



# 2024 REACH IMPACT REPORT

The mission of US Sailing's Reach Education Initiative is to engage youth and enhance career opportunities in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics while fostering Environmental Stewardship through hands-on learning experiences.



## 2024 REACH YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANT

The 2024 Reach Youth Engagement Grants provided financial support to ten sailing programs for materials, transportation, scholarships, and other program costs for students incurred while implementing the Reach Initiative. These programs are invaluable for the youth who are given a chance to experience hands-on learning while exploring their local aquatic environments from near the water or on a sailboat.



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SAILING CENTER**





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**10**  
Grantees

**10**  
New Reach Educators

**7**  
New partnerships

**2,254**  
Unique students

**29,308**  
Hours of programming



Expected Reach student retention, up from 52%.



Increase in students participating in Reach Initiative



Schools directly impacted by Reach Initiatives in 2024



Expected **57%**  
student retention

**13**  
Years of the Reach Initiative

**133**  
Certified Reach Educators nationwide

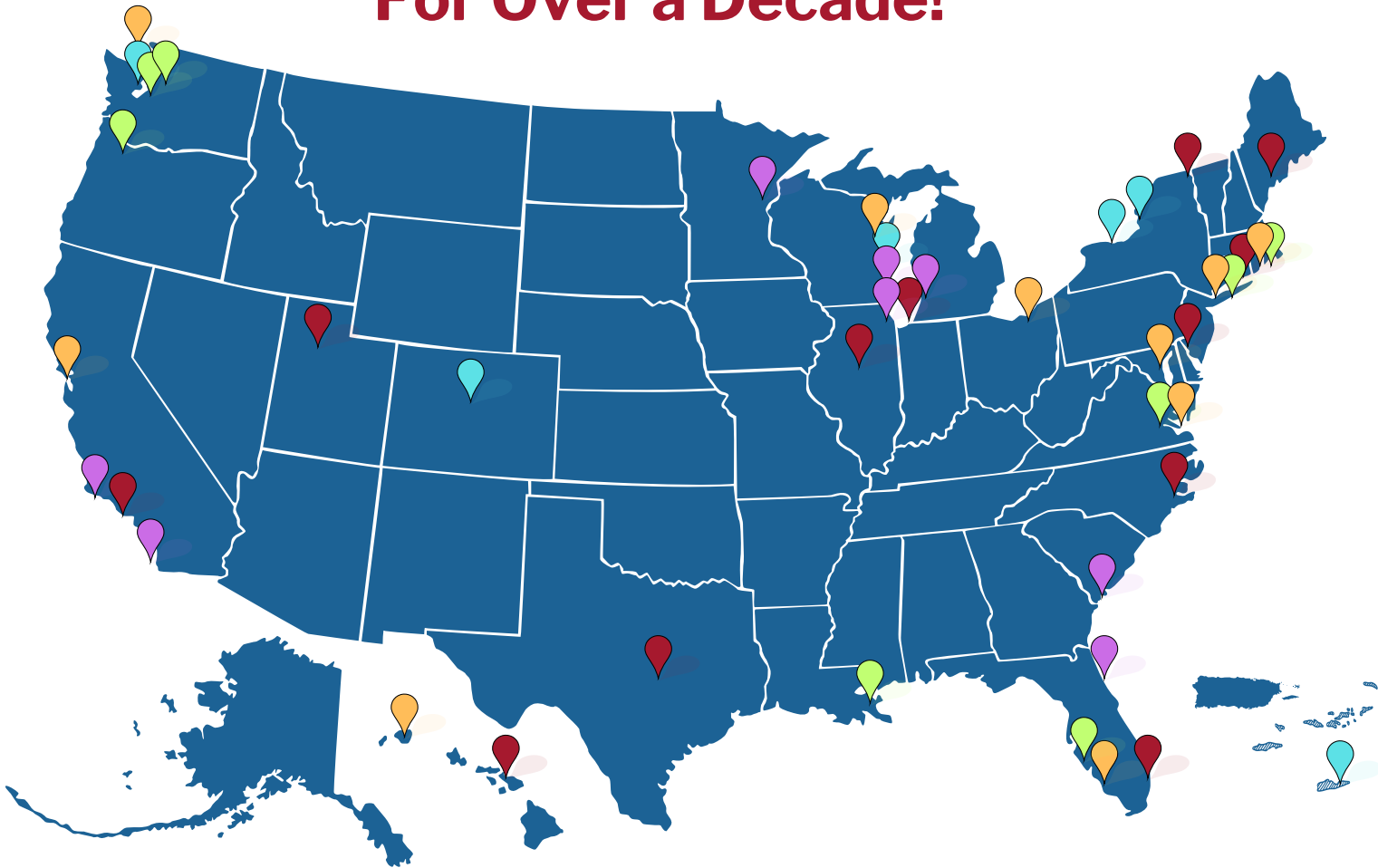
**600**  
Programs and schools using the Reach curriculum annually

**100,000+**  
Youth sailors learning with the Reach curriculum each year



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## Reach Grants Make a Nationwide Impact For Over a Decade!



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## STEM, Sailing & Positive Youth Development

### STEM Concepts

Students feel they are **more prepared** for middle-school and high school classes similar to those subjects in the Reach curriculum.

### Self Confidence

Students report **increased self confidence** and feel they can apply skills learned sailing to real world situations and problem solving.

### Critical Thinking

Students need to actively analyze, evaluate, and **apply knowledge to find solutions** when using Reach modules and activities.

## Spotlight: New Reach Initiative Grant Partners

US Sailing is excited to collaborate with new partners to provide greater value to our Reach Grantees and further the Reach Initiative. Thank you to **Yeti** for supplying 5-gallon buckets, **SouthCoast Wind** for a new offshore wind STEM activity!



**YETI**



**NAVICO  
GROUP**



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The Reach Curriculum makes the program more well-rounded, more enjoyable, and helps students learn more effectively. The curriculum delivers impactful lessons, **sparking curiosity** and building foundational skills that students carry forward.  
— ”

-Director of STEM Education, Andy Temme,  
Hudson River Community Sailing, NY)



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“I never knew science could be this **fun** and **real**.”  
-Student, Kauai Sailing Foundation (HI)  
— ”



“ —  
“I think the STEM curriculum helped kids grasp sailing sooner, which in turn let them **grow** a lot faster”  
- Student, Sail Orcas (WA)  
— ”

Thank you to our partners and donors for your continued support!

