



NSHOF and Gowrie Group Announce Partnership to Collect & Preserve Yacht Club Stories

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The [National Sailing Hall of Fame](#) (NSHOF) and [Gowrie Group](#) have partnered to collect, present, and preserve yacht club stories. Much of the rich history of American sailing has roots in yacht clubs and sailing organizations. The National Sailing Hall of Fame, with the support of Gowrie Group, is committed to preserving America's sailing legacy by gathering the stories that yacht clubs have to tell, and presenting them to the public in digital and print formats for future generations to enjoy.

Gary Jobson, President of the National Sailing Hall of Fame, shared, "We are thrilled that Gowrie is collaborating with us to energize our yacht club story project. Not only will we be able to collect more stories from a diverse set of clubs, but we will also be able to enhance the stories that many NSHOF Founding Member Yacht Clubs have already generously contributed to our online yacht club story collection library."

Every yacht club and sailing organization has a unique story to tell. And within these stories lay tales of the feats of individual sailors, events that shaped America history, adventures of determined characters, achievements by juniors, and amazing ideas from those that grew our sport from wooden boats, small boathouses, and rocky shores across the nation. Whitney Peterson, VP of Marketing at Gowrie Group, elaborated, "*Helping clubs of all types – from small informal clubs to prominent iconic clubs – to capture their fascinating histories before these tales are lost forever is an exciting initiative that Gowrie Group is proud to partner with NSHOF to make possible.*"

Steve Prime, Gowrie Group SVP, shared, "*It is a natural fit for Gowrie Group to support this yacht club heritage project, given our long-term relationship with the National Sailing Hall of Fame and our leadership position protecting yacht clubs across the country through The Burgee Insurance Program.*" The yacht club story project will be rolled out overtime, reaching out to the more than 2,000 sailing organizations across the country.

If your yacht club has a story that is ready to be shared now (written, webpage, audio, photo essay or video) please contact the NSHOF's yacht club story coordinator at yachtclubstories@nshof.org.

You can learn more and read some of the existing yacht club stories already online by visiting [NSHOF's online yacht club story collection](#).



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The National Sailing Hall of Fame promotes sailing by preserving America's sailing legacy and engages the next generation by sharing the benefits, excitement and beauty of sailing. NSHOF promotes sailing by recognizing its heroes; highlighting sailing's contribution to the American culture and experience; and demonstrating its value as a hands-on tool for teaching math and science. NSHOF provides a home for sailing – a place where people can participate in on-the-water experiences and immerse themselves in sailing's history, art and lore. www.nshof.org.