

Bayfront Maritime Center

The Bayfront Maritime Center (BMC) is a not for profit community based organization. BMC's mission is: *to design and implement hands-on, maritime themed, educational, vocational and recreational activities for the community in a universally accessible waterfront facility.* Since beginning in 1998, BMC has provided community members access to the region's most valuable resources, the protected waters of Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie.

BMC's primary programs:

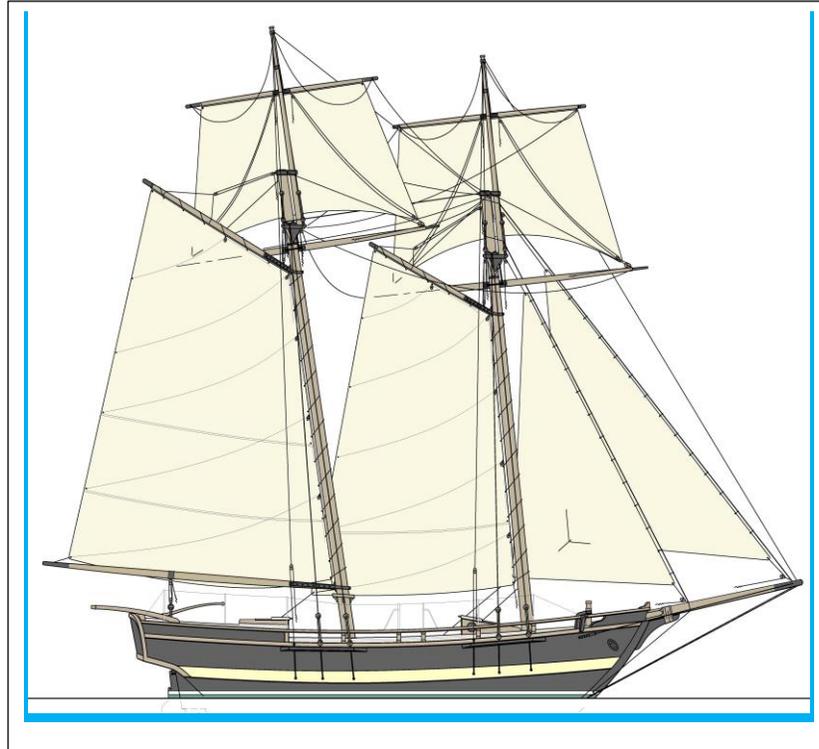
→The **Bayfront Alternative Education Program (BAEP)** is an innovative partnership between the Bayfront Maritime Center, the [Sarah A. Reed Children's Center](#) and the Erie's Public Schools. The program provides effective and therapeutic learning opportunities in a safe environment for students not achieving educational success in Erie's 4 high schools.

→BMC is home of [EASE](#), the **Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience**, the only adaptive sailing program in Pennsylvania, EASE is organized and run by a team of 35 dedicated volunteers. EASE, started in 2001, allows community members, primarily youth, with physical and mental challenges to sail independently on Presque Isle Bay.

→ BMC developed [Project SAIL](#) which addresses the need for positive after-school activities for teens, focusing on job skills development. Project SAIL apprentices are, weather permitting, getting outside, sailing, rowing, learning to use real world tools while engaged in boatbuilding and other construction projects, which improves their chances of finding employment.

→ **The Schoolship Porcupine Project** is an initiative to design, and build a representation of the War of 1812 gunboat, the [Schooner Porcupine](#) – a floating hands-on STEM classroom and educational link to Erie's rich maritime heritage.

→[The Bayfront Summer Program](#) For the past eighteen years, the Bayfront Summer Program has provided summer enrichment opportunities for students throughout the area. The Bayfront Summer Program began in 1999 on the Bayfront Maritime Center's waterfront campus. For the past two years the Bayfront Summer Program has focused on credit recovery for high school students who needed additional credits to graduate from high school.



	Adults	Youth
Number of Participants	47	337
Number Achieving Program Goal		

Size of Budget	\$500,019
Number of Employees	8
Number of Volunteers	47
Boat Designs You Build	
Boat Designs You Use	St. Ayles Skiff, historic Catketch historic fishing shallop, Hansa Dinghies, 1812 Navy Gunboat Schooner

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