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Dear Newport Harbor Sailing Foundation:

Thank you for your support which allowed me to sail with Team USA and attend the Lake Garda Optimist Meeting in Italy. Your help has helped me experience and advance my sailing. The Lake Garda Optimist Meeting is the largest youth regatta in the world. This year over 850 opti's attended the regatta. There were over 32 countries attending from all over the world. Lake Garda is a large lake and is known to be a windy. Over the week of racing we have all different conditions and experienced a starting line with over 120 kids. There was a pre start line below the normal start line, and each race was over an hour long. Lake Garda has huge walls on each side of the lake and is a beautiful place to sail. On the east side of the lake there was snow on the mountains and on the west side of the lake was the lush green mountain side. We stayed in a town called Riva Del Garda with the Team and enjoyed walking in the opening ceremony representing the USA. I had the chance to work with the two best coaches in the US, Justine O'Conner and Loir Lavir which was very beneficial for my sailing.

Sincerely,

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