



ASABC
Adaptive Sailing
Association of BC

2024 Annual Report

Re-Imagine What Is Possible

2024 was a season full of energy — with a packed sailing schedule, monthly Kids Days, and an enthusiastic Race Club.

At the Adaptive Sailing Association of BC (ASABC), we expanded access to sailing through fully booked sessions five days a week, Kids Days filled with fun and connection, and a Race Club that welcomed both seasoned sailors and first-time racers.

Thanks to the strength of our community — volunteers, donors, staff, and partners — we proudly represented BC at the 2024 Mobility Cup in Nova Scotia and grew our Breeze Boat Donation Program to new heights.

We're deeply grateful to everyone who helped create these moments on the water — and excited for what's ahead.

- The ASABC Team

Welcoming our new Executive Director

In 2024, the Disability Foundation network was in a period of transition as former Executive Director David Fong retired after years of dedicated service, and I stepped into the role. For those of you who do not know me, I have worked for the Disability Foundation, in one capacity or another, for over ten years — first starting with the Vancouver Adapted Music Society (VAMS) in the Winter of 2014. In 2021, I transitioned to working for the Foundation as a Program Manager with ConnecTra, the Disabled Independent Gardeners Association, and VAMS.

I am honoured to have the board's trust and, since taking on the role of Executive Director, I am continuously in awe — and grateful to work alongside — such a dedicated and passionate team who continue the Disability Foundation's legacy of serving our community. Lastly, I would like to thank the clients, volunteers, donors, and sponsors for their continued support. I am excited for the future and the opportunities the Disability Foundation and its affiliated societies have to come.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Wyman".

Graeme Wyman, Executive Director

Our 2024 Board of Directors

We are grateful to the ASABC Board of Directors for their steady guidance, governance, and commitment to accessible sailing:



Derek Lau

Chair

A seasoned IT and enterprise architecture professional, Derek brings a strong technology and problem-solving lens to the Board. His passion for creating elegant, collaborative solutions continues to shape ASABC's long-term goals.



Matthew Burke

Vice-Chair

A long-time sailor and nonprofit leader, Matthew supports ASABC with his background in autism support, therapeutic recreation, and volunteer coordination. His dedication enhances the organization's inclusive programming.



Carrie Torrans

Secretary/Treasurer

A passionate social worker and community advocate, Carrie has contributed to numerous nonprofits and is a powerful voice for inclusion, disability rights, and youth empowerment.



Thomas Branson

Director

A geologist by profession and recreational sailor, Thomas brings project management experience and a love of sailing to ASABC's mission.

2024 Staff Team

David Fong — Executive Director

Eric Molendyk — Program Manager

Adriaan Windt — Breeze Program Coordinator

Jessica Adam — Communications Lead

Jordan Cripps — Communications Lead

Joy Hayden — Development Lead

ASABC's work is powered by a dedicated seasonal and year-round team.

Emma Evans — Sailing Staff

Elizabeth Giroud-Proeschel — Sailing Staff

Loïc Iqbal-Cruz — Head Sailing Instructor

Samantha Mikado — Sailing Staff

Rachel Teply — Sailing Staff

Walter Hajen — Maintenance Technician

2024 Highlights & Achievements

- **Fully booked** sailing schedule throughout the 2024 season (Wednesday to Sunday)
- Monthly Kids Days starting June 29, including an Olympic-themed event
- Successful 2024 Race Club season with monthly events and multiple first-time racers
- ASABC athletes represented at Mobility Cup 2024, with Andrew Davis finishing 2nd overall — **the organization's best-ever result.**
- Featured on **Global TV Morning Show** (Dec 3) for International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Raised \$6,480 from Burrard Yacht Club's Classic Car & Boat Show (16th year of support)
- Jericho office **renovations completed:** new flooring and reorganized layout
- Adaptive equipment upgrades including sanitary cushions and enhanced power-assist technology





Program and Community Impact

- Sailing sessions ran Wednesday through Sunday with phased online booking:
 - **May 14:** bookings opened for May & June
 - **June 20:** bookings opened for July
 - **July 20:** bookings opened for August
- Each Kids Day offered fun, **inclusive experiences** for youth and their families
- **Race Club** featured monthly Sunday races and community regattas, including:
 - Andy Hunt Regatta (July)
 - Integration Regatta (August, in partnership with False Creek Yacht Club)
 - Cascadia Cup season finale presentation
- ASABC sailors also **represented the organization** at the Mobility Cup (August 26–30) in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, including:
 - **Andrew Davis** placed 2nd overall — ASABC's best finish to date
 - **Gerry Burns** received the Sportsmanship and Determination Award
 - **Shara Gutsche** competed in the Silver Fleet
- Ongoing partnership conversations with Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC) for future collaboration and potential Mobility Cup 2026 hosting
- Memorial boat launching event held June 15 in honour of Mark, Louis, and Clare Allaye-Chan
- **53** active ASABC volunteers in 2024

The Breeze Boat Donation Program

Under the leadership of Adriaan Windt, 2024 was a strong year for the Breeze Program

- Over **20** boats evaluated for resale
- **Major 2024 sales:**
 - 1980 Gulf Commander Custom Sedan: **\$195,900**
 - 1993 Bruce Roberts "Ladyhawke": **\$49,900**
 - 1990 C&C Plus: **\$72,900**
- First sale of 2025 (January): Over **\$15,000**
- **Three** boats in current inventory, with more leads from the Vancouver International Boat Show
- Significant **vendor relationships** renewed at the Boat Show, including Suzuki and Stryker Boats (discounted rescue boat & motor acquisition)



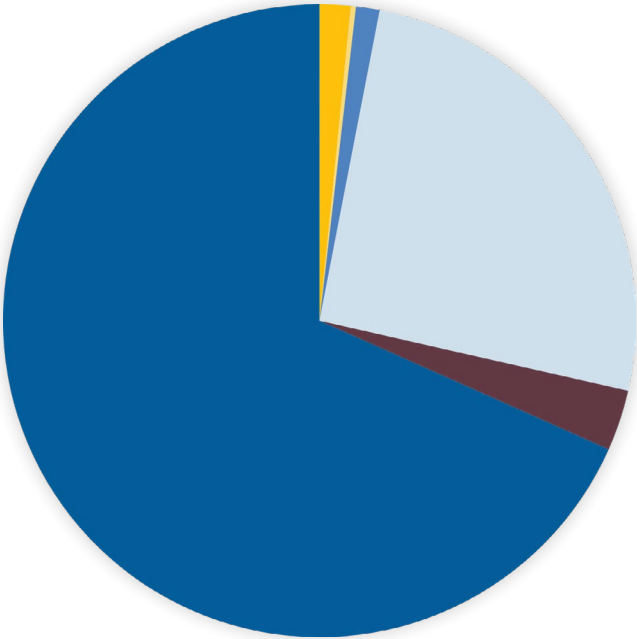
Fundraising and Financial Overview

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, organizations, and sponsors who supported us in 2024

Total Fundraising

\$575,605.17

Total Grants	\$164,676.90	28.61%
Government Grants	\$146,804	25.51%
Foundation Grants	\$17,872.90	3.10%
Total Donations	\$17,556	3.05%
Household Donations	\$9.1K	1.58%
Non-Profit Donations	\$6,956	1.21%
Other Donations	\$1.5K	0.26%
Other Revenue	\$393,372.27	68.34%
Boat Sales	\$393,372.27	68.34%



Our Supporters

- BC Rehab Foundation
- Burrard Yacht Club
- Butchart Gardens
- Employment and Social Development Canada
- Province of British Columbia
- RBC Foundation
- TK Foundation
- Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
- Suzuki
- Stryker Boats
- Global TV
- Variety - The Children's Charity
- Wolrige Foundation



Media & Outreach

- Featured on Global TV Morning Show on December 3, 2024
- Participated in the Vancouver International Boat Show (Jan 29–Feb 2, 2025)

6,058
Social media post
impressions in
2024

1,935
Total combined
Facebook and
Instagram followers

Facilities and Safety Upgrades

- Extensive seasonal boat maintenance led by Walter Hajen
- Replacement of rusted parts, full winterization post-season
- Reorganization of the ASABC Jericho office to increase efficiency and accessibility
- New sanitary cushions installed for improved comfort and hygiene
- Partnership with autohelm expert Steve Alvy to refurbish power-assist technology

Looking Ahead to 2025

- CRA is reviewing ASABC's charitable status; reinstatement expected in summer 2025
- Continued growth of the Breeze Boat Donation Program
- Exploration of co-hosting Mobility Cup 2026 at RVYC for its 35th anniversary (Mobility Cup was founded at RVYC in 1991)
- Returning head instructor Loïc Iqbal-Cruz will lead summer sailing programming for her 6th year

Thank You!

To our sailors, volunteers, funders, and community partners – thank you for believing in inclusive recreation and the joy of accessible sailing

