



Vernon G. Eberwine, Jr “Bumps” Scholarship Fund

The Vernon G. Eberwine, Jr. “Bumps” Fund was established in February 2017 in memory of Vernon G. Eberwine, Jr., to enable deserving youth to participate in Hampton Yacht Club’s summer sailing programs. Vernon Gaskins "Bumps" Eberwine, Jr. (August 26, 1925 - January 8, 2017):

When "Bumps" sailed away from this world, and all who knew and loved him, he was 91 years old and had over 85 years of sailing and boating experiences under his well-worn cap. Growing up on Bennett's Creek in Suffolk, Virginia, he spent his youth enjoying many boating excursions up and down the Bay on his father's fine Yacht, a Matthews 41' powerboat, “Nansemond”. When Bumps turned 12 years old a friend of his Dad's gave him a 10' sailing dinghy and, well, the rest is history. Bumps was hooked!

After WWII and a stint at VA Tech as a Naval Air Corp Cadet, he bought a Hampton One Design (Sail # 97, built by Vincent Serio) and started racing her in 1946 with his new wife and crew, Alice. Many races and many wins later, sailing out of Portsmouth, Hampton, Fishing Bay and Annapolis, he purchased a 28' wooden sloop he named 'Sea Star' and began winning many coveted Chesapeake Bay races such as the Annapolis to Hampton and many Virginia Cruise Week races as well. Bumps went on to own and race several sailboats throughout his long sailing career which included a Vanguard 32', Morgan 35', Erickson 25' Morgan 24', 30' Pearson Flyer, J36' and an Olson 25'. He even raced a Montgomery 10' in the HYC Frostbite Series and a Laser in many area races into his late 50's. Bumps lived to sail.

When he wasn't racing, Bumps was busy managing Eberwine Brothers Canning Company where he was co-owner. He and his wife Alice, had 3 sons, Vernon III, Chucky and David and many grandchildren. Of all his family, it was youngest son David who carried on Bumps' sailing legacy and was a very accomplished sailor in his own right having raced with his Dad for many years. Like his Dad in 2000, David was awarded the coveted Labrot Trophy in 2010 on their beloved J36 'Sea Star'. Grandson, Chuck Eberwine, sailed with Bumps on both the Olson 26 and J36.

Bumps' legacy is his great passion for sailing and his deeply rooted love of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Throughout his life, Bumps demonstrated the highest level of sailing expertise with a unique grace and sense of humor that was understated and much appreciated by all who knew him. He especially loved sharing his great passion for sailing with anyone willing to step aboard and feel firsthand the sun on their face and the wind in their sails. He will never be forgotten.

Bumps believed sailing should be accessible to all, regardless of financial means. In maintaining this Scholarship Fund, we hope to introduce the joys of sailing to all children in the Hampton Roads area.

Applicants for the Bumps Scholarship must be ages 6 to 16 years of age, live in Hampton Roads, have a passion for life on or around the water and must be able to pass our swim test. If your child - or a child you know – is interested in taking a summer camp class at Hampton Yacht Club, but may not be able to afford full tuition, you may apply for a scholarship by filling out the Application.

The goal of the Bumps Scholarship is to provide access to sailing programs for participants who otherwise are unable to afford the program. The HYC Foundation Bumps Scholarship Committee will review Applications on a case-by-case basis and reserve the right to award the Scholarship on its sole discretion.



Bumps Scholarship Application

Deadline: May 1, 2024

(Please Print)

All applicants should complete this form and return it together with the parent and student letters to Hampton Yacht Club Foundation, 4707 Victoria Blvd., Hampton, VA 23669. To award a scholarship, we require the following:

- **Parent Letter/Financial Need:** This scholarship is provided based upon demonstrated financial need. Parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide a confidential letter stating the reasons why the student should receive a scholarship to attend a summer camp at HYC.
- **Student Intent Letter:** The student must provide a letter explaining his/her reasons for wishing to participate in Hampton Yacht Club's summer camp. All students are encouraged to write this themselves, however, all students 10 and over **MUST** write it themselves.
- **Post Summer Camp Letter:** If your student receives a Scholarship, the student, at the end of summer camp, must provide a letter describing the student's favorite parts of the program, what he/she learned and if/why he/she would like to come back next Summer.
- **Swimming Requirement:** All students must be able to swim 25-50 yards and tread water for 3 minutes, without the aid of a life jacket. This will be tested on the first day of class.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade Entering Fall: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Applying for which Session? _____ Class? _____

Have You Applied for a Bump's Scholarship Before? Yes (When?) _____ No _____

Do you know anyone who has participated in HYC's programs?

Yes (Who) _____ No _____

I hereby confirm the accuracy of the information provided by this application.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____