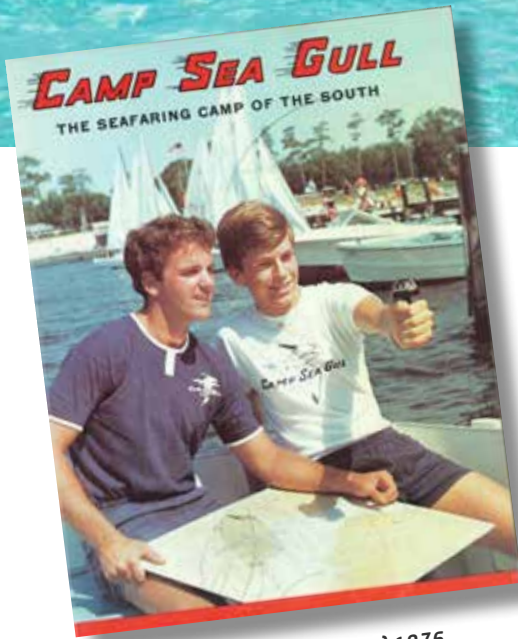
Attorney, Bowen Law Firm

Cary, NC

"Camp is such a wonderful place for little people, young people and grown people! The YMCA of the Triangle has always been an extraordinary force for building into people and Camp is a fantastic reflection of just that. Play, be serious, discover skills, make great friends, fail, succeed, laugh and know you are cared for and loved. Time at Camp stirs our spirits and reminds us God is always around in unconditional love. My family is so much better for Camp being in our lives."

Camp Involvement

- Camp parent since 2010
- Mother Daughter Camp
- Family Camp
- Volunteer: Motor boat driver, Service Corp and Anchoring the Family



Mark London (right) 1976

Mark London

**Managing Partner,
SW1 Advisors**
New York, NY

"Our family has been part of the Sea Gull and Seafarer community for three generations. It has been an honor and privilege to support and serve the organization that has had such a profound and positive impact on thousands of campers and counselors. The Camp experience made a big difference in my life by providing an opportunity to learn from so many great role models. The skills acquired during my time as a camper, working as a counselor and as a volunteer made me a better person, a better parent, and were an invaluable part of my professional development."

Camp Involvement

- Camper
- Staff Trainee
- Counselor
- Assistant Sailing Master
- Chair, Board of Visitors
- Board Member, YMCA of the Triangle



Jeff Marcus (top row, second from right) 1984

Jeff Marcus

**Chief Medical Officer,
Atlanta Women's
Health Group
Chief Medical Advisor,
Femasys Inc.**

Atlanta, GA



*"Guiding my actions and
all that I say*

*It influences my life in
every single way*

*Yes, it's the Sea Gull Spirit
which is quite unique*

It's all the good in life that most people seek

On the day you finally leave this magical place

The memories you have can never be erased

And you'll know inside as your drive through the gates

That for next summer to come, you just can't wait

For as time goes on, I KNOW you will find

*That at a place called Camp Sea Gull you've left a big part of
you behind"*

*– Abbreviated version of The Spirit written by Jeff Marcus on
his final night at Camp as Head Counselor in 1984.*

Camp Involvement

- Camper
- Jr. Counselor
- Sr. Counselor
- Athletic Chief
- Head Counselor Camp 4
- Former camper parent
- Visitors' Circle

WELCOME!

CAMP ADVISORY BOARD

Incoming Camp Advisory Board Members



Penn Clarke

Partner, Longleaf Law Partners
Raleigh, NC

Penn is an attorney that advises clients in all aspects of complex commercial real estate transactions. He represents clients in the development, financing, leasing, purchase, and sale of multi-family, retail, office, and industrial properties.

In 2021, Penn and his wife, Amy established the Penn and Amy Clarke Endowment which, among other things, created an award to recognize a Camp Sea Gull IV camper who exemplifies leadership, friendliness and integrity while excelling on the Land Program activities through high achievement.

Camp Involvement

- Camper
- Jr. Counselor: 2004-2005
- Assistant Head Counselor/Sr. Counselor: 2006-2007
- Head Counselor: 2010



Sharat Nagaraj

CEO & President, Celito Communications
Raleigh, NC

As the culture leader and founder of Celito, Sharat shares the company's capabilities in Fiber Internet, Voice over IP Phone and IT Consulting with local businesses in the Triangle in North Carolina. Celito has over 600 clients and is in its 24th year in business. Sharat is married to Dr. Lavanya Nagaraj who volunteers as a Camp physician.

Camp Involvement

- Camper parent since 2015
- YMCA of the Triangle Board Member and CEO Transition Task Force Member
- Y Guides Board Member



Mary Talbert Newman

CPA/Strategic Advisor, BDO

Raleigh, NC

Mary grew up in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and attended the University of Virginia. After working as an assistant buyer at Macy’s and an admission and financial aid director at Saint Mary’s School, she earned a Master of Accounting from NC State University.

In addition to her work at BDO, Mary also teaches at NC State as an adjunct professor in the accounting department. Mary is married to Mike Newman who is a Sea Gull alumnus.

Camp Involvement

- Family Camp: 1987-1995
- Camper
- Counselor & Sailing UA: 2004-2007
- Young Alumni Engagement Committee
- Camper parent since 2022

Coleman Team

Partner, Front Street Capital

Winston-Salem NC

Front Street Capital is a commercial real estate development, private equity, and asset management company. Front Street’s development and investment portfolio focuses on class-A office, industrial, healthcare, and mixed-use assets across the southeastern United States. Coleman is a co-founder and general partner of FSC’s private equity platform and has spent his entire career as a real estate entrepreneur starting several businesses in the brokerage, development, and investment practices of commercial real estate. Over a decade of diverse industry experience benefits Coleman as he serves various roles for FSC including all development related activities, portfolio and investment management, raising capital, deal sourcing, and investor relations.

Coleman earned a BS from the Wake Forest University School of Business and has also completed Harvard Business School’s Executive Education program for Real Estate Management. Coleman serves on numerous philanthropic and community boards including the Wake Forest University School of Business Board of Visitors, Allegacy Federal Credit Union, the Winston-Salem Alliance, among others. Coleman is married to Sarah Davis Simons Team who is a Seafarer alumna.

Camp Involvement

- Camper
- Summer staff member
- Camper parent since 2022



WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTORS



Rich Brown was appointed **Senior Director of Operations** at Sea Gull this spring. Rich has a long history with Camp and served in the Director of Operations role at Sea Gull in the mid-90's under Lloyd Griffith. Since then, Rich has built and served as the practice administrator for the Center for Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine in Mooresville, NC. In this role, Rich has gained a deep understanding of the landscape for pediatric medicine as well as the operational components of facility management, equipment needs, vendor contracts, budget management, and staffing. He has a heart for developing others and is excited to return and give back to a place he loves dearly.



Nancy Butler finished her service as a US Army Captain this May and has joined the Seafarer team as our **Senior Director of Operations**. Nancy was a Seafarer camper and a SAIL On participant. She is looking to continue service-minded work and is excited to transition to civilian life in a mission driven organization – Sea Gull and Seafarer are a great fit. Most recently Nancy has been at Fort Jackson, SC supervising basic training as a Company Commander and serving in a Director of Operations role. Additionally, in the past year she helped establish the Future Soldier Preparatory Course to assist those interested in basic training but not quite there with academic or physical fitness standards to reach those minimum standards for basic training. Through this work, she has helped prep thousands for entry into our military.



Grayson Nolen is thrilled to be back at Camp as the **Director of Community Programs**. He is originally from Charlotte, NC, attended Appalachian State University, and is a former middle school teacher. During summer 2022, Grayson worked as an administrative assistant in the Camp Sea Gull front office. Grayson is most excited to continue using his teaching background through Camp and in the community helping campers and students be all that they can be.



We welcomed back **Meredith Stewart** as Seafarer's **Director of Camper Life** this spring. Meredith began her full-time career as a Program Director at Seafarer in 2004. She then served as the Senior Program Director for Y Guides and then as the Senior Program Director for Camp Kanata. After 11 years in program roles, she served for four years as the Director of Child Safety for the Y of the Triangle. Most recently Meredith has served as a Risk Consultant with The Redwoods Group. We are thrilled to now welcome her back to the Seafarer Team.



Connor Whiteley joined the Sea Gull team as **Program Director** in early 2023 bringing a long camp history with him as a camper and summer staff member. Connor was a camper for seven summers, CILT cabin counselor for 5 summers, Assistant Lake Chief, and Lake Chief in summer 2021. Connor is a recent UNC Chapel Hill graduate. "I am incredibly excited to continue working with Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer in developing fun and engaging programming as well as future leaders."

FAREWELL

Camp Sea Gull and Seafarer is not just a place, it's the people who create a lasting impact on the lives they touch. In the past year we have celebrated the following full-time Camp Directors who have transitioned from their roles after many years of service. We wish them the best as they take on their next chapter.

- **Lynette (Wayne) Butler** (25 years)
- **Terrell Kennedy** (22 years)
- **Christa McCarthy-Miller** (4 years)
- **Lydia Worley Warren** (30 years)
- **Whykeshia White** (14 years)

“Lynette was instrumental in making our Vito Perriello Camp Medical Retreats so successful. Without her help and organizational skills, I don't think we could have made them happen. She was always willing to help me keep the medical retreats on track! ”

– Dr. Andy Schneider, Volunteer Camp Physician

“Lydia is a gifted leader. She was sent to this earth to encourage both young people, and the older people trusted with encouraging the young people. She knows how to make you want to be your best, then make you think that it was your idea all along. She is HILARIOUS and creative about sharing her talents. I feel blessed to know her. ”

– Lindsay Northen Bradshaw, Seafarer alumna

OFF-SITE PROGRAM UPDATE

Our commitment to serve campers and their families through intentional programs has spanned generations. Camp staff continues to think creatively across all program seasons on how to deliver a fun and unique overnight camp experience. Our current **Strategic Vision Plan** guides our decisions.

Over the past five years, we have been evaluating the Long Cruise program, both its relevance and its impact on the camper and staff experience. We also gathered data from campers and summer staff. This evaluation told us that the benefits of the program were dedicated time with my cabin and counselors, a break from the routine, and fun memories. Our Vision Plan points us to engagement of people at all stages of life, but also points us to enhancing the 13-16 year old experience. That age group includes the future leaders of Camp; they will become our CILTs and our staff. So, we've engaged that age group and asked them what they want out of their experience. They are clearly interested in more coed opportunities throughout their 4-week session and in more direct leadership development. Given all of this, we do not see the Outpost and Joy Boy as a part of our future programming. We remain committed to the value of off-site trips and are excited to pilot new programs this summer that leverage our unique, coastal location.

Based on this decision we established an Outpost Task Force to conduct due diligence on the value of the Outpost property. The Task Force includes Camp staff, Camp alumni, and current and former YMCA board members, many of whom have a direct connection to or history with Sea Gull and Seafarer. The Outpost has not been sold, and the Task Force will continue to look at creative ways to best leverage the sale of this asset to the benefit of Camp for future program plans. The Joy Boy has been leased since 2020 when all off-site trips were cancelled due to pandemic-related restrictions for overnight camps. We are committed to funds generated from these assets being invested back into Camp programming.

As we plan for this summer, the program calendar is robust and full. We are planning on the full complement of exchanges between Sea Gull and Seafarer including land teams, dive show, ski show, dances, and more. We treasure past experiences, we are focused on future programs that include old and new traditions that will sustain and engage campers and staff.



Outpost Task Force

Jim McMillan
Ed Pulliam
Bobby Ramseur
Robin Team
Leah Tyler
Peter Williams
Wendy Wilmot

CAMP ENDOWMENT REPORT

Camp's endowment, doesn't just help Camp Sea Gull and Camp Seafarer this year or next, it helps ensure the traditions, purpose and commitment to excellence that we believe in will influence and enhance the lives of campers for generations to come. To date, Camp's endowment is made up on 37 individual funds totaling **\$4.6 million.**

NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The following named endowments were established in late 2022 and 2023.



Charlie Carl Memorial Endowment:

This fund was created in memory of Charlie Carl, a previous Camp Sea Gull camper, who passed away in 2021. It will provide financial assistance to Camp Sea Gull campers.

"From the time Charlie was a young boy, he looked forward to his summers at Camp Sea Gull with such enthusiasm. We never imagined that we could send him away for four long weeks every year, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

Charlie came home every summer from Sea Gull different- in the

best possible sense. More confident, more mature, and always thankful for the time he was able to spend there. It was a place where he could enjoy carefree times with the most wonderful group of friends who remained among his best. Motorboating, long cruise, fried chicken dinners, cabin cookouts, the rifle range, and especially playing basketball with his buddies were among his happiest memories. Watching them grow into loyal, young men of character who shared a strong moral compass meant so much to him and to us. We especially loved that he felt so supported and encouraged to always try new things and set ambitious goals for himself.

Our family will forever be grateful to everyone at Camp Sea Gull for creating such a special place that helped shape Charlie into the fine young man that blessed our lives for 17 beautiful years. Establishing his endowment to provide other boys with the opportunity to experience all the wonderful things that Charlie loved about Sea Gull is one way that we can honor both Charlie's memory and this wonderful camp where he lived so many of his best days."

– Ashley Thomas, Charlie's mother



Will and Cope Smith Family Endowment:

This fund was established in early 2023 by the Sara and Cal Smith Family and distributions will be used to fund staff initiatives at Camp Sea Gull.

"The values Camp Sea Gull instills are timeless. With all the challenges kids face these days, I am so grateful that the values Camp instilled in me in the 70s and 80s are the same ones that infused our sons, Will and Cope, when they were campers more than 35 years later.

"For us, establishing an endowment that will build for Camp's future in perpetuity was a way we could help Camp continue to do what it does best: impart the values so needed in the world today and in the future."

For more information regarding contributing to, or establishing an endowment, please contact:

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ENDOWMENT HIGHLIGHT:

THE NEWMAN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Christie Jennison, Associate Director/Staffing Director, Seafarer

The Newman Scholar Program was created by Dr. Kurt Newman and his family to give senior counselors who are interested in healthcare an opportunity to shadow doctors in the Health Center while also completing a full summer commitment as a cabin counselor. Recognizing the value and the impact of returning counselors in the cabin setting and the pressures college-aged staff face when deciding what to do with their summers, Dr. Newman created a program that would give them the best of both worlds. Scholars are primarily seniors-in-charge of a cabin and work on an activity – they also spend three sessions per week in the Health Center shadowing doctors, learning how a clinic runs, and even assisting in providing care. Paired with one of our summer volunteer physicians who helps them reflect on their experiences in the Health Center and gives advice on their career track, the scholars get valuable one-on-one time with a medical mentor that they otherwise may not get. The program culminates in a three-day immersion experience at Children’s National Hospital in D.C., where Dr. Newman currently serves as the CEO.

During the inaugural summer of the Newman Program in 2022, we found that the mentor relationship gave the scholars an advantage that their peers at school do not have. One scholar described how she’s one of hundreds of students at her school who are on a medical school track, which makes forming meaningful connections with doctors and professors quite competitive. What drew her to the Newman Program was getting that valuable time with one of our volunteer physicians – someone who loves Camp and sees the value in coming back, but can also be extremely beneficial in her career path.

Thank you to Dr. Newman and his family for recognizing a need and finding a creative way to keep our best counselors coming back year to year. We’re so excited to see this program grow in the years to come!



(L to R): Baxter Smelzer, Adrian Kingori, Alison Newman, Dr. Kurt Newman, Abigail Smith, and Lili Pope.

2022 Newman Scholars

- **Adrian Kingori**, University of Chicago
- **Lili Pope**, Northwestern University
- **Baxter Smelzer**, Washington and Lee University
- **Abigail Smith**, Virginia Tech

“**The Newman Scholar Program was a life changing experience that illustrated the power of collaborative problem solving and helped solidify my decision to pursue a career in medicine. Throughout the summer, I met numerous healthcare professionals who went above and beyond for their patients, and I always felt welcomed and supported in the Health Center. Witnessing health advocacy in action is an opportunity I will never forget, and I am so grateful that Seafarer is now a part of my medical journey.**”

– Lili Pope, 2022 Newman Scholar





CELEBRATING SEA GULL'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

2023 marks 75 years of life-changing memories at Camp Sea Gull. We will be honoring this milestone throughout the year but hope you'll join us in celebration at Camp October 6-8.

The weekend includes Hall of Fame inductions and the William J. Adams IV Regatta. Pack your bags and bring your Sea Gull and Seafarer Camp friends for a weekend of fun at your favorite place!

William J. Adams IV Regatta

We're extending a special invitation for all friends of Camp to participate in this year's Regatta on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The Regatta will be taking place during Sea Gull's 75th Celebration. Each adult sailor is asked to raise or give a minimum of \$150 to the Endowment. We hope you will consider joining us. To register, visit our website.

William "Bill" J. Adams IV was an outstanding camper, sailing counselor, and administrative staff member, who learned the importance of character, developed self-confidence and gained strong leadership skills at Camp Sea Gull. Bill passed away unexpectedly in 2003 and an endowment in his name was established to fund scholarships for campers who apply for financial assistance.



Hall of Fame Induction

Founders Wyatt and Lil Taylor hoped the Camp mission would live far beyond their years. They envisioned that leaders—exceptional leaders—would rise to the call and assure generations of children and families a community where character counts. Since 1998, Camp has been recognizing these leaders through the creation of the Hall of Fame.

Members of the Hall of Fame shall be men and women of outstanding character who have made a substantial and sustained contribution to Camp over time. The primary purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize people whose dedication and service to Camp is extraordinary. Current employees of the YMCA of the Triangle, YMCA Camp Sea Gull or YMCA Camp Seafarer are not eligible for membership.

2023 inductees will be honored during Sea Gull's 75th Anniversary Celebration in October. Each inductee will be presented with a ship's bell and their names will be added to the Hall of Fame bell buoy at Camp Sea Gull.



75 Planned Gifts by the 75th – Be an Anchor for Camp

This fall marks Camp Sea Gull’s 75th anniversary. Since 1948, campers have gathered on the Neuse River to learn life lessons, make forever friends, and learn to fish, sail and swim. As Camp marks this “diamond anniversary” we are reminded of its lasting value. We want to help future generations enjoy the beauty and magic that so many have experienced here. By October 2023, we hope to have 75 people include Camp in their will, trust, retirement plan or insurance policy. Would you join us in being one of these anchor partners? Together we can influence, transform and adjust the sails of tomorrow’s campers. [Here’s to 75 by the 75th!](#)

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“For me, Camp was the most formative institute in my life. Very few institutions teach you life skills, teaching you how to live life to the fullest but also to live life with character and integrity. You know anything that you give to Camp is going to be spent wisely and that 50 years from now your gift is going to benefit young people that are part of the Camp program.”

– Robin Team, Sea Gull alumnus and planned gift donor



2022 CAMP ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

We believe that character counts. Building character, confidence and perseverance under the leadership of positive role models in a safe and encouraging environment is core to our Camp experience.

The Camp Annual Campaign makes that possible. Our 2022 goal was **\$1.9M** and was set to support the identified needs of 2023.



CAMPERSHIPS
50%



LEADERSHIP
AND PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT
18%



COMMUNITY
PROGRAMS
12%



ASSET
SUSTAINABILITY
20%

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ALUMNI

help ensure that tomorrow's campers enjoy the same life-changing programs they experienced.

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strengthen communities across the country by supporting these young people as they develop character.



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\$1,905,689

TOTAL # OF DONORS
1,951

NEW DONORS
370

48 HOUR ALUMNI
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\$502,236

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Total **483**



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The **Heritage Club** is a special group of donors who have made a lasting investment through endowment giving or by including Camp in their estate plan. Their generosity leaves a legacy that will help ensure that Camp has the resources necessary to thrive in the future. We invite you to consider your long-term impact in ensuring Camp's future.

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MARRIAGES

- **Abby Blink** wed Leo Orth on July 23, 2022.
- **Frank Bowers** wed Monica Oliveto on March 25, 2023.
- **Julia Butterworth** wed Jimmy Linus on April 23, 2022.
- **Mary Kathryn Bruning** wed Will Roach on June 4, 2022.
- **Bailey Crommelin** wed Colin Caviness on October 13, 2022.
- **Laura Flynn Johnson** wed Marcus Allen on August 30, 2022.
- **Alex Nolley** wed Grayson Gruninger on April 1, 2023.
- **Tripp Price** wed Lindsay Hargett on November 5, 2022.
- **Chas Sharp** wed **Savannah Valverde Twiggs** on May 21, 2022.
- **Walker Swain** wed Hannah Heckner on November 19, 2022.
- **Faith Willenbrock** wed Stephen Wenzel on February 19, 2022.



Mary Kathryn Bruning and Will Roach



Chas Sharp and **Savannah Valverde Twiggs**



Abby Blink and Leo Orth



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MEMORIALS

- **Noble "Bill" Granger Blackman, IV**, Wilson, NC (1958–2023)
- **Helen Elizabeth Blockus**, Fuquay-Varina, NC (1932–2022)
- **George Walker Box**, Virginia (1950–2022)
- **Albert George "Coach" Buehler**, Durham, NC (1930–2023)
- **Ruby H. Carver**, Roanoke Rapids, VA (1921–2022)
- **Theodora "Dodie" Chapman**, Atlanta, GA (1931–2023)
- **Ann "Peetie" Davant**, Charlotte, NC (1928–2023)
- **Jolie Cash Garmon**, Fort Mill, SC (2004–2023)
- **Randy Hiner**, Trent Woods, NC (1942–2022)
- **James Graves Joyner**, Raleigh, NC (1996–2022)
- **Craig Lehne Knebel**, Darien, CT (1960–2022)
- **Mary Lou Meaher**, Mobile, AL (1948–2022)
- **Jerome "Jerry" Richardson**, Charlotte, NC (1936–2023)
- **Wendy Rose**, Charlotte, NC (1958–2022)
- **Dr. William Vance Singletary, Jr.**, Durham, NC (1949–2022)
- **Spc Charles Brucker Tafel**, Georgia (1995–2022)
- **Brady W. Wells**, Raleigh, NC (1965–2022)

BIRTHS

- Rachel and **Michael Askew** of Kissimmee, FL welcomed a daughter, Blakely Madeline Askew on February 14, 2023.
- Gordon and **Mary Brent (Barnard) Carver** of New York, NY welcomed a daughter, Katherine "Kate" Gentry Carver on October 23, 2022.
- **Andrew and Mary Rives (Barnhardt) Batchelor** of Charlotte, NC welcomed a daughter, Mary Claire Batchelor on January 14, 2023.
- Drew and **Elizabeth (Bills) Weaver** of High Point, NC welcomed a daughter, Mary Louise Carter Weaver on December 19, 2022.
- Trip and **Mary Cullen (Bills) Dixon** of High Point, NC welcomed a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth Dixon on February 10, 2023.
- **Griffin and Morgan (Blackman) Williford** of Wilson, NC welcomed a daughter, Elsie Blair Williford on June 6, 2022.
- Carter and **Martha (Brown) Jones** of Charlotte, NC welcomed a son, John "Leroy" Jones on February 23, 2023.
- Amy and **Clay Campbell** of Long Beach, CA welcomed a daughter, Caroline Campbell on February 24, 2022.
- Lauren and **Hunt Carpenter** of Apex, NC welcomed a son, Camden Wayne Carpenter on February 13, 2023.
- Peter and **Deborah (Clarke) Reinsel** of Norfolk, VA welcomed a son, Robert "Clarke" Reinsel on November 2, 2022.
- **Boyd and Anderson (White) Davis** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a son, Turner Davis on February 7, 2023.
- Maggie and **Alex Dillon** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a son, Jack Dillon on June 24, 2022.
- Elizabeth and **Tim Dillon** of Chicago, IL welcomed a daughter, Etta Dillon on November 4, 2022.
- Marnie and **Porter Durham** of Charlotte, NC welcomed a son, Bo Durham on September 13, 2022.
- **Liz Edwards** and Drew Jordan of Nashville, TN welcomed a son, Oliver Hawkins Jordan on September 25, 2022.
- Joe and **Caroline (Fuqua) Owens** of Mt. Pleasant, SC welcomed a daughter, Mills Hollingsworth Owens on August 3, 2022.
- Nick and **Mary Mitchell (Fuqua) Brady** of Atlanta, GA welcomed a daughter, Mallon Cook Brady on July 22, 2022.
- Walker and **Mariana (Hay) Avant** of Charleston, SC welcomed a son Stephen "Walker" Avant III on January 30, 2023.
- **John and Gretchen (Presnell) Hyde** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a daughter, Sydnor Anne Hyde on March 20, 2023.



Welcome baby
Turner Davis



Welcome baby
Lucius "Red"
Frederick Baird



Welcome baby
Bo Durham



Welcome baby
Grace Margaret Gay



Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
Mallon Cook Brady



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Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
Panchito Humire



Welcome baby
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Welcome baby
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Welcome twins
Barnes McKenzie and Thomas
Winfield "Win" McKenzie



Welcome baby
Mary Louise Carter Weaver

- Ryan and **Mary Kate (Keappler) Mason** of Marietta, GA welcomed a daughter, Charlotte Grace Mason on May 10, 2022.
- Connor and **Megan (Kroh) Sweat** of Tallahassee, FL welcomed a son Jack Robert Sweat on February 17, 2023.
- Robert and **Allison (Ladden) Zale** of Dallas, TX welcomed a son, Reeves Grant Zale on January 13, 2023.
- Allie and **Chris Lassiter** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a son, Carter Michael Lassiter on April 7, 2023.
- William and **Stewart (Long) Davis** of Atlanta, GA welcomed a daughter, Martha Stewart Davis on August 8, 2022.
- Brit and **Sydney (Maxwell) McKenzie** of Rogers, AK welcomed twin sons, Barnes McKenzie and Thomas Winfield "Win" McKenzie on August 31, 2022.
- Sarah-Butler and **Stahler McKinney** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a daughter, Miller Hayden McKinney on October 5, 2022.
- **Woodie and Virginia (McMillan) Williams** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a daughter, Lilley Elisabeth Williams on April 1, 2023.
- Tyler and **Laura (Miller) Graybeal** of Raleigh, NC welcomed a daughter, Sarah Katherine Graybeal on March 21, 2023.
- Michele and **Page Perkinson** of Wayne, NJ welcomed a son, Alvin Page "Quinn" Perkinson V on April 6, 2023.
- Wayne and **Morgan (Page) Logan** of Lexington, KY welcomed a daughter, Penelope Grace Logan on November 24, 2022.
- **Cori Ritter** and Francisco Humire of Walnut Creek, CA welcomed a son, Francisco "Panchito" Humire on April 13, 2022.
- Terry and **Nina (Rosenberg) Rydz** of Fairfax, VA welcomed a son, Jacob Matthew Rydz on January 19, 2023.
- James and **Katie (Sinks) Baird** of Houston, TX welcomed a son, Lucius "Red" Frederick Baird on July 18, 2022.
- Aaron and **Annie (Sellers) Greene** of Charlotte, NC welcomed a daughter, Mary Jane Greene on October 5, 2022.
- Hall and **Sarah (Stephenson) McKinley** of Atlanta, GA welcomed a son, Hall Forbes McKinley V on October 3, 2022.
- Nicholas and **Meghan (Tamminen) Ducharme-Barth** of Mililani, HI welcomed a son, Remy David Ducharme-Barth on February 5, 2023.
- **Katie Van Dorsten** and Harrison Thompson of Winston-Salem, NC welcomed a son, James "Jamie" Harrison Thompson, Jr. on March 7th 2022.
- Lee and **Martha (Williams) Gay** of Charlotte, NC welcomed a daughter, Grace Margaret Gay on August 23, 2022.

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Don't Stop Sailin'

Abby Procton

I was lucky enough to spend eight summers learning, growing, and making memories, surrounded by the beauty and pure magic that is Camp Seafarer. While I could list off countless Seafarer experiences that have influenced where I am at today, there is one that truly takes the cake. Learning to sail. I should note that sailing and I didn't always get along. I struggled to figure it out. Always in irons, unable to find a way out, melting in the hot summer sun, in a pair of jellyfish pants. Earning my Sunfish Sailor did not come easily and I will confess that I was a counselor before I finally mastered tying a bowline. Nonetheless, something about sailing kept calling me back.

Fast forward 11 years and sailing has proven to be the ultimate gift. After college I landed my dream job as a textile designer, 1000 miles from home, in a city that I had to Google Map for context. I quickly learned, however, that Milwaukee is a sailor's playground. Once again, sailing was calling me back. I started racing and cruising with nearly anyone who would let me on board. Since then, sailing has given me some of my most valued friendships, the most joyous moments of peace on the water, remarkable views, and exhilarating adventures on Lake Michigan.

After my move, I quickly found myself at home at an incredible non-profit—the Milwaukee Community Sailing Center. First as a member, then as a volunteer instructor. I pass along the skills learned during my five years as camper and CILT, and three more as a counselor on the Sailing Staff and Lightning trainer. I still share countless tips and tricks, straight from Seafarer's sail loft to help students master the fundamentals of sailing. Passing on the magic of sailing never gets old, especially while singing the "Man Overboard" song to a boat of full grown adults.

I am continually impressed with how strong Camp is at teaching the fundamentals on really solid boats that are still relevant in the "real world." I, like so many at Camp, always looked up to Mary Laurence's leadership. She was an incredible Sailing UA — an awesome teacher and always encouraging. Mary Laurence definitely made me a confident and better sailor, which in turn made me a much better counselor. She knew when and how to be a serious and effective leader, but could also easily be the goofiest person in the room. I have no doubt that Sea-zhar is still doing the same today! I try to keep a bit of that with me, in the office or out on the water.

As I learned at Camp, there is always another higher rank to earn, an opportunity to grow, and a goal to be set. Lately for me, it's been an effort to challenge myself in new ways and to exert some creative energy outside of work. This goal is being helped along greatly by my recent purchase of a 40-year-old sailboat—a Starwind 19 named "Plan B." While I am a competent sailor (but never done learning)—I have heaps to learn about boat ownership and maintenance. Fiberglass repair, woodworking, rigging, splicing, upholstery, small engine maintenance...





the list goes on and on. On a daily basis, I wish I could go back to Camp and take that Hull Repair class that I never got around to. This journey has already been such a meaningful exercise in getting uncomfortable, asking LOTS of questions, watching TONS of YouTube videos, and likely making quite a few mistakes. Sometimes the greatest opportunities for learning and growth aren't inherently glamorous. It's a big adventure with many hours of work ahead, but I know the rewards will be vast.

In addition to my passion for sailing, I've been fortunate to build a career that has been equally rewarding. There are so many values from Camp that impact my work life on a daily basis, they've become so inherent to my mentality as a leader — the importance of optimism, teamwork, and respect for one another. Fostering an environment that prioritizes these values is key to having a positive work life, motivating a team, and ultimately accomplishing goals. So often in life, the door that opens may not always be exactly what you had in mind. However, I've found that those opportunities are frequently the ones that challenge me in the best ways. Opportunities come to those who are capable of pursuing them and willing to tackle them head first, chase your dreams and give every opportunity a chance. In other words (spoken often during my time at Camp) you cannot change the wind, but you can adjust your sails.

When she's not sailing, Abby is a Home Décor Designer for Kohl's Department Stores living in Milwaukee, MI. You can follow her boating journey on Instagram @SV_PlanB.





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