# The Business of REACH

#### **Panel Members:**

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#### Moderator:

Jessica Servis, US Sailing's REACH Program Manger











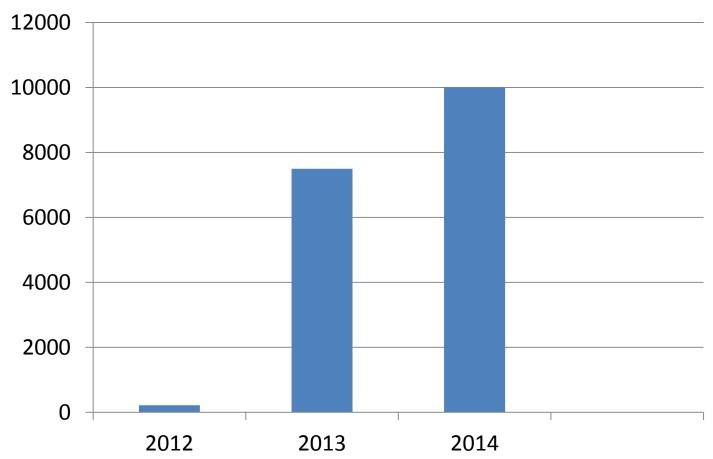
Challenging students to *REACH* further academically

REACHing middle school youth worldwide

**REACH Video** 



### Students participating in the REACH program







Over 7,500 students have participated in the REACH program in 2013.

Since June of 2012 we have trained 53 educators though US Sailing's STEM Educator Course.

Approximately 200 programs in four countries are implementing REACH, including programs in Boston, Washington DC, LA, Baltimore, and New York City.



#### **REACH Works**

According to informal data collected in the fall of 2012 by US Sailing:

Students participating in the REACH program for 5-7 weeks showed an **11% increase** in STEM content knowledge.

Of those surveyed, approximately **50**% of the students came from urban areas.



### **REACH Students Report:**

75% of students reported, "I think I could do well in high school classes on subjects similar to those in the REACH program."

47% of students reported they gained skills in all of the following areas: recording data, using data to create a graph, applying skills to real life problems and situations.



# **REACH Strengths**

Broad success reaching 7,500 students in single-day programs in 200 sailing centers

Proven support structure for 1,300 scholarship students in seven leading sailing centers

Established US Sailing infrastructure for training and professional development

Strong partnerships with US Sailing sanctioned sailing centers and local schools

Established template of learning modules and replicable partnership models



## **REACH Goals**

- 1. City Scholarships
- 2. Global Grants
- 3. Program Support
- 4. Curriculum Development
- 5. Student Materials
- 6. Educator Training
- 7. Mentoring
- 8. Assessment



### Ice Breaker

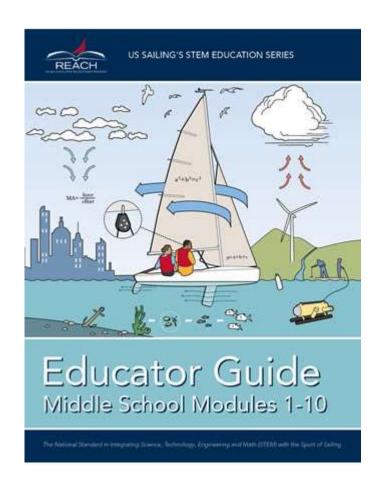
What questions do you have about REACH? (list of top 5 per group)



# Panelist Introductions & Questions







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