

Save Our Shores

Educational Organization | EIN: 94-2745941 | Santa Cruz CA

Mission: THE ORGANIZATIONS MISSION IS TO STEWARD CLEAN SHORES, HEALTHY HABITATS, AND LIVING WATERS TO FOSTER A THRIVING MONTEREY BAY AND MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY. WE FOCU ... [\(More\)](#).

*Save Our Shores is a 501(c)(3) organization, with an IRS ruling year of 1982, and donations are **tax-deductible**.*

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Encompass Rating System by Charity Navigator

Overall Score

97

out of 100

This charity's score is a **passing** score. This overall score is calculated from multiple beacon scores: 95% Finance & Accountability and 5% Culture & Community

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Finance & Accountability

This score provides an assessment of a nonprofit's financial health (stability, efficiency and sustainability) and its commitment to governance practices and policies.

Finance & Accountability Score

97

out of 100

The score earned by Save Our Shores is a **passing** score

This V4 of the Finance & Accountability Score provides a baseline measure of an organization's health including the indicators listed in the report below.

This score represents Form 990 data from 2019, the latest year published by the IRS.

Finance & Accountability Report

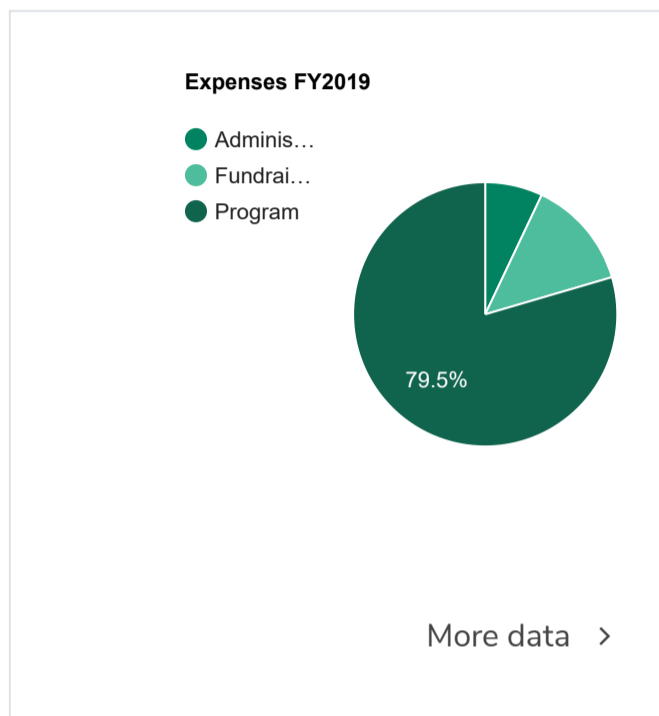
97
of 100 points

- Program Expense**
77.62%
25/25
POINTS
- Board Composition**
11/11 Independent
25/25
POINTS
- Independent Audit or Financial Review**
Has Audit/Review
20/20
POINTS
- Liabilities to Assets**
12.22%
15/15
POINTS
- Website**
Listed
3/3
POINTS
- Conflict of Interest Policy**
Listed
3/3
POINTS
- Board Meeting Minutes**
Missing
0/3
POINTS
- Document Retention and Destruction**
Listed
3/3
POINTS
- Whistleblower Policy**
Listed
3/3
POINTS

Program Expense Ratio

77.62%

Higher effect on score



The Program Expense Ratio is determined by Program Expenses divided by Total Expense (average of most recent three 990s). This measure reflects the percent of its total expenses a charity spends on the programs and services it exists to deliver.

Program Expense Percentage	Amount of Credit Received
70% or higher	Full Credit
60% - 69.9%	Partial Credit
Below 50%	Zero Points for Both Program Expense percentage AND Liabilities to Assets





Source: IRS Form 990

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Encompass Rating [?]

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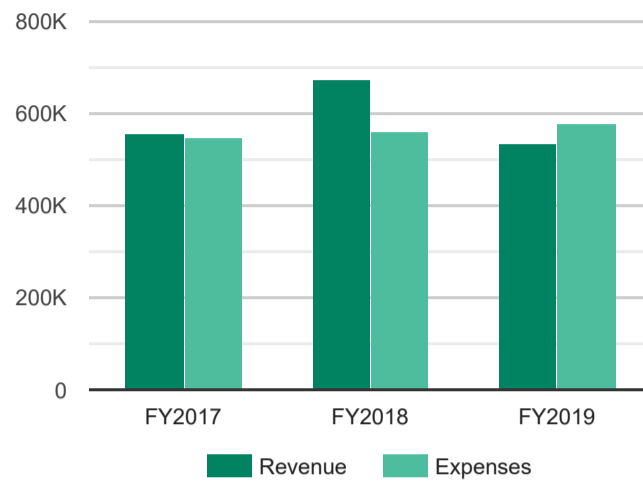
Unscored

Total Revenue and

**Total Revenue
and Expenses**[Data Available](#)**Salary of
Key Persons**[Data Available](#)**IRS Published Data
(Business Master File)**[Data Available](#)**Data Sources
(IRS Forms 990)**

Expenses

This chart displays the trend of revenue and expenses over the past several years for this organization, as reported on their IRS Form 990.



Impact & Results

This score estimates the actual impact a nonprofit has on the lives of those it serves, and determines whether it is making good use of donor resources to achieve that impact.

Impact & Results Score

Not Currently Scored

Save Our Shores cannot currently be evaluated by our Encompass Rating Impact & Results methodology because either (A) it is eligible, but we have not yet received data; (B) we have not yet developed an algorithm to estimate its programmatic impact; (C) its programs are not direct services; or (D) it is not heavily reliant on contributions from individual donors.

Note: The absence of a score does not indicate a positive or negative assessment, it only indicates that we have not yet evaluated the organization.

[Learn more about Impact & Results.](#)

Do you work at Save Our Shores? [Join the waitlist for an updated Impact & Results score.](#)

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Additional Information

Unscored

Largest Programs

Save Our Shores reported its largest program on its FY 2019 Form 990 as:

\$458,308

100%

Spent in most recent FY

Percent of program expenses

Save Our Shores engaged 14,233 individuals in its various outreach, education, and volunteer programs from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Public Outreach & Advocacy: Save Our Shores held or atte ... [\(More\)](#).



Leadership & Adaptability

This score provides an assessment of the organization's leadership capacity, strategic thinking and planning, and ability to innovate or respond to changes in constituent demand/need or other relevant social and economic conditions to achieve the organization's mission.

Leadership & Adaptability Score

Not Currently Scored

Save Our Shores is currently not eligible for a Leadership & Adaptability score because we have not received its L&A survey responses.

Note: The absence of a score does not indicate a positive or negative assessment, it only indicates that the organization has not yet submitted data for evaluation.

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Culture & Community

This score provides an assessment of the organization's engagement with the constituents it serves, a practice we term **Constituent Feedback**. When organizations listen to constituents, they are able to better deliver on programs and meet the needs of stakeholders. A future version of this Beacon will also assess an organization's people operations and its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) metrics.

Culture & Community Score

100

out of 100

The score earned by Save Our Shores is a **passing** score.

Encompass Rating V4 provides an evaluation of an organization's Culture and Community by measuring its Constituent Feedback practices (see report below). Constituent Feedback data provides 100% of the basis for the initial evaluation of the Culture & Community Beacon.

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Culture & Community Report

100
of 100 points

Constituent FeedbackData Available100/100
POINTS**Analysis and Research**

Constituent Feedback

Full Credit

Here's how this organization is listening and learning from the people they serve:

How is your organization collecting feedback from the people you serve?

Note: The organization did not respond to this question.

How is your organization using feedback from the people you serve?

Note: The organization did not respond to this question.

With whom does your organization share the feedback you got from the people you serve?

Note: The organization did not respond to this question.

What challenges does your organization face in collecting feedback from the people you serve?

Note: The organization did not respond to this question.

Briefly describe a recent change that your organization made in response to feedback from the people you serve.

Note: The organization did not respond to this question.

Methodology

Charity Navigator believes nonprofit organizations that engage in inclusive practices, such as collecting feedback from the people and communities they serve, may be more effective. We've partnered with GuideStar by Candid to survey organizations about their feedback practices. Nonprofit organizations can fill out the [How We Listen](#) section of their [Candid profile](#) to receive a rating.

Charity Navigator awards full credit for this Beacon to every nonprofit that is eligible for an Encompass Rating that completes the survey, in recognition of their willingness to publicly share this information with the nonprofit and philanthropic communities. This

data is not evaluated for quality at this time.
Validation will be added in future iterations of
this Beacon.

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