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Director's Desk

Spring hardly feels like it's sprung, but seeds planted over the winter months are definitely sprouting green shoots. Those seeds include developing new alliances with sponsors, writing grants to improve our building and maintain our fleet, and hiring our summer instructor staff, pending wage subsidy approvals. To the latter, I'm pleased to announce that 2022 Head Coach, Tatum Arcon will be returning to lead a team of talented instructors for 2023. Working with Coaching Mentor and SHYC member, Guy Tipton, Tatum has brought a new level of high quality and engaging sailing instruction to the Academy, a legacy which will last long past her tenure here. But for this year, we have not only the techniques, but the person, so please join me in welcoming back Tatum. It's going to be a great season.

-Rob Stork



2023 Head Coach, Tatum Arcon

Heat Pump to Warm Shop

The SA Operating Committee has secured partial funding for a heat pump to be a primary heat source allowing winter fiberglass work in our fleet maintenance shop. Prior to this, heat has been via a costly oil burning furnace. Funding includes a grant from Efficiency Nova Scotia (\$3,439), a contribution from the Town of Shelburne (\$1,500) and the balance (\$1,361) from Sailing Academy funds. Access to the shop area has been a boon for fleet maintenance but it has come with considerable additional expense. We look forward to this new infrastructure to help reduce those costs.

SA Graduate & Former Instructor
Awarded Female Sailor of the Year

Breaking new ground is nothing new for Savannah Taylor. The long time Sailing Academy student, then instructor, has competed for years on the national and international stage. But in 2022, Savannah took her skills racing dinghies to a bigger boat, skippering *Hard Eight*, her dad's Tripp 41 at the 2022 Chester Race Week, winning her class, becoming the youngest and the first female to do so and, in the process, winning Sail Nova Scotia's Female Sailor of the Year award. While suddenly in demand for offshore races, the plan for 2023 is to lead her crew on *Hard Eight* in the Marblehead to Halifax race, considered the preeminent North Atlantic ocean race. You can be sure all of SHYC will be watching and rooting her on. Congratulations, Savannah.



Savannah Taylor

FUN FACT: The biennial Marblehead to Halifax alternates with the renowned Newport to Bermuda and in Halifax, it's known as the Marblehead while in Boston it's known as the Halifax.

Adult Learn-to-Sail & Women on Water Full for 2023

Going into its third year, the adult learn-to-sail weekend intensives are continuing to prove popular. Designed to promote the sport and encourage more members to learn to sail, the program has added a Women on Water 1.5 day refresher course (slots still available. prior WoW course required). More information can be found at <https://shyc.ca/sailing-academy/>



New sailors assemble on a Friday evening for weekend Learn-to-sail.

Fleet Report - Sport Fund Grant Awarded

The SA Operating Committee is pleased to report approval of a \$5,000 Sport Fund grant as part of a \$12,500 equipment renewal and upgrade effort. This effort includes acquiring five (5) new sail sets for our Albacore fleet to replace existing sails, one (1) new Opti spar, two (2) new Opti practice sails and two (2) Opti competition sails as well as two (2) new Opti dollies. The Academy has some up and coming young Opti competitors and it's part of our mission to support them with the best possible equipment to compete with.



SA 2023 Fleet

Optimists -	7
Albacores -	10
C420's -	2
Lasers -	1
29ers -	2

Provincial Sport Tax Credit

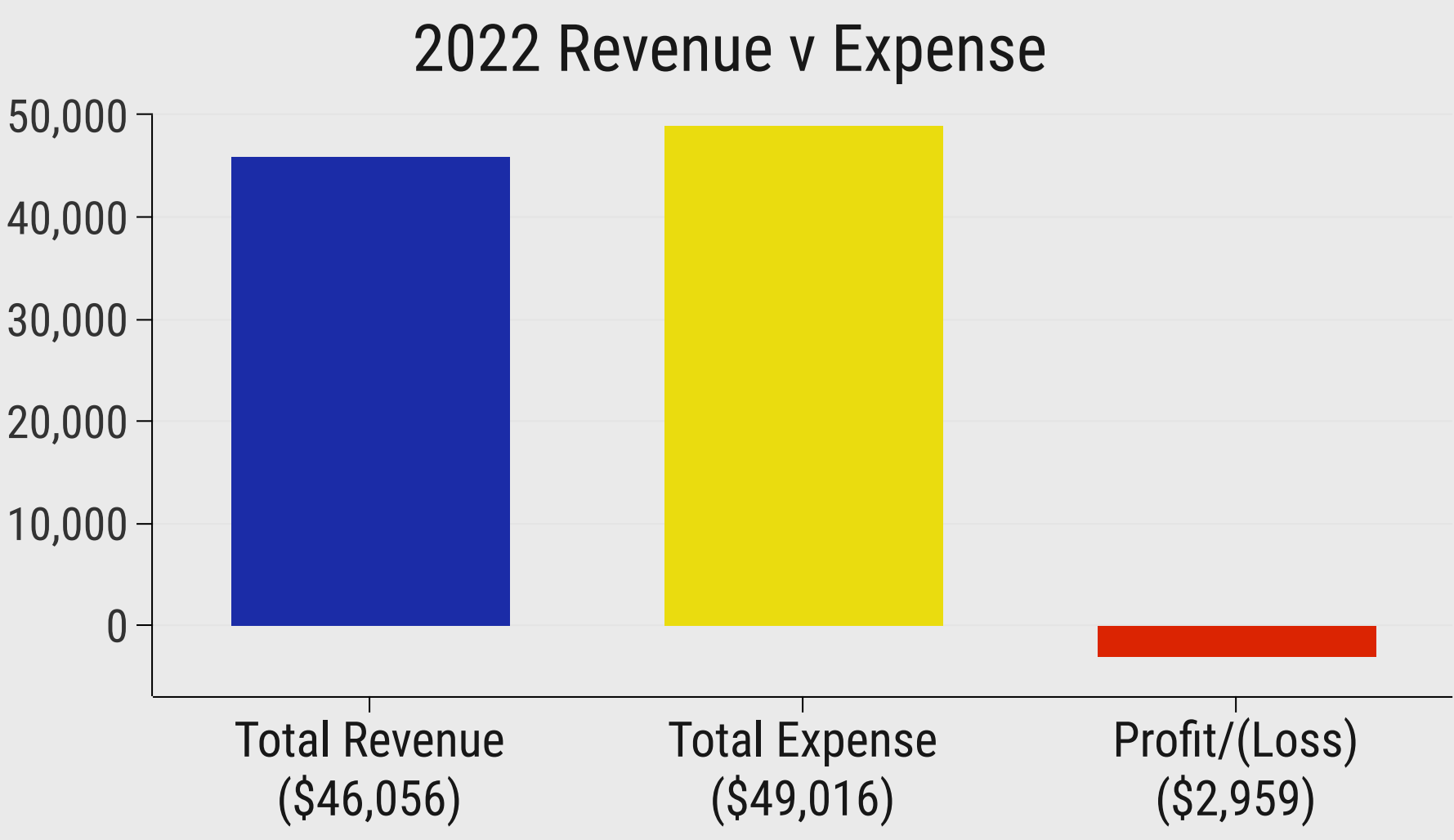
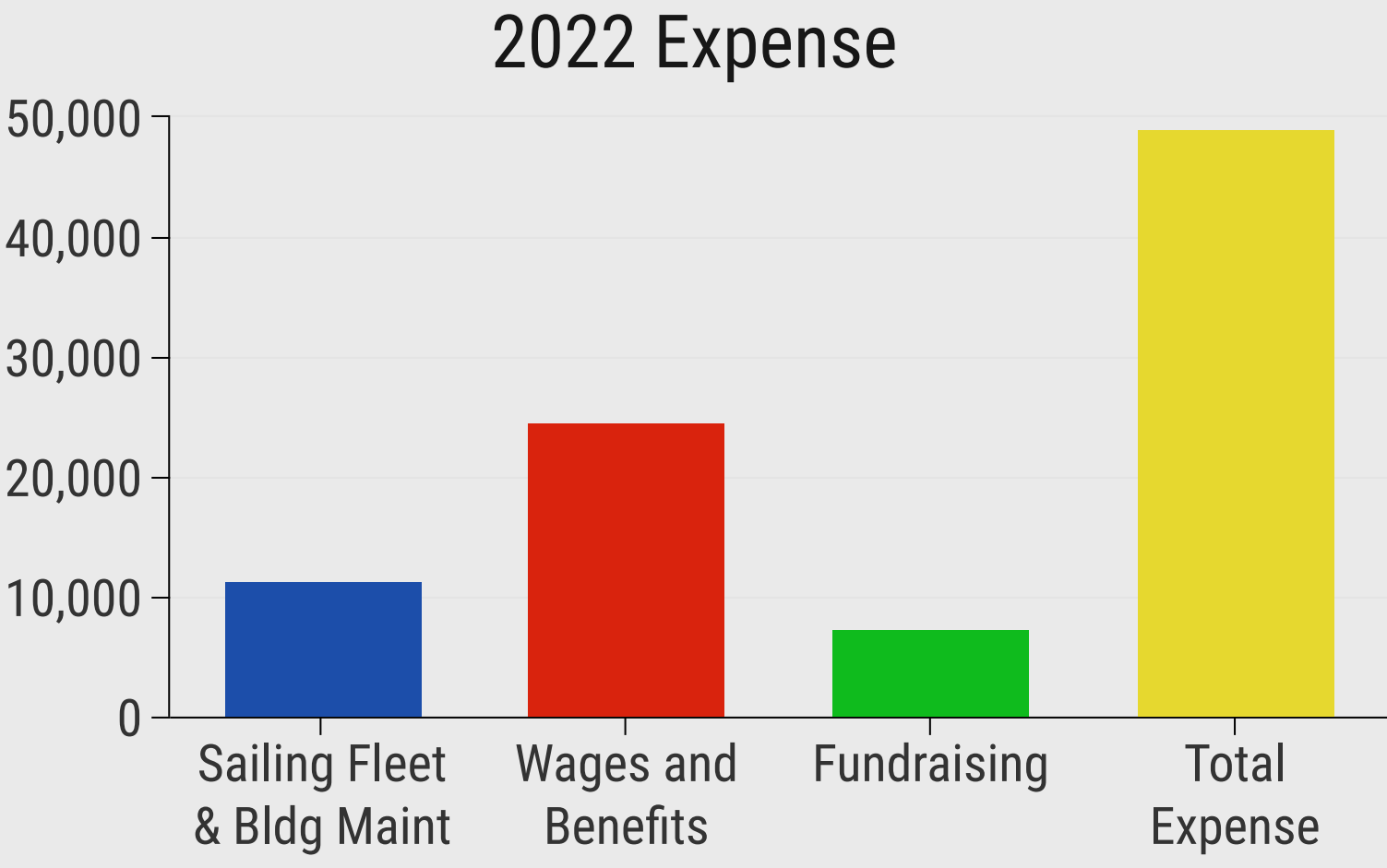
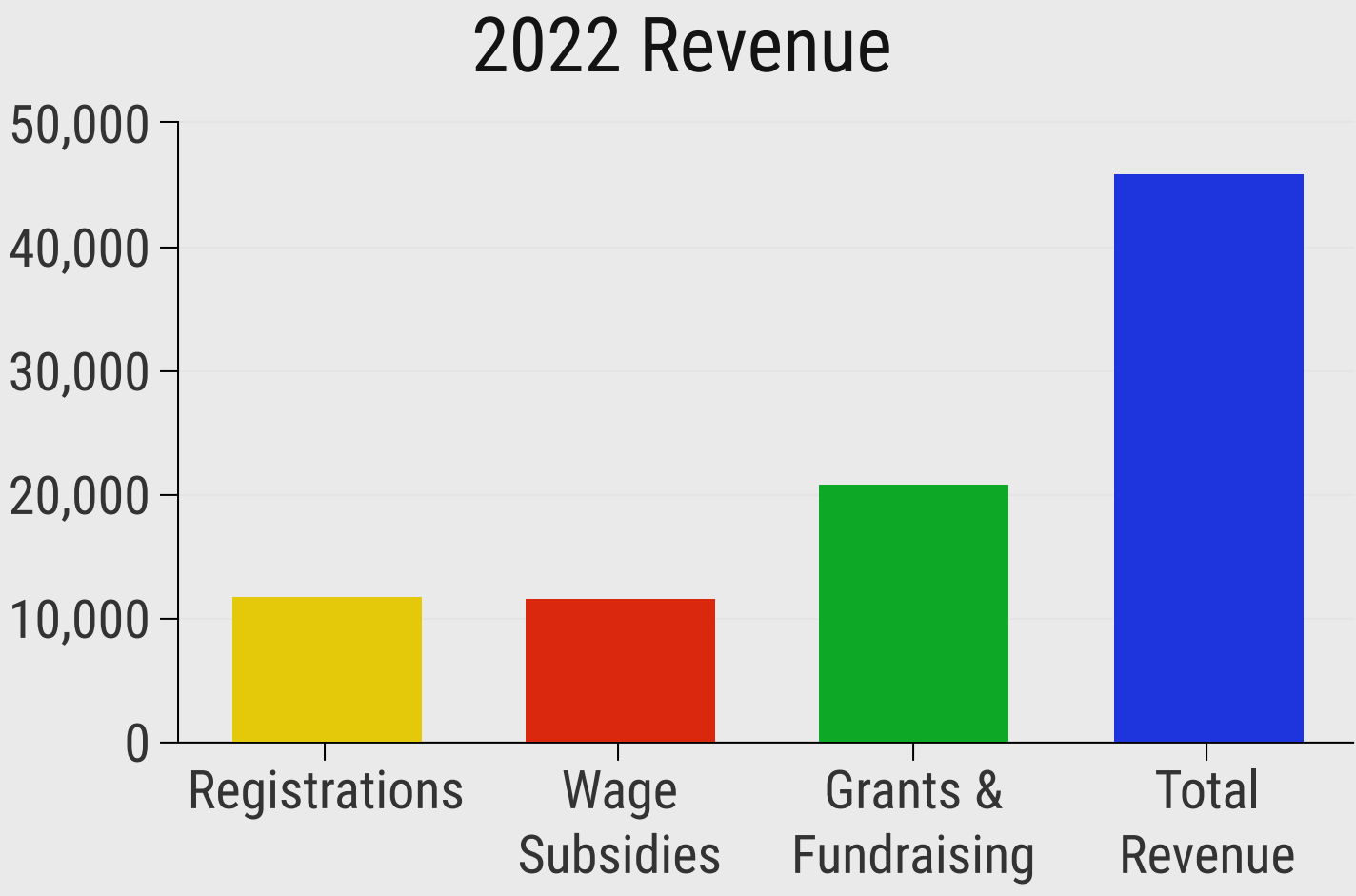
Spread the word - a new \$500 Provincial Tax Credit (per eligible child) has been introduced to help families offset the cost of registering their child in sports and arts programs. Information can be found here: <https://novascotia.ca/finance/en/home/taxation/tax101/personalincometax/childrens-sports-arts-refundable-tax-credit.html>

Bursary Fund

Over the years, contributions to our Bursary Fund have literally changed lives. If you wish to donate a week (or more) of sailing adventure and valuable life lessons for a child (Wet Feet=\$140; Learn-to-Sail=\$180 or any amount that suits), you can e-transfer to: treasurer.shyc.ns@gmail.com. Password: **sail2023**, and note it's for "Bursary Fund."

By The Numbers

As noted in our recent report at the AGM, the Sailing Academy managed to finish 2022 with a relatively modest loss, a result made possible only because of a highly successful Ilca (Laser) Masters Atlantic Coast Championship (most of the green graph bars below). Staged for the benefit of the SA, the IMACC was made possible by the volunteer support of more than 45 SHYC members and the sponsorship support of a host of Shelburne businesses (see the June 2022 edition of the Jib Sheet at shyc.ca). While events like IMACC are valuable sources of funding, they are too grueling to stage annually. As a result, the Sailing Academy for 2023 is introducing a program wherein local businesses can directly sponsor the Academy's youth learn-to-sail programs. Note our Presenting and two Major Sponsors on the masthead above. More on this effort in the coming months.



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The Sailing Academy at SHYC and the good work it does for our community is made possible by the efforts and expertise of many volunteers and financial support from members of the business community as well as all the members of SHYC. We thank you.

-Rob Stork
Director / SHYC Sailing Academy

