

March 10, 2015
Christian Buhl
The Buhl Foundation
114 Greene Street
New York, New York 10012

Dear Christian,

On behalf of the Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club, we are excited to offer support for a community sailing program to serve people with disabilities in Newport Beach, California.

We recognize the unique therapeutic value provided by sailing: Nature's inspiration, personal discovery, and self-confidence. Sailing is a wonderful complement to our social fabric, and our local climate offers year round enjoyment.

Enormous community resources are devoted to access our local waters. However, for sailing programs to successfully serve people with a wide range of disabilities, we need the best tools modern technology has to offer: versatile by design, "adaptive" sailboats.

Our five-year goal is to expand sailing programs with Adaptive Sailing as well as increase inner city youth sailing, and access for Veterans with disabilities. Our thought is that we could serve the most people with the innovative RS Venture Keel sailboat.

The Newport Sunrise Rotary is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting charitable causes including the Newport Sea Base, Special Olympics, and the Explorer Post at Upper Newport Bay, which I founded while president of the Newport Bay Conservancy.

It would be an honor to be involved with The Buhl Foundation as an instrument of financial trust in stewardship of your donation to help build and sustain sailing for underserved members of our community.

Yours truly,



Steve Bender
President Elect
Newport Beach Sunrise Rotary Club
and
Co-Chair
Newport Beach Host Town
Special Olympic World Games 2015