

THE MAINSHEET

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SAILING TEAM



SPRING 2016



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SPRING 2016 CAPTAIN'S NOTE



*A note from
Adam DeVita after
his first season as
CUST Captain.*

The spring 2016 season was a season full of success and new experiences. Our season began with a spring break trip down to the Lauderdale Yacht Club located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The DeVita family kindly hosted 14 sailors in their home. Overall, the team had very good showings at qualifier events and women's regattas. A notable finish of 7th place at the ODU Open was a great showing of how the Columbia team is competitive with some of the top teams in college sailing.

This season was, however, a true test of both mental strength and commitment for the Columbia University Sailing Team. Seemingly one of the worst disasters for the team, having our docks break free from our pilings during a storm was handled by the whole team in stride. Through teamwork and willingness to get back on the water, we all worked together to get our pilings and docks fixed. We worked longer hours in the gym and spent more time in the



classroom to keep our sailing skills sharp. Most importantly, no one gave up on the team and we successfully got through this bleak period of the season. The team came out of this season as a stronger and closer family.

The future of this team is all about growth and development. I set a goal for this team of achieving continuity. As we search for a new coach, we strive to bring this team together under a leader who will provide continuous support and commitment to this team. It is continuity that has proven to be successful for the Columbia team in past years. The 2016-17 seasons will be a time of both mental and physical achievement.

—Adam DeVita, CC '18
CUST Captain



SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS

The spring season kicked off with a productive spring training camp in Fort Lauderdale. Thanks to the generosity of the DeVita family, our hosts, 14 sailors travelled to Boca Raton, sailing out of the excellent Lauderdale Yacht Club. Four intense days on the water proved to be the perfect kickstart to an altogether competitive season. Most exciting was the improvement from many new sailors. Needless to say, the team left spring training camp confident in the depth of its roster and the potential of promising new members.

The regatta season was marked by a serious run at conference championships. Though Columbia Sailing narrowly missed qualifying, the club's improved consistency demonstrated the threat posed by a young and hungry team. The competitive season ended with a jointly organized Fordham-Columbia regatta, where new Columbia talent was able to showcase skills accrued throughout a year of practice.

The board looks forward to another competitive season come fall. We are especially eager to watch young talent develop, and to welcome new members into the fold. Though the end of the spring season saw us bid a fond farewell to strong sailors and teammates, the spring season's theme has undoubtedly been roster depth and efforts from new members eager to pick up the baton.

—*Fernand LeFèvre, GS '17*
CUST Co-Captain

SPRING SAILING 2016



SPRING BREAK TRAINING IN FLORIDA



SPRING REGATTAS



GREATER NY REGATTA HOSTED BY FORDHAM AND COLUMBIA

To see more pictures from our season and to stay updated on CUST happenings, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!

STAY UPDATED

ALUMNI EVENTS RECAP

THE FOURTH ANNUAL WINTER FUNDRAISER

On February 26th, CUST held our annual fundraiser at the New York Yacht Club in the spectacular Model Room. With over 100 people, including team members, alums, and friends of Columbia Sailing, gathered in their best attire in celebration and support of college sailing at Columbia, the party was a hit. New sailors were given the opportunity to connect with alums on the joys of CUST and reminisce about life at Columbia. Friends and donors of Columbia sailing were able to meet the team and see how their kind donations truly benefit our program.

A special thank you to Andrew Feder, Catalina Feder BC '19 and the New York Yacht Club for making such a special event possible.

THE 2016 HAMILTON BURR COCKTAIL PARTY

On Thursday April 18th, Columbia and Princeton sailors and alums had a lively evening at The Folly in the Village. This cocktail party, complete with a nautical themed bar, was organized in preparation for the annual Hamilton Burr regatta. The Columbia team is grateful for their alumni's pledges of support for this upcoming regatta and their continued support throughout the season.

CUST would especially like to thank alumna Rebecca Newman '12 for her organization of the Hamilton Burr Cocktail party.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Hamilton Burr Regatta - September 10

On July 11th, 1804, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, two of the most notable alumni of Columbia and Princeton, dueled on the banks of the Hudson River. We continue this epic, yet now friendlier, rivalry on the water in the annual Hamilton Burr Match Race Regatta out of Hudson River Community Sailing. On Saturday, September 10, 2016, Columbia will be defending our title from last year's regatta. The event aims to support the Columbia and Princeton sailing teams, their respective alumni organizations, promote sailing programs of all types on the water's of New York City, and support the growing community of young local sailors. Find more information and purchase tickets at <http://www.hamiltonburr.com>

Alumni Regatta - September 11

Relive your glory days of sailing at the Columbia Sailing Alumni Regatta hosted by current undergrads! City Island Yacht Club welcomes you with food and friendly competition for the prestigious Hapgood trophy on September 11. Suggested donation of \$40. RSVP to Catalina Feder at cyf2111@columbia.edu

GRADUATING SAILORS



Paolo Bertolotti
SEAS, Financial Engineering
Post Grad Plans: Working
at AQR on their Macro
team

As our beloved seniors celebrate their recent graduation, we want to recognize and thank our seasoned sailors.



Loren Myers
GS, Mathematics and
Italian Language &
Literature
Post Grad Plans:
Management Consultant
at Oliver Wyman



Anna Knight
CC, Financial Economics
Post Grad Plans: Securities
Division at Goldman Sachs in
Japan



Liz Siegel
CC, Mathematics
Post Grad Plans: Working
for Sony



Kelsey Burns
BC, Economics
Post Grad Plans: Sales and
Marketing at The Advisory
Board in Washington D.C.



Katie Thies
CC, Economics
Post Grad Plans: Product
Management for IBM
Watson in New York



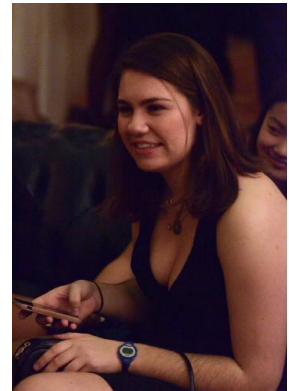
Marc Pelessone
SEAS, Mechanical Engineering
Post Grad Plans: Masters
program in Mechanical
Engineering at Columbia

Best of luck to all CUST graduates. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our team and sport. Your presence on the team will be missed. Please stay in touch!

OFFICER'S BOARD UPDATE

I'm Eleanor Pressman, a rising sophomore in Columbia College from Philadelphia. This semester, I was elected as the Outdoor Sports Representative on the Club Sports Governing Board! The Club Sports Governing Board, commonly known as CSGB, is the executive body that oversees the administration of all club sports on campus. All 38 Columbia club sports are divided into four categories, each with their own representative: Team Sports, Martial Arts, Individual Sports, and Outdoor Sports, our own category! The board works in conjunction with Columbia Athletics to ensure appropriate funding for recognized club sports and to encourage the creation of new clubs. CSGB meets weekly to discuss the financial situation of its groups and coordinate practices with Athletics. I'm super excited to begin my role on the Board next semester to be able to advocate for our club and for the recognition of the outstanding work of all student-run athletic clubs.

El Pressman, CC '19, is a new member of the CUST Officer's Board. Read about her and her new position on the team.



OFFICER'S BOARD 2016

Captain: Adam DeVita, CC '18

Co-Captain: Fernand Le Fèvre, GS '17

Treasurer: Luke Pelessone, CC '18

Secretary: Haley Collins, BC '18

Alumni Chair: Catalina Feder, BC '19

Communications Chair: Elizabeth Keeney, BC '19

Merchandise Chair: David Liu, CC '19

Social Chair: Lily Taylor, BC '18

Club Sports Chair: El Pressman, CC '19

Help Us Sail Onward

Columbia University Sailing Team
Capital Campaign 2016



The State of the Team

The Columbia University Sailing Team is a team that competes at the highest level in the Intercollegiate Sailing Association. With such positive growth and development, more and more expenses are incurred each year. The Columbia Club Sports provides the team with an annual budget. But, the costs of paying a coach, fleet maintenance, travel, training and regattas exceed this annual budget allowance. The team depends on fundraising in order to operate at such a high level.

Along with normal operating costs, there also exists unforeseen events and expenses. This spring season the team had to invest in a new motorboat. This motorboat is very important for both safety and coaching. Also during this season, our docks broke free from their pilings during a storm. Luckily, our dock and sailboats were fine but we needed to install new pilings. This was a huge cost that the team had to incur.

With the combination of coaching and regatta travel expenses from previous years and the investment of a new motorboat and pilings, the Columbia University Sailing Team has accumulated a debt of \$30,000. Recently, the director of Club Sports has expressed concern about the Columbia University Sailing Team continuing to operate under such a debt. Having a coach, a working motorboat, and a useable dock are all important for this team to operate normally. In order for the team to grow and to maintain its equipment in the future, the annual deficit incurred from normal operating expenses needs to be eliminated by improving annual fundraising.

The Plan

The “Help Us Sail Onward!” campaign’s goal is \$30,000. These funds will be used to eliminate the debt incurred in 2014/15 and 2015/16 seasons:

-New motorboat -New Pilings -Travel and Maintenance -Coaching

In order to ensure that new debt is not accumulated again, the Columbia University Sailing Team will be completely revamping its fundraising efforts. By running smaller annual campaigns and exploring the possibility of sponsorships, we are confident that the team will accumulate an annual surplus of funds. With these funds, the team will be able to upgrade its equipment by purchasing new sails, halyards, and lines. Upgrading our fleet and equipment is important and an ongoing necessity to keep the Columbia University Sailing Team competitive.

The Future of the Team

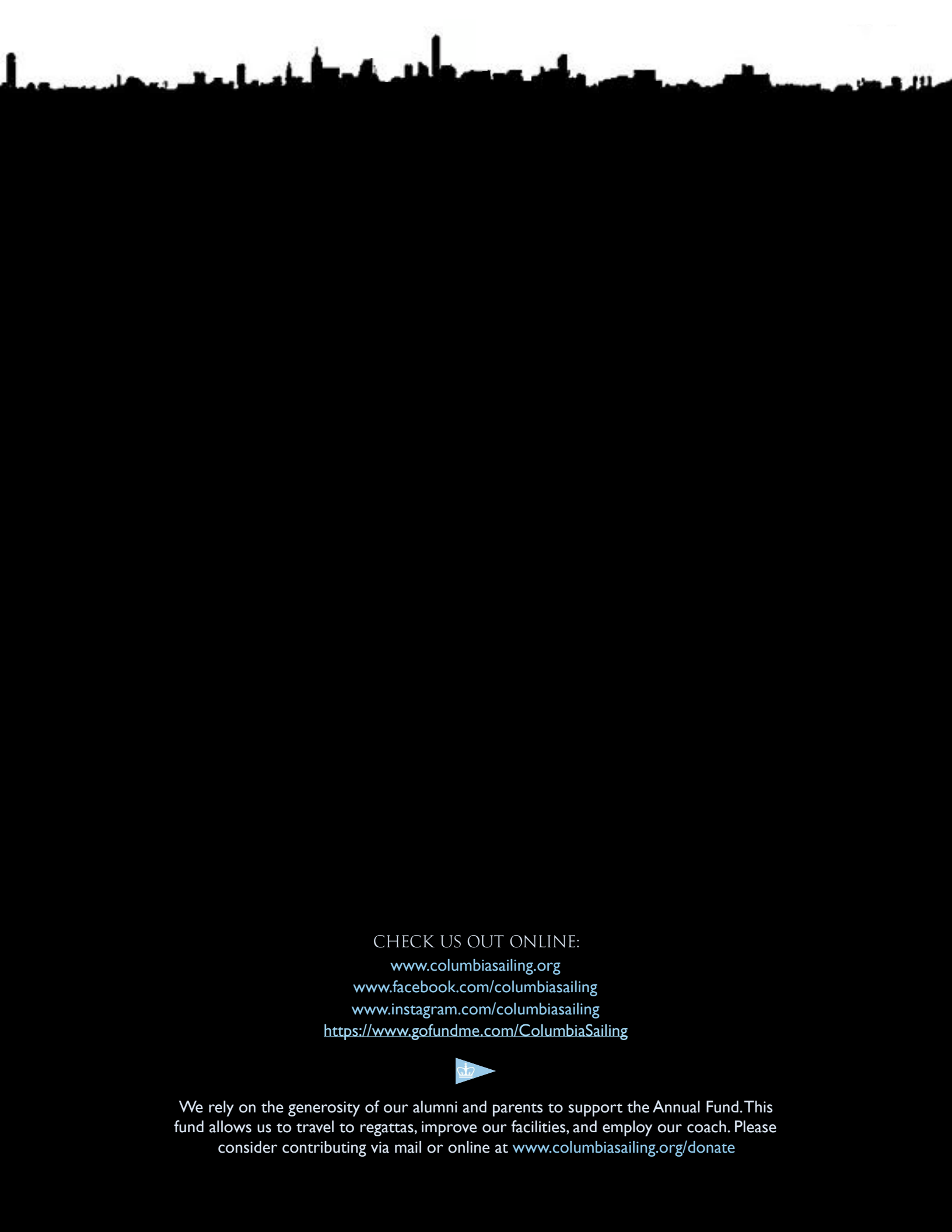
Future success of the team is very much dependent on the success of annual fundraising. Under the leadership of Captain Adam DeVita, new guidelines and regulations have been created to ensure the longevity of both the motorboat and pilings. Oil checks and engine flushing have been incorporated into the weekly maintenance tasks. The team has also acquired a mooring for the motorboat which will prevent any structural damage. New storm guidelines have been instituted in order to protect our dock, pilings, sailboats, and motorboat during a storm. The operation of the team has been changed and reorganized in efforts to minimize all costs.

How to Help

Please consider supporting the teamwork, leadership, friendships, and competitive spirit that Columbia Sailing fosters. In order to contribute to the “Help Us Sail Onward!” campaign, visit our GoFundMe page!

<https://www.gofundme.com/ColumbiaSailing>





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<https://www.gofundme.com/ColumbiaSailing>



We rely on the generosity of our alumni and parents to support the Annual Fund. This fund allows us to travel to regattas, improve our facilities, and employ our coach. Please consider contributing via mail or online at www.columbiasailing.org/donate