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Mr. Warren H. Person  
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720 West Bay Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Person,

I would like to thank the Newport Harbor Sailing Foundation for their generous contribution. The assistance I received was greatly appreciated, as it enabled me to compete in the 2013 U.S. Youth Championships in Corpus Christi, where I learned what it was like to compete on the national level.

Traveling to the Youth Champs was a great experience for me because it was my first national regatta and it required a great deal of planning, organization, and team work with my partner. From the months of training to arriving at the Corpus Christi Yacht Club, it took a lot of dedication and coordination to reach our goal of being accepted to Youth Champs, the experience proved to be a great one. I left California not knowing what to expect, and granted I was scared at times, but I always knew it would be OK. The regatta also greatly increased my knowledge of sailing in different venues and in different boats. In the 25 knot breezes, I just wish Andrew and I were a little bigger.

I would like to also thank you, Mr. Person, personally for traveling with us and being there when we needed your help. Without your dedication over the last year, this opportunity would not have been possible for Andrew and myself. I will forward digital pictures via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Hou', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Hou