

PRINCETON SAILING

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A Message from Commodore Eddie O'Keefe '25

Dear Princeton Sailing Community,

I'm Eddie O'Keefe, a rising senior and Commodore of the Princeton Sailing Team for the 2023-2024 academic year. It has been an incredible experience to serve in this role, gaining a firsthand appreciation for the invaluable support from our alumni, board, and CampusRec.

This past year marked significant growth and development for our team, accompanied by impressive performances on the water. Throughout both the fall and spring semesters, our training schedule included five days of practice each week at the Anchor Yacht Club, a preseason training camp last August, and our annual Florida training trip. Nearly every weekend during the competitive season, we sent sailors to represent the team in two or more regattas. We put forth a strong performance on the water, which our team captains share more about in this newsletter.

This academic year was also marked by engagement with our alumni. We had the pleasure of connecting with many of you during the spring semester at our reception at the New York Yacht Club. It was a joy to celebrate the team's achievements and express our gratitude for your generous support. Reunions were equally exciting, providing another opportunity to thank our donors and reconnect with sailors from past years. It's exciting that Princeton Sailing is a community that sailors can connect with for their entire lives. I look forward to seeing you all at midnight at the "Grassy Knoll" at the 5th well into the future. Our reunions event this year was lively and fun, and next year we are hoping to build on that enthusiasm by reviving the tradition of visiting the boathouse for a barbecue during reunions and hosting a DF95 regatta.

As we look ahead to the next season, we are optimistic about our prospects. We will be recruiting new members in the fall, aiming to blend fresh talent with those eager to learn sailing. We are excited to welcome new students into our incredible community.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for Princeton Sailing.

Best regards,

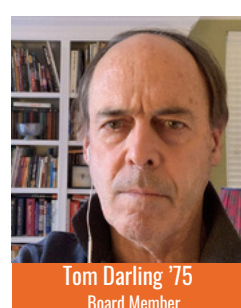
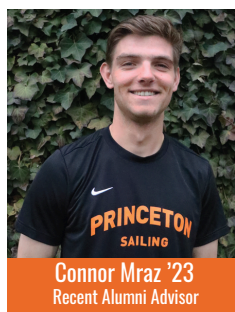
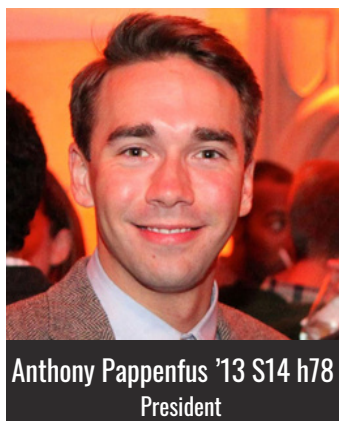
Eddie O'Keefe '25

Commodore, Princeton Sailing Team

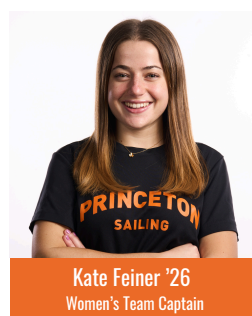
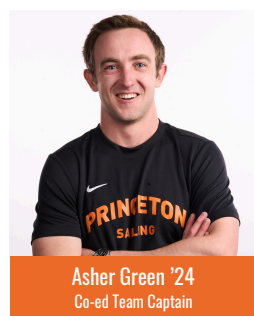
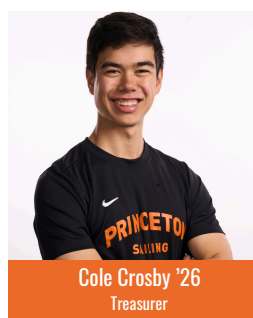
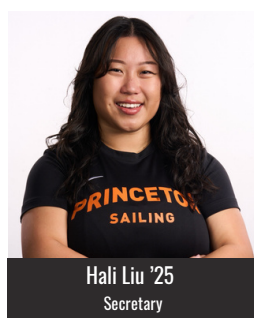


2023 - 2024 BOARD

Alumni Board



Student Board



FAREWELL TO OUR SENIORS



Asher Green is an Economics major from Newport Beach, California. He sailed for his high school team and joined Princeton Sailing during his sophomore year. He has since served as both our Treasurer and Coed Team Captain. After graduation, Asher will be working in New York City.

“My favorite memories are our yearly Florida trips where we invariably all become best friends. I’m incredibly grateful for how the team has shaped my college experience and the many friendships I’ve made.”

Max Lawrence, appointed as the team’s Fitness Chair, is from New York City. He has been sailing competitively since he was 11. At Princeton, he studied in the School of Public and International Affairs and earned a certificate in French. After graduation, he will be heading down to Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. Max’s favorite team memories come from our annual training camp in Florida, where he enjoyed sailing in warmer weather.



Isabel Kim is from Maplewood, NJ, and studied in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department at Princeton. She learned to sail after joining the team in her sophomore year, and has been a crew since then. After graduating, she will be working at Sierra Space in Denver, CO.

“So many favorite memories to choose from! I have really enjoyed our yearly Florida training trips in January and the countless beautiful sunset sails we’ve experienced at Anchor.

SAILING AT REUNIONS

The Princeton Sailing Team welcomed many Alumni, friends, and family to Princeton Reunions 2024!

Held at Rheul Family Room in the Julis Romo Rabinowitz Building, the event had around 70 attendees. Speakers included Commodore Eddie O'Keefe '25, Coach Jeremy Fraser, and Alumni Board President Anthony Pappenfus '13 S14, with a presentation recognizing the support of Princeton Sailing friends and family, recapping the Spring season, and displaying our teams' DF95, burgees, and merchandise. This was a time of celebration with annual team awards and acknowledgement of the hard work of Alumni, student leaders, students, and Coach Jeremy Fraser.



COED TEAM SEASON RECAP



My name is Virginia Cobbs, a rising senior and one of the Co-ed Team Captains. The co-ed season this past year was one of the busiest Princeton Sailing has had in a very long time! We put the boats back in the water and started practicing as soon as the weather permitted, and rolled into a jam-packed spring.

Starting with the first weekend of March, we had regattas every weekend and, most weekends Princeton Sailing was in multiple places at once! We were able to get as many first years and underclassmen a taste of competition as possible at the same time our more experienced sailors took on higher level events.

One such event was the Truxton Umstead Regatta at New York Maritime, which was a grade one the weekend before the co-ed conference championships that was hosted in the same venue as conference champs. In addition to helping us memorize the location of the nearest Dunkin donuts, the Trux was invaluable in becoming acquainted with the incredibly strong current characteristic of the New York Maritime venue. My favorite part about NYM is that they have a terrace that overlooks the racecourse, and on a good day you can watch the puffs roll in and strategize before even getting on the water. The first day of the Trux was actually called off because with the wind blowing 20 kts and gusting 30 kts, which Ossi and I eat for breakfast but the wind and current in the same direction became so strong the race committee was unable to get the marks to stay put. We compensated by sailing 10 races on day 2, which was a long day but good preparation for the following weekend at conference championships.

The long awaited conference championship weekend finally came, and the first morning we found ourselves wishing for the wind we had the weekend before because the quiet morning conditions were ideal for waterskiing, not sailing. Finally, the wind filled in and each division got 6 races off, then came back for a nonstop day 2, with 6 straight hours of the conference's toughest competition. Although the co-ed team came up short of qualifying for nationals, we gave it our all and learned a lot in the process. I am looking forward to coming back faster and better than ever next season!



Virginia Cobbs '25
Co-ed Team Captain

KEELBOAT TEAM SEASON RECAP



This spring semester, Princeton's keelboat team traveled for the second time to Charleston, SC to compete in the competitive Southern Collegiate Offshore Regatta (SCOR) alongside 16 other collegiate teams. After two days of long racing, the team won first place in both the J/105 division as well as the overall SCOR trophy. Especially given that this is only the second year of Princeton Sailing's offshore team, we are thrilled that the program has demonstrated such a strong presence in the offshore racing circuit.

Finishing the regatta with 7 points in 6 races, the Tigers won the J/105 division, finishing a strong margin ahead of the second-place US Coast Guard Academy with 18 points. Furthermore, the Tiger scoreline of 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, provided a winning percentage of 97%: beating the respective PHRF A and B division winners, the University of Rhode Island and the US Naval Academy to win the overall SCOR trophy.

We would like to thank Maarten Zonjee, the owner of J/105 Joyride, for graciously lending his boat to the team. We would also like to express our gratitude towards the regatta organizers: the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA), the College of Charleston, and the Carolina Yacht Club.

We are very excited for the future of the team. As I enter my senior year, I look forward to involving younger classes of Princeton Sailing to continue to grow the program. By continuing to involve new sailors, we hope to establish a long-lasting reputation for Princeton as a leader in the offshore collegiate racing circuit.

This fall, we once again plan to compete in the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta. Updates will continue to be posted on our social media. If you know of opportunities for our sailors to get out on the water, I encourage you to reach out. We are always excited to find more opportunities for our team to grow!



Jasper Waldman '25
Keelboat Team Captain
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WOMEN'S TEAM SEASON RECAP



Hi all, my name is Carly Mraz, and I am a rising senior and one of the Women's Team Captains. The Princeton Women's Team had an exceptional season this spring. As the team develops and expands in number and depth, women's events have become increasingly enjoyable and competitive for the Tigers. At the first event of the season, the Tigers headed to Stony Brook, Long Island, to sail in the Seawolf Spring Open. Sailing alongside new and old competitors, the women secured their first regatta win with Carly Mraz and Virginia Cobbs leading in boat A, and Bracklinn Williams and Tacy Guest in boat B. This victory marked a significant milestone for our team as the winners of a brand-new women's event. Later in the season, the team traveled to Christopher Newport University to face off against some new SAISA competitors. This event provided a fantastic learning experience and was immensely enjoyable, with the team sailing alongside nationals-bound competitors in challenging, heavy wind conditions.

Towards the end of the season, the Tigers headed up to Geneva, New York to compete in the MAISA Women's Championships held at Hobart & William Smith Colleges. The women's team attends this event in various venues at the end of every semester. This spring, the Tigers received the program's best career result in a MAISA women's championship event. Though the wind was oscillating and the conditions were tricky, the Tigers finished strong and brought home a satisfying scorecard. Carly Mraz and Virginia Cobbs proudly secured a 2nd place finish against tough competition, and Evelyn Walsh and Kate Feiner scored some incredible top-ten placements in an impressive fleet. This spring was a huge turning point for the women's team, and there is nothing but momentum heading into the fall season.

Congratulations to everyone for an awesome spring! Go Tigers!

Carly Mraz '25
Women's Team Captain



LOOKING AHEAD - REGATTA PREVIEW

Fall 2024 Schedule



September 7th - 8th
Laser North
@ US Merchant Marine Academy



October 5th - 6th
Princeton Fall Open
@ Princeton University



September 7th - 8th
KP Open Invite
@ US Merchant Marine Academy



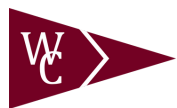
October 5th - 6th
Stu Nelson
@ Connecticut College



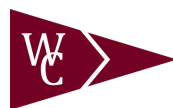
September 7th - 8th
KP Women's Invite
@ US Merchant Marine Academy



October 12th - 13th
Captain Hurst Bowl
@ Dartmouth College



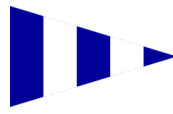
September 7th - 8th
Central Qualifier
@ Washington College



October 12th - 13th
WAC Fall Open
@ Washington College



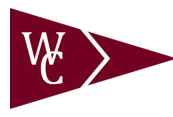
September 14th - 15th
The John Quinn
@ Monmouth University



October 12th - 13th
Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta
@ Larchmont Yacht Club



September 21st - 22nd
Tiger Women's Open
@ Princeton University



October 19th - 20th
Luce Trophy
@ Washington College



September 21st - 22nd
The Jesuit Invite
@ SUNY Maritime College



October 26th - 27th
MAISA Women's Fall Champs
@ Old Dominion University



September 28th - 29th
Carl Van Dyne Trophy
@ US Naval Academy



October 26th - 27th
War Memorial
@ Saint Mary's College



September 28th - 29th
McCurdy Memorial
@ University of Delaware

We Need Your Help, Alumni and Friends!

If one of these events is close to your home, and you are generously willing to host sailors –
Please reach out to Kate Feiner at kf3872@princeton.edu

FROM ALUMNI & ARCHIVES

We'd love to hear what Princeton Sailing Alumni are up to, both current updates and interesting tales from the past! To be featured, please send stories and photos to haliliu@princeton.edu.

Update From John Wetenhall '11

I had the opportunity to join the crew of the Rio100 for the SoCal300 race from Santa Barbara to San Diego. It was my first true offshore race and it was a blast. The Rio was flying even in relatively light wind, reaching boat speed of around 22 knots in the middle of the night. A far cry from CFJs!



A Women's College Sailing Dynasty



Princeton Sailing has been a trailblazer in intercollegiate sailing in both big boats and dinghies. The 1928 running of the May Trophy led to the establishment of the oldest offshore regatta for collegians, the McMillan Cup. But the big story was 50 years later in the 1970s when the Princeton womens team ran off a "Four-Peat", winning the Womens National Championship title 1974 through 1977. Anchored by Marilee Allan '75 and the late Nina Nielsen '76, the team headed by Anne Preston in 1977 braved barges and challenging conditions to cap off that run. Read it all in WindCheck Magazine [here](#).

Tom Darling '75

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Princeton Sailing is currently undergoing the largest fundraising effort the team has seen in decades. Thanks to the continued generosity of our incredible donors, the team has made tremendous strides in achieving goals set last year. Our team receives tremendous support from many of our alumni sailors, friends, team parents and grandparents. Thanks to all who have made contributions to the team this fiscal year, as reflected below. As a club sport at Princeton, the team thrives on the funding, housing, advice and time donated by so many outside the University and, as such, each contribution at any level is welcome. Thank you again to the alumni, friends and family - the team truly depends on you for its successes.

The following list acknowledges the thoughtfulness of our recent donors; if you do not see your name listed below, please know that we receive donations throughout the year and might not have been aware of your gift at press time. If this is the case, we will endeavor to include you in the next newsletter.

Thanks to these generous supporters who contributed to the program from July 2023 to July 2024! This list is updated twice per year.

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Anonymous

Vice-Commodores (\$5,000+)

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THANK YOU AGAIN! ROLL TIGERS!



Name Your Boat!

Our new fleet of 12 E420s arrived early in the Fall 2022 season from Zim Sailing, and we have loved practicing in them so far. We also got new sails for both our FJs and the new E420s.

If you are interested in naming rights, please reach out to pappenfus@alumni.princeton.edu

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