



DANA POINT YACHT CLUB'S

RICHARD HENRY DANA Charity Regatta®



We sometimes have heard . . .

“Why are we supporting the Ocean Institute with our Charity Regatta?”

When did you first see the ocean? Experience it’s awesome power? Wonder at why whales got so big and why dolphins can swim so fast and jump so high? When did you make your first discovery in a tide pool? How old were you when you first touched a sea creature? If you are like many of us, you never get tired of experiencing these things. When children come to the Ocean Institute, they get to experience for the first time what we all love so much about the ocean! Their experiences down here stay with them for a lifetime.

The Ocean Institute inspires students so that they learn to value the ocean and become motivated to conserve it. The Institute teaches children that they can each make a positive difference for healthy oceans – a start towards a healthier planet.

Unfortunately, there are thousands of Orange County school children who go to schools that cannot afford to participate in Ocean Institute programs. Reduced state funding for public education means there will be no money for field trip experiences unless families are able to pay for them. When families can’t pay for the children to come, they are left behind! Because of that, the Institute is forced to raise external funding to cover the costs for these students. The Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta® will raise funds to help these students who cannot attend programs unless they get scholarships. No student should be left behind on field trip day! Each student should have the eye-opening opportunity to become an oceanographer at sea on the R/V Sea Explorer, or learn to raise a sail, and why tallships played such an important role in our history.

The 2007 audit shows that the earned revenue covered only 45% of the overall expenses in running the Ocean Institute. Clearly, as with most non-profits, the Institute must rely on fundraising to continue to provide outstanding educational programs for over 115,000 students annually.

The funding from our upcoming Richard Henry Dana Charity Regatta® will be used to help provide the hands-on science and history experiences that would otherwise be unavailable to the segment of the school population that can’t afford to pay.

Join us in supporting our Charity Regatta! In addition to writing a check, you can race, you can fish, you can watch the juniors race or you can sponsor something specific – like a Marine for the Twilight Fishing event or a Junior Sabot Racer. . . or simply come to the parties! **SIGN UP ONLINE OR AT THE CLUB TODAY!**



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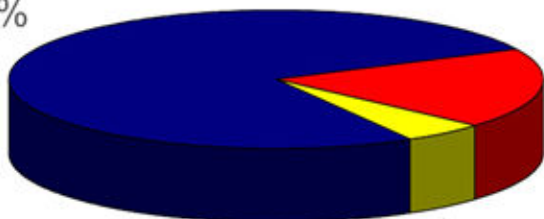


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WHY? ... *kids*
education
efficiency

Educational Programs *
 76%



Fundraising Costs
 19%

Administration
 5%

*** 100% of every dollar from our RHD Charity Regatta® goes to educational programs & scholarships.**

