

Dear Valued Supporter,

2017 was one to remember! We hosted 25 regattas, sailed more than 3,000 offshore miles, and awarded nearly \$200,000 of prize grants to Olympic hopefuls. Without your generosity, none of it would have been possible. Oakcliff would like to thank you sincerely for all that you've done to support us.

Being a part of the Oakcliff community is special. It's about more than just sailing. It's about coming together to make a difference. Thanks to your invaluable support, we have!

Look at Ariel Nechemia, a 2017 Sapling Graduate. He came to Oakcliff with a dream: circumnavigate the world solo to raise awareness for the organization that helped his little sister recover from brain cancer. It was a lofty goal, one that many may have written off as unattainable for a kid who just graduated high school. But thanks to his training at Oakcliff, he's now traveling around the globe working for Dongfeng Race Team in the Volvo Ocean Race, the most prestigious race around-the-world.

Ariel's dream went from distant and unlikely to perfectly within his grasp. That's what Oakcliff is about: fueling the dreams of young American sailors to make a difference in the world. Whether it's bringing home an Olympic medal, sailing around the world, or making it to the America's Cup, Oakcliff is here to make it happen.

Ariel isn't the only Oakcliff Graduate at the Volvo. As a part of Oakcliff's Development Program, we have been sending two Sapling Graduates to every stopover to work with Team Vestas 11th Hour Racing.

"The Oakcliff Development Program has been simply fantastic and a tremendous help to the team," said Mark Towill, the Team Director. "All of the graduates that have spent time with us thus far have been extremely helpful with great attitudes. I don't think we'd be able to operate to the level that we are without them!"

Help us take 2018 to even greater heights. Make your tax-deductible donation today by returning the attached card or visiting our website.

With drone footage and more video content, you'll have a front row seat to all the regattas and programs your donation supports. We'll also be posting great content all winter so be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@OakcliffSail).

Thank you again for your support. We hope to see you in the new year!

Sincerely,
Dawn Riley, Executive Director