

ALES FOR SAILS

Friend of the Bayfront Maritime Center,

We are excited to announce the *13th Annual Ales for Sails*, benefiting the Bayfront Maritime Center, is scheduled for **Friday, February 6th, 2026, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.**

Our friendly beer-tasting competition promises to be a night filled with tasty craft beers from 10 local breweries, delicious food, and great company - all for a good cause! Attendees will sample a variety of beers, voting for their favorite brewery to win the trophy for the year. The 2025 winning brewery was Erie Ale Works - we are excited to see who will come out on top in 2026!

Ales for Sails sells out every year, with over 400 tickets sold last year. Your organization will receive recognition for your charitable contribution, not only to those attending the event, but to the area breweries, their guests & employees, and the local community.

The Bayfront Maritime Center is a **501(c)3 nonprofit with a mission to provide engaging educational, vocational, and recreational opportunities for our community of all ages, on & off the waters of Lake Erie.** Our programs, including EASE - the *only adaptive sailing program in Pennsylvania* - and Erie Community Sailing, are designed to create access to the water for everyone. Our summer youth programs focus on teaching students valuable skills, as well as providing hands-on experiences in STEM. While our programs are maritime based, their overall purpose is to empower and educate our community of all ages.

Your donation supports this goal and, thanks to our sponsors, donors, & attendees, we are connecting people of all ages to the beautiful bayfront and waters of Lake Erie. Please keep the Bayfront Maritime Center in mind for the upcoming year and reach out with any questions!

The event includes a Basket Raffle with donations from individuals and organizations from the Erie community. Donated items for the raffle will be appreciated and recognized throughout the event, as well as on our social media channels. If you are interested in donating basket raffle items, please contact Kathy Lindell at kathyindell822@gmail.com or 814-881-8307.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available. View event and sponsorship info at www.bayfrontcenter.org or contact Andrea Baker at andrea@bayfrontcenter.org

Thank you so much for your support of BMC's programs for Erie's youth!

