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New England Science & Sailing

# THE NEXT HORIZON

## Legacy Circle

INSPIRE • EMPOWER • TRANSFORM



SAILING • MARINE SCIENCE • ADVENTURE SPORTS

NESS CORPORATE NAMING SPONSORSHIPS

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## ABOUT NEW ENGLAND SCIENCE & SAILING



### Our Mission

Our mission at the New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) is to empower students with a love of learning and advance academic opportunities through ocean-based experiential programs. We serve schools, communities, and families on and off the water.



### Core Values

Our core values center on hands-on experiential learning, ensuring inclusive access for all students, fostering personal growth through confidence, and building a strong sense of stewardship and responsibility for communities and the environment.



### Expert Instructors

We offer a unique educational model where our STEM-based curriculum integrates marine science, sailing, power boating, and adventure sports as dynamic learning platforms, on and off the water, for students regardless of background or age.



NESS is the first and only school partner program to be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Achieving this accreditation demonstrates NESS's passionate commitment to providing the highest quality educational experience for all students, complementing and enhancing students' traditional school experiences.

### The Next Horizon Legacy Circle

As we celebrate 25 Years of NESS, we look ahead to expanding opportunities for more students to explore, learn, and sail toward their own next horizon. From the docks to the open water, every space at NESS helps students and educators chart their course forward. Together, we open the water, and the future, to every student.

# CREATE A LEGACY THAT SAILS FORWARD

There is something powerful about a name on the water.

*It carries history. It carries memory. It carries meaning.*

For 25 Years, our NESS story has always been guided by those who believe in student empowerment and the transformational power of ocean-based experiential learning. **We invite you to anchor your story within our mission and be a part of the next horizon with us.**

Naming an educational space or vessel is more than a sponsorship. It's a meaningful way to align your company with experiences that change lives and shape students for years to come. Each time a student arrives at NESS - nervous or excited, unsure, or confident - they begin a journey. They learn to tie knots, read the wind, trust their crew, and believe in themselves.

No matter what, your investment becomes a living symbol of your values, one that welcomes, teaches, supports and inspires students to explore what's possible. **It is your legacy set in motion.**

Together, this partnership reflects a shared commitment to education, innovation, and opportunity. Your support demonstrates your leadership in community investment while helping ensure that inclusive, hands-on learning is accessible and NESS can continue to be an integral part of a student's adventure.

Looking ahead, thousands of students will step aboard, grow braver, and discover strengths at NESS that they didn't know they had. They will carry those lessons with them long after they leave the dock.

**Quietly, but powerfully, your company legacy and name will sail with them.**





## LEGACY OF STEWARDSHIP AND ACCESS

A vessel or educational space at NESS is not a static asset. It is a **transformational classroom**, a **laboratory on the water**, and a **vessel for change**. It travels to serve, reinforcing your leadership and commitment to inclusive experiential learning.

Your brand will become synonymous with Environmental Stewardship, Educational Access, Community Impact, and Future Pathways, which are at the forefront of a NESS education. You are fueling a narrative of discovery:

- **Champion Educational Access:** You help remove barriers to hands-on experiential STEM learning, ensuring every student, regardless of background, has a seat at the table, and a spot on the water.
- **Foster Environmental Stewardship:** You turn our local waters into a living classroom where students transform concepts into real-world conservation and ocean literacy.
- **Drive Community Impact:** You strengthen the local fabric by building confidence, teamwork, and resilience in our students, creating a more capable and connected community.
- **Forge Future Pathways:** You open doors to academic and career pursuits in marine science, technology, and maritime fields.





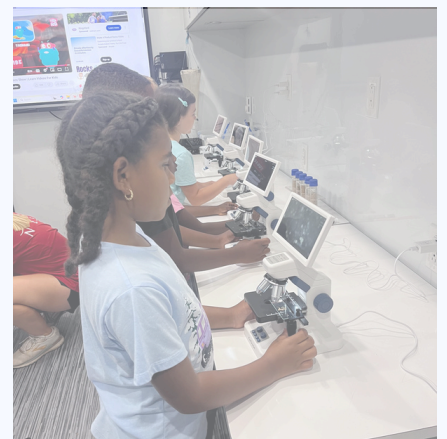
## NESS IN NEW LONDON

At NESS, partnerships are at the heart of our mission. By collaborating with schools, the City of New London, and community organizations, we expand access to ocean-based education and create meaningful opportunities for students and families. Through grant-funded, discounted, and free programs, we break down barriers to STEM learning while advancing inclusiveness, accessibility, and lasting community impact.

**New London Youth Sailing Programs:** by acquiring New London Community Boating at Green Harbor Beach in 2015, NESS now provides free summer sailing programs and continues to expand on-the-water opportunities for local youth.

**The NESS Mobile Classroom:** Bringing the ocean directly to students, this classroom on wheels is equipped with state-of-the-art tools that deliver hands-on learning in marine science, adventure sports, and environmental stewardship.

By meeting students where they are - at schools, libraries, parks, and community centers - we break down geographic and socioeconomic barriers, creating opportunities to explore curiosity, ignite passion, and open the door to discovery across New London and beyond.



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# NESS IMPACT AND REACH

NESS Locations	Sailing	Science/STEM
STEM Adventures	Powerboating & Adventure Sports	Travel Programs & Field Expeditions

FISHERS ISLAND SOUND	STONINGTON	WESTERLY
Fishers Island	Barn Island	Napatree Point
Latimer Reef	Dodge Paddock	Pawcatuck River
Ram Island	Dubois Beach	Watch Hill
GROTON	Mystic River	Westerly Town Beach
Bluff Point	NESS Stonington	Winnapaug Pond
Esker Point	Sandy Point	Misquamicut State Beach
NEW LONDON	Stonington Harbor	
Green Harbor	Stonington Harbor Yacht Club	
Ocean Beach		

NESS's fleet of boats deploy from our Stonington Harbor campus and classrooms to embark on on a wide variety of learning adventures:

- Testing water quality from NESSie or a Boston Whaler
- Fishing aboard a Grady White for everything from porgies to striped bass to false albacore
- Sailing a beginner boat to racing or foiling a competitive boat
- Surfing a break or kayaking at a scenic conservation point
- Seining on an island shore or snorkeling in a quiet cove
- Gaining skills operating a powerboat

The entire sensory learning experience instills self-confidence and excites intellectual curiosity.



50,000+

Total number of NESS students served



1,400+

Average total programs per year



200+

Number of school & organization partners



## MEASURING WHAT MATTERS

### STUDENTS:



**\$25,000**

(20) students will have the opportunity for a full 4-week immersive summer experience, receiving hands-on instruction and guidance from our skilled educators.



**\$10,000**

(250) students will benefit from an enriching NESS experience at their school, combining in-class learning with hands-on exploration in the field.



**\$5,000**

(75) students will embark on a NESS Field Expedition, exploring rocky shores, sandy beaches, and salt marshes through marine science, sailing, and adventure sports.



**\$2,500**

Funds (1) student in our New London programs that provides access to transformational learning.

### EQUIPMENT:



**\$25,000**

(8) Opti Trainers provide our youngest sailors with a safe and supportive introduction to sailing, where they begin building essential skills, confidence, and trust on the water.



**\$10,000**

(2) Small Safety Boats to support all sailing programs, ensuring students remain safe on the water so they can focus fully on learning while feeling secure.



**\$5,000**

(2) Sonar Mainsails for reliable, high-quality equipment so students can build confidence, develop technical sailing skills, and experience being out on the water.



**\$2,500**

(3) fully outfitted kayaks for with coastal ecosystems, observing wildlife and exploring habitats up close.



## Harbor Steward | Small Vessels

\$5,000 Annual Investment | 3-Year Commitment

- Exclusive naming rights with logo placement on small NESS vessel for (3) three years. Total investment is \$15,000
  - Vessels include Optis, 420s, Melges 15 and Hartleys. Selection made in conjunction with NESS team
- Logo recognition on NESS website and on Horizon Legacy Program signage at NESS campus for designated term starting June 1, 2026
- Logo recognition in NESS newsletter quarterly
- Invitation to Horizon Legacy Program Reception at the conclusion of the year
- Name recognition at 25 Years of NESS Annual Benefit in November 2026 on Horizon Legacy Program signage
- Impact report highlighting student reach and outcomes connected to your vessel at the end of the season



*"The NESS program has taught me to be more confident, honest, and courageous because the program and the people that work in it want to teach all kids how to be successful in life"*

*-Marley, NESS Student*



## Harbor Partner | NESS Spaces

\$10,000 Annual Investment | 3-Year Commitment

- Exclusive naming rights with logo placement on a NESS educational space for (3) three year term. \$30,000 total investment
  - Spaces include outdoor classrooms, docks and high trafficked campus areas
- Logo recognition on NESS website and on Horizon Legacy Program signage at NESS campus for designated term starting June 1, 2026
- Logo recognition in NESS newsletter quarterly
- Featured announcement on social media and digital communications
- Invitation to Horizon Legacy Program Reception at the conclusion of the year
- Opportunity for a Harbor Cruise for up to 10 people
- Logo recognition at 25 Years of NESS Annual Benefit in November 2026 on Horizon Legacy Program signage
- Impact report highlighting student reach and outcomes connected to your vessel at the end of the season



*"NESS really opened my eyes, I never knew there was a whole different world in front of us. I learned there are so many kinds of plankton. I learned so many new things I never knew before. I have a whole new perspective for aquatic life. The many things I have learned at the NESS program will definitely help me later on in life. This was a great program that was both educational and fun."*

*-Jasmin, NESS Student*

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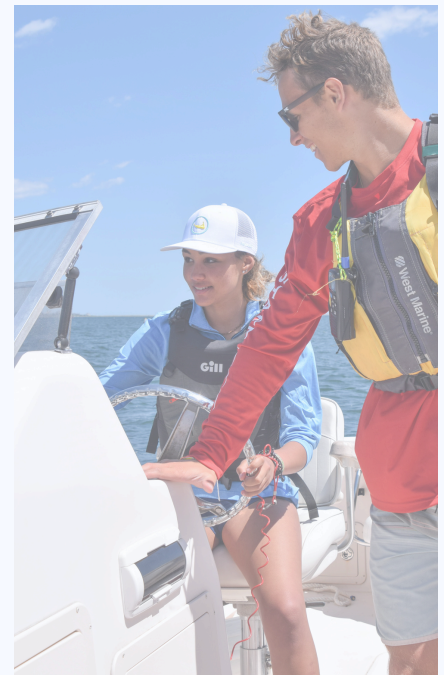
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## Harbor Champion | Large Vessels

### \$50,000 Investment

- Exclusive naming rights with logo placement on large NESS vessel for (10) ten year term
  - Vessels include Sonar and Grady's. Selection made in conjunction with NESS team
- Prominent logo recognition on NESS website and on Horizon Legacy Program signage at NESS campus for designated term starting June 1, 2026
- Prominent logo recognition in NESS newsletter quarterly
- Featured announcement on social media and digital communications
- Blog Post/Feature Story highlighting your investment and support
- Invitation to Horizon Legacy Program Reception at the conclusion of the year
- Opportunity for a Harbor Cruise for up to 10 people
- VIP Sailing Experience as determined by NESS.
- Prominent logo recognition at 25 Years of NESS Annual Benefit in November 2026 on Horizon Legacy Program signage
- Verbal recognition at 25 Years of NESS Annual Benefit in November '26 during main program
- Impact report highlighting student reach and outcomes connected to your vessel at the end of the season



*"My experience at NESS was filled with education through water. The NESS environment was very natural and positive and this encouraged my learning. The instructors were very helpful and carry a passion in what they do. NESS changed my whole perspective on what ocean water and sea life is and this experience is one I will always remember."*

*-Tarek, NESS Student*

## LEAD THE WAY FORWARD

Every student or educator who steps aboard your named vessel or space carries your belief in them — gaining confidence, resilience, and a love of learning far beyond the dock.

For 25 years, NESS has opened doors for students. Today, the need for these experiences is greater than ever.

Partnering with NESS allows your company to be part of something truly transformative, empowering students while demonstrating meaningful leadership in community investment and a lasting commitment to ocean-based educational opportunity.

**Because your brand isn't just a brand.  
It's part of the story that keeps NESS moving forward.**

**Be a part of the next horizon with us.**

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