



Happiest of Holidays from Sailing Heals!



Dr. Lori Wirth

Lori Wirth, MD is an Associate Professor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and joined Massachusetts General Hospital in 2008 to become the Medical Director of the Center for Head and Neck Cancers. Dr. Wirth attended Brown University as an undergraduate, then obtained her MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where she had the distinction of being nominated to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Wirth is a leading authority in head and neck oncology, with special expertise in combined modality therapy for cancers of the head and neck, and new treatments for advanced thyroid cancers. In addition to Sailing Heals, she sits on several national and international committees.

"After serving on the board for 6 years, I'm excited to now be serving as Board President! Sailing Heals is very special to me personally as lots of my patients have gone out on sails. It's so worth it when I'm reminded we bring joy into our VIP's lives in their darkest hours and give them memories that they may never have had otherwise.

*We work very hard to provide this experience to our VIPs year-after-year. Many thanks to our donors and sponsors, such as Eisai, Inc, The Zucker Foundation & several other great people and organizations who helped us this year. We've done a good job making up for the loss of our founding sponsor last Spring and we are at **66%** of our year-end goal! Since we've heard that 30% of fundraising is raised over the holidays, and that 10% of that is, indeed, in the last two days of the year, we are optimistic that we will hit or exceed our goal and be positioned for another great year of complimentary lunches and healing sails for our guests!*

Trisha, the team, and I look forward to a great year ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a joyful & healthy holiday!"

--Lori Wirth

Sailing Heals Board President

To meet our year-end goal, we need just \$16,000. Please donate here!

Our 240+ Host Captains are like the 3 Kings to our organization! They bring the gift of sailing to our patient guests and caregivers with every sail. We're delighted that one of our St. Francis Host Captains in San Francisco gave us these beautiful hand-made knit hats for us to share with a few of our VIP guests. We're sending one to **VIP Annie Boissevain** this week. Annie and her sister sailed with us last July out

of the Jubilee YC in Beverly, MA. We're happy to hear she is transitioning from Mass General to the Hope House in time for Christmas. Here's a note from Annie's sister Patricia from last summer:



"Annie and I are still feeling the positive effects of sailing with you on Sunday. It was such a beautiful, fabulous day spent with such lovely people.

This organization you have founded is so ...well...healing!!! Truly. I admire you for all the effort you have put into Sailing for Healing. You have created such a wonderful, healthy, and exciting venue for people who do need help with healing. I was a huge relief for Annie and me and it meant so much to me so see her on that sailboat with the deep blue sea and the wind in her hair." –Patricia Boissevain, Beverly, MA sail

Our thoughts and prayers for a healthy and hopeful holiday are with all of our VIPs this season!

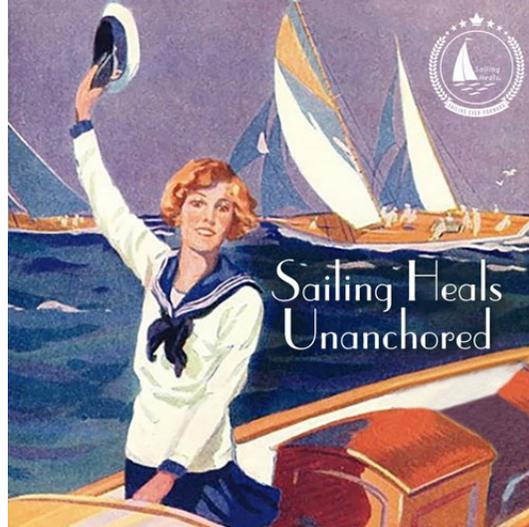
Announcing the New Patient Navigator Advisory Board

We have reorganized our patient navigator processes to improve communications, expand our outreach to more patient guests who are going through cancer now or within the past year and obtain feedback. This Advisory Board will meet, mostly by phone, just two times per year. If you are a VIP or affiliated with a hospital and would like to learn more about participating in this group, please contact Laurie@sailingheals.org. Thank you!



Introducing Sailing Heals Unanchored!

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing information with our host captains and participating yacht clubs on our new "Sailing Heals Unanchored" program. The idea is to help us "live" our mission of hosting patient guests at sea in many ports simultaneously, even if the funding may not be available for a full-fledged program every time. More to come but if you have questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Trisha@sailingheals.org or call 978-914-6609.



Year-End Donor Summary Reports

Over the next couple of weeks we'll be sending letters out to our larger donors (\$500/year or more) with a summary of their generous donations over the past year. Whether you are in this category or a general donor, please contact Cindy Gottfried at Cindy@sailingheals.org if you would like to request a year-end donor summary or need more information for your files. Thank you so much for your support!



Save the Date!

Sail Away Soirée

...honoring VIP patient guests and benefiting Sailing Heals

Thursday, April 5, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Hawthorne Hotel
Salem, MA

FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE EMAIL Laurie@sailingheals.org

In addition to sponsors, we are looking for destination packages for our auction at this big event. If you have a beautiful weekend home or condo to donate or other ideas such as theater tickets, restaurant gift cards, etc. in New York, Boston, San Diego, Miami or anywhere we sail, please be in touch!



Honoring your loved one or remembering them with a name on our Sailing Hearts flag is a great way to keep the spirit of your loved one sailing with us all year around. Please click [here](#) for more information: **Sailing Hearts**

Thank you for helping us give the gift of sailing year-around!

Please note the office will be closed the week of Dec. 25 and Jan. 4 - 9, 2018.

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