

#### 21st Annual MAKEAMARK Celebration

A summer gala to benefit Courageous Sailing's Youth Development Programs

July 18, 2016 6PM - 10PM

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The Boathouse on Pier 4, Charlestown Navy Yard

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#### Welcome to Make-A-Mark

Celebrating 30 years of Courageous Sailing providing life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged and marginalized Boston kids, the 21st annual Make-A-Mark is our most important fundraiser of the year. All funds raised from ticket sales, auctions, sponsors, and Fund-A-Future directly support Courageous's youth development programs.

#### This Evening's Festivities

All Evening

Beer, Wine, Cocktails & Tastings
Live Music by The Compaq Big Band
Fund-A-Future

8 pm

Opening Remarks
Live Auction
Fund-A-Future

9 pm sharp

Silent Auction Tables Close

Please collect your auction items between 9:30 and 10pm

#### **Courageous Sailing: Mission & History**

Courageous Sailing was established in 1987 as a 501c3 nonprofit in a joint effort between the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the late South Boston sailing enthusiast Harry McDonough. Harry's timeless insight that "every child's perspective is improved 50 yards offshore" inspired him to open a sailing center where children of any background could gain access to their city's harbor through sailing.

In the last 30 years, Courageous has grown into a dynamic and multifaceted educational facility that serves over 1,000 children every year. At Courageous, sailing is a platform for life-long learning. We are a true community sailing center, dedicated to removing barriers to access for the public, whether a person is eight, eighteen, or eighty.



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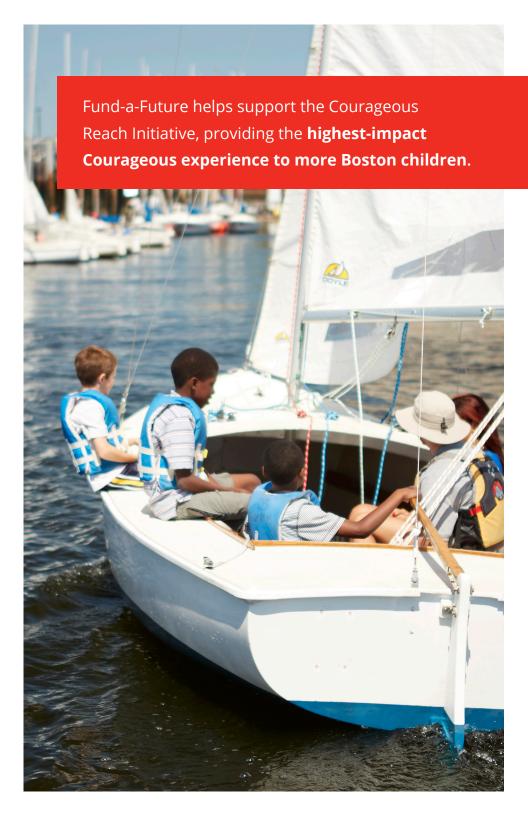
#### Fund-A-Future

Financial need tops the list of barriers standing between many kids and a potentially life-changing summer experience. Many families also need extra help with transportation, access to swimming lessons, meals, extended day care, and summertime academic support. In 2012, Courageous launched our Reach Initiative-which targets all barriers to participation for kids at every level of our program—to address these issues head on. Each year, over sixty 4th and 5th graders participate in our Swim Sail Science program, an intensive two-year program that blends sailing, swimming, and academics taught by Boston Public School teachers. Swim Sail Science has been proven effective in reducing summer learning loss and helping youth build invaluable life skills.

When you give to Fund-A-Future, you are providing crucial support for the Reach Initiative, Swim Sail Science, and all Courageous kids who would not be able to experience the joy of sailing without your help.

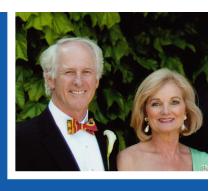
Please visit the Fund-A-Future table to make a donation that will help keep Courageous kids afloat in years to come.

\$2,500	5 weeks of programming for 1 child
\$1,000	2 weeks of programming for 1 child
\$500	1 week of programming for 1 child
\$100	2 lifejackets
\$50	.1 Life jacket



# Ladd and Sigrid Thorne

As lifelong sailors, proud parents, and Chairman and CEO respectively of the Fortress Corporation, Ladd and Sigrid

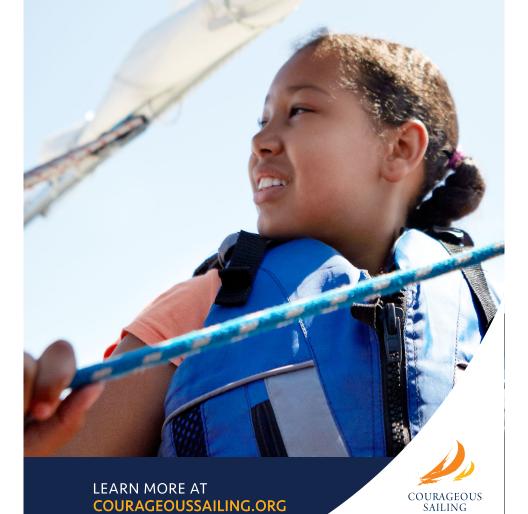


Thorne connected quickly and intuitively with the power and potential of the Courageous mission. Introduced to Courageous in 2010 (through their son and then Board member, Ladd, Jr., who continues to be a strong Courageous advocate), Ladd and Sigrid began the work of gathering resources to launch "Swim Sail Science" (SSS), an innovative Courageous program that combines an academic core and sailing-based enrichment for 4th and 5th graders. Their actions ensured that Courageous would make an impactful change in the lives of many marginalized Boston youth, by helping to reduce summer learning loss and by extension, reduce the opportunity gap.

The success of SSS is unimaginable without Ladd's and Sigrid's leadership. Between 2012 and mid-2017, the Thornes personally gave and helped to secure over \$350,000 in critical funding and devoted countless hours to grow Courageous's capacity and realize its strategic plan. In 2014, in recognition of their dedication to our mission and vision, Courageous Sailing established the Ladd and Sigrid Thorne Award for Leadership, which is given annually to individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment and stewardship to the Courageous mission.

When, to kick off summer 2017, Mayor Walsh and BPS's Dr. Chang chose to highlight the impact of SSS in a visit Charlestown's Harvard-Kent School, we couldn't have been prouder-and we couldn't have done any of it without the Thornes. Please join us tonight in thanking Ladd and Sigrid and celebrating their vision and leadership.

# HELP A CITY KID TAKE A DIFFERENT TACK — IN LIFE —





#### THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN IS THE FUTURE FOUNDATION OF ALL THINGS ON OUR PLANET.

Three cheers to Courageous Sailing for helping to bring this thought into reality!

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Silent Auction tables close at 9pm sharp

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#### **Live Auction Bid Number**

