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Dear AYCF Friend:

Every Thursday this summer, I took time off from work to take my two-year-old son down to the Annapolis City Dock, where the Annapolis Maritime Museum hosted a lunchtime concert series featuring maritime music. Robbie was a huge fan, strumming his acoustic guitar while wearing his lifejacket. Our very rich Thursday lunches sparked many things in his little sponge-like brain:

- Learning all the words to “Chesapeake Born” by Maryland folk singer Tom Wisner.
- Comparing the museum’s skipjack to CBF’s larger one across the harbor.
- Critiquing tenders as they successfully and not-so-successfully tied up to the dinghy dock.
- Stopping by the Club to check on his older friends in the junior sailing program as they rigged and launched their boats.

As I speculate whether my son will grow up to be a folk musician, a wooden boat restorer, a junior sailing guru, an advocate for the Bay, or a weekend cruiser, I know that funds from the AYC Foundation will have helped to not only expose him to the diverse treasures of the Bay, but also sparked a lively, and hopefully, lifelong, interest.

I support the AYC Foundation because of the future I want my son to have here on the Bay. Because of the future I want Joe Morris, an aspiring Olympian, to have. Because of the rich heritage and contemporary influence of the maritime world furthered by organizations like the Annapolis Maritime Museum and the National Sailing Hall of Fame. Because a disappointingly large number of children in Annapolis’ public schools have never even been on the water.

We support amateur sailors. We give scholarships for deserving students to maritime-related programs. And we support maritime-related non-profits. Someone has to take the lead in bringing philanthropy and leadership to these areas.

We’re stepping forward, and we need and want you to help us grow. We are the AYC Foundation board and donors. Please join us in supporting our 2008 Fall Campaign.

Sincerely,

Molly Hughes Wilmer  
AYC Foundation President