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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SAILING TEAM



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SPRING 2018 COACH'S NOTE

What a year for Columbia Sailing! From the Sixth Annual Fundraiser at the New York Yacht Club in February to topping off our season with two conference championship appearances and everything in between, the club has continued to make important strides forward. It has truly been my honor to be at the helm of this club for another season. Columbia Sailing is comprised of an amazing group of sailors, who not only demonstrate a tremendous amount of talent in their sport but who are dedicated to every step in the process along the way. To CUST members current and past, families, and friends: you have so much to be proud of.

The season kicked off this year with the Sixth Annual Winter Fundraiser at the New York Yacht Club in Midtown, Manhattan. The Officer Board took on the task of planning and executing the evening with ease, providing sailors, their families and guests with a night to remember. Our goal for the fundraiser was to cover the cost of a new floating dock for our fleet of FJs, as our existing dock had been rendered unsafe to use due to fall storms. Though we fell short of our goal, the funds we raised as part of the event assisted in the purchase of three new dollies that were used to launch our fleet this spring. The club will continue its fundraising efforts with the goal of building a new dock for the Fall 2018 season. Thank you to all who attended and donated this year!

Upon purchase of the new dollies, the club was able to begin practice in late March. Despite the wind, rain, and snow sailors were dedicated to attending practice and working hard in order to make up for our late start. This season at



practice we focused on building the existing knowledge of beginner sailors in order to prepare them for competition at regattas and refining the skills of our more advanced sailors to improve our regatta results. The hard work of all sailors contributed to the team's successes this season.

After two weeks of Interconference competition, the club entered into the qualifier portion of our season. Led by Captain Elizabeth Keeney and Co-Captain Lily Loosbrock and seniors Adam De Vita and Bailey Fryer, Columbia demonstrated well-refined skills, earning a bid to the MAISA Co-Ed Conference Championship. The women's team finished 11th at the MAISA Women's Conference Championship, matching Columbia's finish last year and falling only two spots short of a bid to the ICSA Women's National Semifinals. Both the co-ed and women's team ended the season hungry to improve for next year.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who made this season so special for our team. Columbia Sailing could not thrive without the continued support of our sailors, their families, and our alumni. We look forward to connecting with our network over the summer and into the next season!

- Mary Kate Mezzetti, Head Coach

SPRING 2018 CAPTAIN'S NOTE

It wouldn't be a true CUST season without a few setbacks. The team quickly adapted to running beach launched practices when our old dock finally failed on us at the beginning of the spring season. This team has learned how to weather many a storm and I am continually impressed with our sailors' ability to persevere and adapt to new challenges.

New and seasoned sailors alike made great gains on the race course this season. Both our women's and co-ed teams proudly represented Columbia at MAISA conference championships. As we look to the next season, we are confident that more frequent and more competitive practices off a new dock will significantly improve our chances of capitalizing on this season's successes! A big thank you to donors for your generosity this year— it looks like we will be able to scrape together the funds for a new dock.

To our alumni, young and old, I encourage you to continue to be involved with our team. We are looking to foster a more significant alumni network this summer and next season—including more frequent social events and alumni guidance on future projects. Recall how your days at Columbia were enriched by this team and help us continue this legacy!



Congratulations to all of our seniors— we are so proud of you. I want to give a special thank you to our graduating senior and former Captain, Adam DeVita. In addition to serving as captain for two terms, Adam has consistently been a dedicated teammate throughout his time at Columbia and served as a role model to many.

We are looking forward to another great season next fall. But in the meantime, I hope you all have a relaxing summer and find an opportunity to get out on the water in the coming months!

-Elizabeth Keeney, BC '19





SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS

Without a functioning dock, practices began in late March with beach launches off City Island. Coach Mary Kate Mezzetti and Captain Elizabeth Keeney led practices four days a week and the team continued to meet on Mondays for critical team updates and chalk talks.

CUST made gains on last season's hard work with a total of six regattas. New sailors were given the opportunity to translate their skills onto the race course at local regattas, while our seasoned sailors made gains on last season's hard work at increasingly more

competitive regattas. Our women's team made great strides at MAISA championships and finished just two places shy of qualifying for Women's Nationals. Our co-ed team qualified for the MAISA Conference Championship at the America Trophy, placing seventeenth after a weekend of variable conditions and tough competition.

As we grow more competitive, our strong performance this season puts us in a great spot for future seasons. CUST looks forward to many great seasons to come!



FUNDRAISER RECAP

The Sixth Annual Winter Fundraiser took place at the beautiful New York Yacht Club on February 23, 2018. With over fifty student sailors, supporters, and alumni present, guests enjoyed good conversation, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and an open bar. A major highlight of the night was the silent auction, where goods ranging from stays in apartments in Paris to sailing artwork were available for bids. Thank you to all in attendance for a beautiful night and special thanks to Alumni Chair Pierre Casenave-Pere and Captain Elizabeth Keeney for all their hard work planning the event!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ALUMNI REGATTA

Hosted by undergrads, the annual Alumni Regatta allows CUST alumni to return to City Island and hop in an FJ to compete against current team members for the prestigious Hapgood Trophy. Join us this Fall for an exciting day of racing, fun, and CUST bonding. Stay tuned via our website and email for more details!

HAMILTON BURR REGATTA

Last fall Columbia was unable to challenge Princeton in our annual Hamilton-Burr Regatta on the Hudson. We are hoping to revive this tradition this fall and continue our winning streak! Please look out for further details this summer. And if you are an alumni and would like to help plan, please reach out to Pierre Casenave-Pere (pjc2168@columbia.edu) or Kyelee Fitts (krf2135@columbia.edu).

SUMMER IN THE CITY

We are looking into organizing a series of Columbia Sailing alumni meet ups this summer in NY. We can convene at the infamous 1020 or meet downtown. Be on the look out for details and if you would like to help organize or plan such events, drop Elizabeth Keeney (efk2119@barnard.edu) a line.

GEAR DONATION

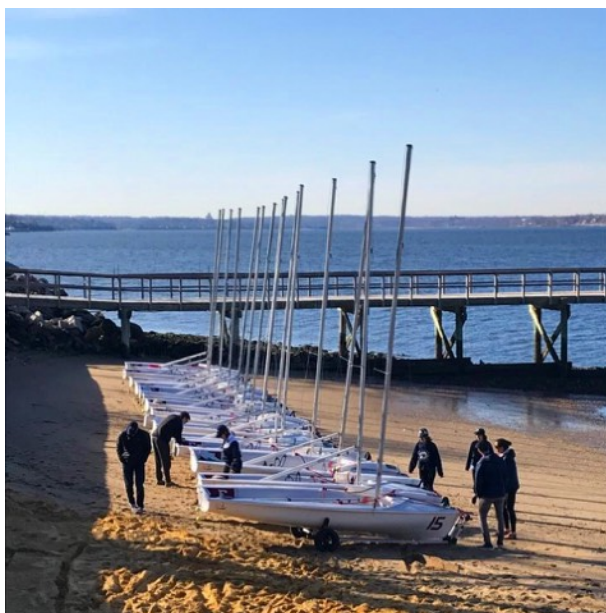
Do you have gear gathering dust? Purchasing gear can be a barrier for many new sailors wanting to join the team. If you have gear (drysuits, spray gear, lifejackets etc.) you no longer use, please consider donating it to the team so sailors to come can be properly outfitted—we also have team members that may be interested in buying used gear. Please reach out to Lily Loosbrock about gear you are looking donate or sell (lf12126@barnard.edu).

GROW THE ALUMNI NETWORK

If you know of other alumni that haven't been involved with the team for some time, encourage them to revive their involvement! Have them join our mailing list and follow us on social media. To be added to our mailing list, please reach out to Pierre Casenave-Pere (pjc2168@columbia.edu) or Kyelee Fitts (krf2135@columbia.edu).

DONATE

Every donation to Columbia Sailing allows this group of dedicated sailors to continue to introduce new people to this sport, run competitive practices, and work to advance our ranking at collegiate regattas. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the donation instructions on our website: columbiasailing.org/donate



GRADUATING SAILORS



From left to right: Luke Pelessone, Lily Taylor, Nicole Edwards, Jenna Bergmann, Claudia Polgar, Adam DeVita, Bailey Fryer, Daniel Young, Haley Collins

Luke Pelessone graduates with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from SEAS and will work at Mott Macdonald in NYC.

Lily Taylor graduates with a degree in Economics from Barnard College and will work as a consulting analyst at Accenture in the city.

Nicole Edwards graduates from Barnard College with a degree in Russian Regional Studies. She plans to live and work on a sailboat in Savannah, Georgia.

Jenna Bergmann graduates with a BA in Biology from Barnard College and will be a research technician at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Adam DeVita graduates with a BA in Mathematics-Economics from Columbia College and will join Citi as an incoming analyst.

Bailey Fryer graduates from SEAS with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and will work for Electric Boat.

Daniel Young graduates with a BA in Art History and Financial Economics from GS and plans to work in finance.

Haley Collins graduates with a BA in economics and a minor in mathematical sciences from Barnard College, and will work in property management with Odyssey Rental.



OFFICER BOARD UPDATE

CAPTAIN: *Elizabeth Keeney, BC '19*

CO-CAPTAIN: *Lily Loosbrock BC '21*

TREASURER: *David Treatman, GS '20*

SECRETARY: *Isabel de la Torre, CC '20*

ALUMNI CHAIR: *Pierre Casenave-Pere SEAS '20*

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: *Kyelee Fitts, CC '20*

MERCHANDISE CHAIR: *Mateo Navarro Goldaraz, SEAS '20*

SOCIAL CHAIR: *Christina Hill, CC '19*

THANK YOU

The Board would like to thank the alumni, sailors, and supporters of CUST for a great academic year. While we faced many challenges this year, we have emerged a stronger team.

Have a great summer!



2018 DONORS

As a team, we want to thank you all for your generous donations to Columbia University Sailing. As a club sport, we rely heavily on the kindness of alumni, family, and friends to make possible all we do. From boat repairs and improving our equipment to hiring a coach and attending away regattas, your contributions go a long way, and we promise we are putting your considerate gifts to good use.

On behalf of all members of Columbia University Sailing, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us.

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