

Protect the Long Island Sound by Supporting Justin Smith as He Sails Across the Sound



Hello, my name is Justin Smith! I live in the Town of Oyster Bay, New York and I am 12 years old.

This fall as a charitable project I will be sailing across the Long Island Sound solo from Stamford, Connecticut to Oyster Bay, New York to raise money to help clean up the water in the Long Island Sound. I will be making the journey on October 20, 2012 in my eight-foot Optimist sailboat.

I have created this charitable project to help provide much needed environmental awareness and protection to the local aquatic environment. I thought it would be a great idea to help clean and protect the Long Island Sound, where I go sailing and many other people enjoy many activities, and an entire ecosystem of fish, animals and plants live.

I am extremely dedicated to this cause and am actively seeking supporters and donors for this very important project. I would greatly appreciate it if you would join me in helping to protect the Long Island Sound. Information on how you can donate to support the cause is provided below.

The money I raise will be used, in partnership with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to support a "bioextraction" project in the Bronx River, whose waters feed the Long Island Sound. This project uses seaweed and ribbed mussels to naturally filter pollution from the water resulting in improvements in water clarity. Water pollution can come from wastewater treatment plants, streets, roofs, sidewalks, lawn chemicals, and even from the air during storms.

Mussels feed on plankton, and when they grow they incorporate into their shells and meat nutrients. When the mussels are harvested, this harvest will remove some of the excess nutrients from the aquatic environment thereby improving water quality for other marine life. Seaweed also removes harmful matter from the environment as it grows.

I am raising money that I will present to the National Fish and Wildlife Association after my sail. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a country-wide non-profit organization that preserves and restores our nation's native wildlife species and habitats through its funding and support.

I greatly appreciate all donations and would be grateful if you would support me by becoming an individual or corporate sponsor. (Please send donations by October 20).

Please mail donations to Justin Smith, P.O. Box 176, Locust Valley, NY 11560 or call Brian Smith at (516) 650-0838 for more information. Checks should be made out to National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your corporate sponsorship, if you would like, can also be posted on my Facebook page, *Justin Protects the LI Sound*, and displayed in other materials for this charitable project!



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