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Susan, the mother of two teenage sailors (15 & 13) and wife of Richard Proko, the current Commodore of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA), has been an active sailor since childhood. She has been a lifelong member of Ocean Gate Yacht Club and recent new member of Toms Rover Yacht Club.

Susan currently serves as the Chairperson of the Junior Sailing Committee for the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA). The BBYRA is the Regional Sailing Association for 14 sailing yacht clubs located around the waters of Barnegat Bay in New Jersey. In her role as Chairperson, Susan is responsible for coordinating training, education and regional regattas for the more than 900 junior sailors enrolled in the junior sailing programs of BBYRA member yacht clubs. Her role also includes collaborating with NJYRA and MAYRA in the further development and promotion of the sport of sailing. She represented the BBYRA at the US Sailing National Sailing Program Symposium held in Houston, TX in early February 2010 and attended Kim Hapgood's seminar on Program Management on April 17, 2010 at Shrewsbury Sailing Yacht Club. Proudly campaigned with her husband to lobby Toms River Yacht Club in its successful bid to host the Sears, Bemis and Smyth US Sailing Junior Championships in 2011.

Prior to assuming her BBYRA role, Susan served as Junior Sailing Coordinator for Ocean Gate Yacht Club (OGYC), a BBYRA member club, for 2 years and a member of the OGYC Sailing Committee for 6 years. She has been active member of the OGYC Executive Committee since 2000.

Susan actively contributes to the local community as well. She presently works part-time for the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission in Camden County, NJ and served as Treasurer for the Audubon Safety Patrol 2008 - 2010. Susan plans to continue as a committee member of the Markeim Center for the Arts in Haddonfield, NJ.

Previously, Susan was the Director of a local facility of LaPetite Academy, a national childcare and development corporation, responsible for a staff of 19 and as many as 140 enrolled children. She began her career teaching third grade in a private school in Philadelphia, PA