

District 2232 and IYFR
Region Ukraine humanitarian aid project
“Children Love Sail Ukraine -
Help Young Sailors”
(Rotary Children Rehabilitation Sailing Camp)

Results: Children's sailing training is an opportunity to rehabilitate children and to give them get hope for the future, help become a team of like-minded people and give real professional training for adulthood.

PROPOSAL: To organize 2-week rest and recreation children camps with sailing rehabilitation and recovery for children from the regions of Ukraine with active hostilities. We want to give children the opportunity to feel safe in a friendly environment, in the sanatorium-resorts or psychological rehabilitation centers.



The program includes 3 components:

- 1) hotel accommodation in 2/3-bed rooms with 3 meals a day;
- 2) program of events including sailing trainings, guided tours to historical places, local traditions and customs;
- 3) costs of medical insurances and transportation.

This project will provide an opportunity for children to distance themselves from the horrors of war, make new acquaintances, and expand their personal outlook.



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ACTION: EVERY CHILD needs special attention and support. Some children, together with their parents, were evacuated to safer territories both in Ukraine and abroad. Children have witnessed murders, lost family members, survived the horrors of occupation, survived rocket attacks and need our help as soon as possible. The official sad statistics show that 75% of children have been psychologically traumatized by the war, every fifth child has sleep disorders, every child has a reduced desire to communicate, nightmares and memory loss. We must do everything possible to help children forget the horrors of war, and prevent the enemy from taking their lives, health, opportunities for rest, sports, sailing rehabilitation.

BACKGROUND: The war against Ukraine started on 24th February 2022. Many children have been affected, physically injured, suffering psychological injuries, being forced to leave their homes or shelter other children. According to official data, 460 children have been killed to date and more than 900 children injured. The data is by no means final...



Action: During war in Ukraine navigation was forbidden in all water areas of the country on the frontlines and other places due to shelling and mining. IYFR Region Ukraine members support children refugees from sailing areas (Zaporizhzhya, Mariupol, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Kyiv, Kharkiv) in order to continue sailing and training on Dnipro River (Cherkasy where local children sailing school received the permission from the military-civilian administration to go out on water with boats in the presence of the water police). For young sailors 8-15 years old with their moms and instructors we try to find partners for organizing children rehabilitation sailing training camps on a safer territories both in Ukraine (Cherkasy) and abroad (realized such camp in Bulgaria in 2022 and in Croatia 30.04-9.05.2023, where next...?).

Prehistory: After chartering of the 1st Cherkasy Ukrainian IYFR Fleet since 2019 and 3 other IYFR Ukrainian Fleets (Kyivska Rus, Black Sea and Kharkiv) in 2020-2021 yachtsmen and Rotarians from 12 RCs in Ukraine united together in Rotary service program of supporting local children sailing schools and took an active part in the national information campaign for the protection of rivers and reservoirs under the International IYFR Program Plastic Free Waters (PFW).

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