



Lighthouse Charities, Inc.

Lighthouse Charities, Inc. ("LCI") was formed in 2001 by the Oklahoma City Boat Club ("OCBC") to provide charitable activities to the Oklahoma City community. It is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible status as a public charity. During its first 15 years, it distributed funds to other 501(c)(3) organizations in the greater Oklahoma City community. For the last 5-6 years, it has given scholarships for underserved children in the OKC community to attend one or more week-long summer youth sailing camps held at OCBC.



In 2019, the scholarships were given to Little Light Christian School, Boys and Girls Club, Peppers Ranch and Single Parent Support Network for the organizations to award to children in their programs. The camp provides an incentive for children to learn to swim as they must be able to swim in order to participate in the sailing camps. The sailing camp is open to the public and available to children interested in learning to sail whether or not their family belongs to OCBC. Adult lessons are also available this year.



The organization (LCI) is staffed primarily by volunteers. The only paid employees are the youth sailing coaches and instructors who run the summer camps during June, July and August. Registration for the summer camps, adult lessons and other information about can be found on LCI's website at www.okclighthouse.org.





As set forth in LCI's Certificate of Incorporation, its purposes are exclusively for educational or charitable purposes, including: (a) to award need-based scholarship, grant, and/or other forms of financial support to sailors of all ages and skill levels to participate in sailing-related activities and/or programs; (b) to promote and present sailing regattas and/or other sailing-related activities to promote community participation in the Corporation's charitable fundraising, giving and educational efforts and programs; (c) to support and provide sailing programs, sailing activities and opportunities to learn, volunteer and connect with the local sailing community that are accessible to the general public; (d) to conduct youth sailing programs and activities accessible to youth in the community as one method of combating juvenile delinquency; (e) to mentor potential candidates to participate in regional, national, international and/or Olympic competition.

OCBC has hosted many prestigious regattas including regional and national championships which are listed on its website. Several of these LCI co-hosted including the Catalina 25 National Championship, Flying Scot Wife-Husband Championship, San Juan 21 North American Championship and Adams Cup U.S.

Women's National Championship, all in 2008; Santana 20 Nationals in 2011; and Catalina 22 Nationals in 2019.

With a steady water level, OCBC/LCI anticipates hosting more regattas in the future including the U.S. Junior Women's Doublehanded Championship ("Ida Lewis") which we were scheduled to host in July, 2020, until the event was cancelled by U.S. Sailing, and the VX1 National Championship in summer, 2021.

Other than monies raised for national championship regattas, most of the funds for LCI are raised from the proceeds of the Lighthouse Charity Regatta, LCI's annual benefit regatta. This year's event will be held this year on June 27.

There are several ways to contribute including cash contributions, in-kind donations, and participation in the regatta, either as an individual team or a sponsored team. *See the Donor Agreement attached or on-line. LCI provides a letter documenting your deductible contribution. See Lighthouse Charity Regatta Registration on-line.*

Registration for the summer camps, adult lessons and other information about LCI and the annual charity regatta can be found on LCI's website at www.okclighthouse.org.

For more information, please contact Terry Carlson at 405-694-7011 or vice-commadore@okcboatclub.com, or

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Please consider participating in the Lake Hefner Challenge Cup ("LHCC"). This year's event has been modified so the Challenge Cup race(s) are being sailed concurrently with the annual benefit regatta on Saturday afternoon (June 27).

After the races on Saturday, there will be refreshments, presentation of the LHCC trophy to the winning team and free dinner cooked and provided by OCBC/ LCI.



This is a wonderful opportunity to learn how much fun sailing can be while participating in a sailing regatta that serves a good cause. It can also be a good team experience.