Gowrie Group staff and NESS staff with New London students
(back row L to R: Gowrie Group VP of Marketing Whitney Peterson,
Gowrie Group CEO Carter Gowrie, NESS Sailing Program Director Mark Zagol,
NESS Executive Director Cindy Nickerson, and NESS Program Director Mary Harrigan)

**Gowrie Group Donates VHF Radios to New England Science & Sailing**

STONINGTON, CT. Gowrie Group recently made a $1500 donation to New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) specifically for the purpose of purchasing more than a dozen VHF handheld radios. VHF radios are a vital safety and communication resource for NESS staff members throughout the year.

Serving approximately 5,000 students in grades K-16 through its summer and academic year programs, NESS instructors combine on-the-water and in-classroom activities to teach life skills and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts related to marine life and the environment.

NESS President Spike Lobdell commented, “Safety on the water is our number one priority here at NESS. In addition to wearing a life vest for our instructors, the radio is a critical tool for ensuring that everyone is secure and taking proper precautions when out on a boat. We greatly appreciate Gowrie Group’s ongoing support of our organization and their generous donation of new VHF radios for our team.”

Gowrie Group’s CEO Carter Gowrie added, “We are pleased to continue supporting NESS and its core values of inclusiveness, experiential learning, personal growth, and stewardship. Our VHF radio donation is a natural alignment with our mission to keep people safe and communicate effectively.”

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New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc. (NESS), is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) ocean adventure education organization that engages students in experiential learning to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Marine sciences, adventure sports, and sailing are platforms for inquiry-based learning, transformational personal discovery, teaching respect and responsibility for the sea, and creating connections with the community. NESS operates year-round with families, schools, and organizations to provide high-quality programs that blend an innovative curriculum with exciting ocean adventure activities. For more information, visit www.nessf.org.

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