



Letter from the Commodore

Friends of Princeton Sailing,

My name is Connor Mraz, and I am the current Commodore of Princeton Sailing. I sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you all well in these unprecedented times. Even though 2020 was not the year we anticipated, we tried our best to make something out of nothing. The team had quite an eventful experience in Florida for our Winter Training pre-pandemic, and shortly thereafter we went into lockdown. Since then, the team has convened on Virtual Regatta Inshore (an online sailing video game), had an eventful Reunions over Zoom, met safely in person when possible, and generally just tried to keep in touch. We have been so excited to develop a stronger relationship with our alumni board over the past year.

Our team has a lot to look forward to in 2021. Thank you so much for staying involved; we can't wait to reconnect with our alumni soon.

Sincerely,
Connor Mraz '23

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TEAM OFFICERS 2019-2021

Commodore: Connor Mraz '23

Practice Captain: Isabella Impalli '23

Regatta Captain: Connor Larson '22

Fleet Captain: Liliana Taub '24

Treasurer: William Mandelbaum '22

Alumni Outreach Chair: Ned Bless '22

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Social Chair: Shelby Kinch '23

Social Chair: Ollie de Bono '24

Gear Chair: Oliver Nusbaum '22

College Sailing in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond: Introducing our new fleet of DF95 Radio Controlled Sailboats



Esteemed Treasurer
William Mandelbaum '22
builds a DF95

While a few colleges had been forming their own sailing clubs since the late 1800s, it was Princeton that truly began the sport of intercollegiate sailing in the early 1900s. In 1928, Arthur Knapp '28 organized the May Challenge Cup between Harvard, Yale, and Princeton - the first intercollegiate regatta. In 1930, Dartmouth, Williams, and Cornell were added and IYRA (ICSA) was founded. They raced in 8-Meter “yachts,” S-Boats, and Atlantics.

To broaden the sport with a more affordable craft, Princeton became the first college to have its own fleet of Tiger “dinghys” on Lake Carnegie in 1934. This fleet inspired other schools, eventually leading to the Morss Trophy for the ICSA Dinghy Championship at MIT in 1937 — now the ICSA National Coed Dinghy Championship.

**And now, for the 3rd time in ICSA history,
Princeton is leading the charge in defining the
sport of college sailboat racing**

With our history as pioneers of the sport in mind, we are thrilled to introduce our team’s brand-new

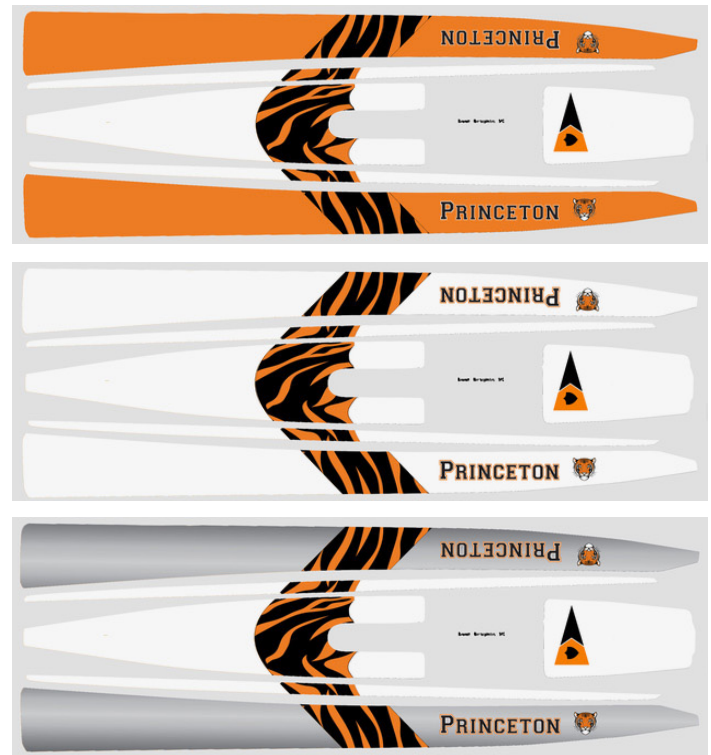
fleet: **ten DragonFlite 95 radio-controlled sailboats.** One-design racing in the DF95 class embodies Princeton Sailing’s mission to provide exciting racing opportunities to our members in an inclusive setting. Current pandemic restrictions prevent us from practicing or racing in FJs, so the DF95 fleet will be pivotal in providing the team with racing practice this spring. Pandemic permitting, Harvard and Yale have been challenged to the 90th Anniversary revival of the May Challenge Cup!

The DF95 is the fastest growing one-design class of sailboat in the world. They have numerous benefits, including their affordability and accessibility; radio-controlled boats are mobility/gender/weight/age neutral and can attract sailors of all skill levels. As mentioned, we can race the DF95s this semester while complying with University pandemic restrictions. We plan to use the DF95s to hone short course racing tactics, especially among beginners “on campus” at Lake Carnegie. We are confident that the DF95s, though of particular convenience this spring, will continue to benefit our program for years to come. Perhaps embracing this new model will inspire other schools in the ICSA to adopt a similarly inclusive class.

Princeton’s sailing program has always sought to strike

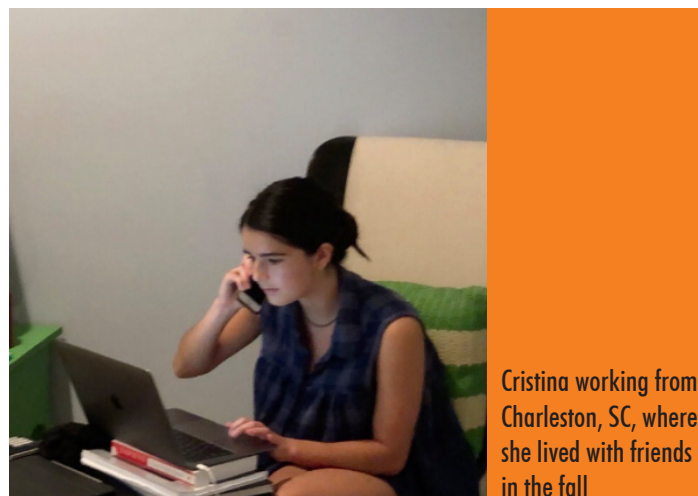
a balance between our competitive and social aspects. We take pride in maintaining a fun atmosphere while we build the program towards competitive success. It is also important to make sure that sailing practices, while rigorous, do not heavily interfere with our academic endeavors. By utilizing the DF95s on Lake Carnegie, practices will be accessible and convenient. Races can be conducted in quick succession in streetclothes so that team members can gain valuable tactical experience around a tight schedule with minimal travel. This training will in turn increase the efficiency of our regular full-scale practices.

This tremendous addition to our program was made possible through a generous gift by Bob Johnstone '56. We can't thank Bob enough for his support of our program, and we admire his indomitable spirit and love of sailing. Hopefully we can invite all alumni back to campus for a DF95 regatta in the near future! ■



Giving Back: Princeton Sailing volunteers during the pandemic

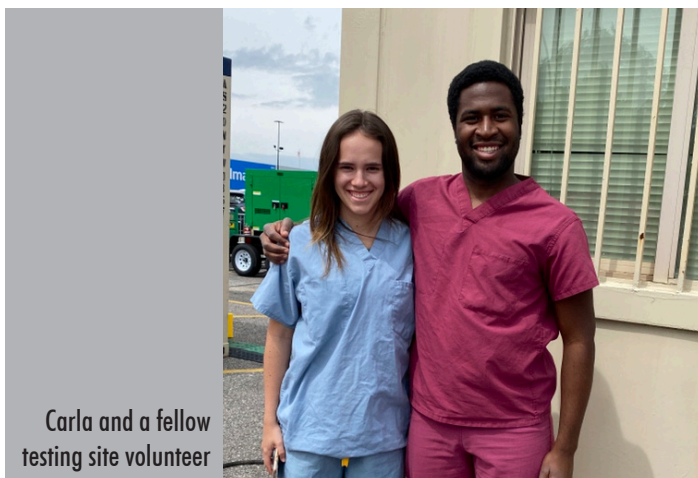
Many of our sailors have prioritized the act of giving back through volunteer work during their time in quarantine. **Cristina Maldacena '24** was inspired by her family ties to Guatemala to spend the fall semester volunteering remotely for a non-profit that is helping to alleviate the economic hardships caused by the pandemic in that country. She recruited other volunteers, including **Fleet Captain Liliana Taub '24**, and raised \$13,000 for the organization. Currently, Cristina is training to be a volunteer EMT in her hometown of Princeton.



Cristina working from Charleston, SC, where she lived with friends in the fall

Carla Dias '21 is also volunteering in a healthcare capacity. She is a pre-med student at Princeton, and serves as the National Strategy Coordinator for a group called the National Student Response Network. This organization matches students across the country with volunteer positions to aid the response to the pandemic in their local communities. In addition to this administrative role, Carla volunteered at a local testing site in Pensacola, FL. She is proud to make an impact and ease the burden on frontline workers in her hometown.

Nelson Chow '23 is another pre-med sailor at Princeton who aspires to become a surgeon. Nelson is no stranger to running volunteer programs, having already received the John C. Bogle Fellowship in Civic Service, a University award given to first-years to design a community outreach project. His research experience at Cohen's Children's Hospital during the pandemic inspired Nelson to make another impact on the community: he started up a free K-12 virtual tutoring service, cleverly named Quaranteachers, during lockdown. He noted the profound impact of library and school closures on youth reading skills. Many students were falling behind, so he



Carla and a fellow testing site volunteer

education has particularly struggled to adapt to a remote format, as most students require individualized hands on instruction. Isabella has experienced this directly, having spent the past year overseeing her brother's virtual curriculum. Meanwhile, she had been volunteering remotely with an organization called LearningAlly, which records audiobooks for students with visual impairments like blindness or dyslexia. LearningAlly's service for textbook recordings has higher demand than ever given that K-12 schooling across the country has gone remote. ■

bolstered the reading comprehension elements of his tutoring program.

Practice Captain Isabella Impalli '23 has also been passionate about K-12 education while navigating the pandemic. Isabella has been a long-time advocate for Special Needs students like her brother. Special

SPOTLIGHT CLASS OF 2020

We have so much gratitude, love, and respect for our team members in the Class of 2020. All three of these incredibly talented sailors played a huge role in our success on the water and dedicated countless hours off the water as officers. We are so sorry that we could not give these deserving sailors a proper sendoff, but we cannot wait to celebrate when it is safe to do so!



Adrienne Mandelbaum
School of Public and International Affairs

Commodore 2017-2018
Practice Captain 2017
Fleet Captain 2016-2017



Charlie Flynn
Department of Economics

Commodore 2018-2019
Treasurer 2017-2018



Anne Elizabeth Sidamon-Eristoff
Department of Spanish

Practice Captain 2016-2018

Quarantine Sailing

Both current students and alumni managed to hit the water during quarantine.
Check it out!



Commodore Connor Mraz '23 sails Bluenoses out of Chester, Nova Scotia. Connor also spent the summer coaching his younger brother, who is on the Opti National Team. Photo above is from the Orange Bowl in Florida!



Dan Sullivan '19, Sydney Mandelbaum '17, and Adrienne Mandelbaum '20 sail 420s and lasers out of Southold Yacht Club on Long Island.



Kristina Larson '93 S92 P22 P25, Regatta Captain Connor Larson '22, and Benny Rosenweig '23 sail lasers out of Greenwich, Connecticut.



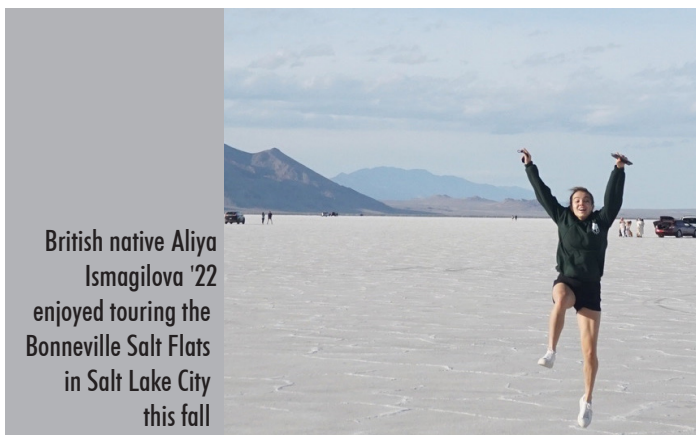
How Campus Life is Changing this School Year

As summer 2020 drew to a close, Princeton announced that the fall 2020 semester would be conducted fully remotely. As did many of their undergraduate peers, many sailors elected to “gap” for the 2020-21 academic year. There are currently 11 sailors—one third of the team—on gap year. (The gap year preserves ICSA sailing eligibility.) Our gappers are using this time in a variety of ways. **Benny Rosenweig '23** is working for a think-tank called Our National Conversation. **Quinn Donohue '22** is working as a software engineer at Sotheby's. **Shelby Kinch '23** is a full-time employee for startup company Adora Experiences. This online service for customized college tours won TigerLaunch, which is the University's annual startup funding competition. Appropriately, Adora's first (of many) clients is the best damn place of all!



Katie Kruse '23 is spending the spring of her gap year taking classes at Oxford

We also had a fair number of sailors return to the Princeton area in the fall, despite classes being conducted remotely and University housing being closed. Princeton University, a school where typically 95% of students live in on-campus housing, suddenly had almost one thousand students living in the town proper. Students rented houses and apartments in groups throughout the suburb and in nearby towns like Hopewell, having adventures with neighbors, landlords, leases, and bills.



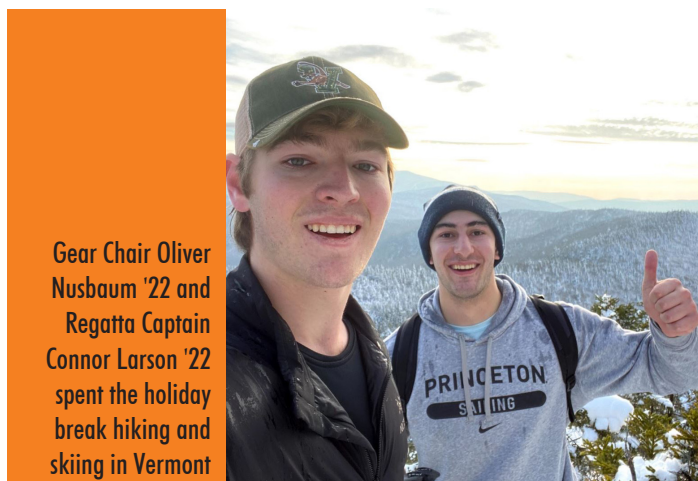
British native Aliya Ismagilova '22 enjoyed touring the Bonneville Salt Flats in Salt Lake City this fall

It may be hard to imagine Princeton without eating clubs, but such was the case in the fall. With the clubs shuttered entirely, the social culture adapted. Life centered around sports teams, Greek life, and other extracurricular groups. Though we were not permitted to sail, the team took advantage of the warm weather this past autumn to have regular outdoor team dinners.



Fall team dinner
Left to right: Will, Connor L, Connor M, Ned, Oliver, Benny

The University academic calendar changed, so that fall semester reading period and exams fell before the holiday break.



Gear Chair Oliver Nusbaum '22 and Regatta Captain Connor Larson '22 spent the holiday break hiking and skiing in Vermont

For the spring semester, Princeton decided to continue with fully remote coursework but invited back all students to live on-campus. Despite the reopening of University housing, many of our sailors still selected off-campus options. Whatever option they choose, students participate in the University's asymptomatic testing protocol and abide by the social contract. The social contract prohibits student travel outside of Mercer County and limits in-person gatherings.

Treasurer Will Mandelbaum '22 lives off-campus with a group of friends this school year. After checking in at Jadwin Gymnasium at the end of January, he was sent to his residence with a bundle of saliva-based COVID-19 test kits. Twice a week, he drops off a test at one of the collection sites on campus. The tests are collected on a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday cycle, depending on your residential college. Results are typically received through an app within 48 hours.

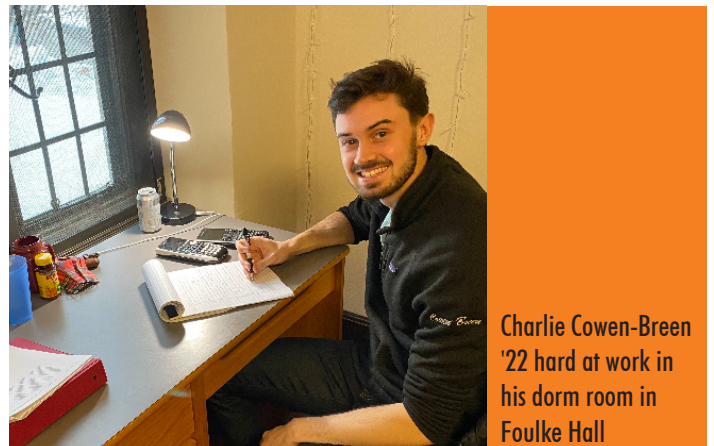
Tech Chair Jorge Zreik '22 and Social Chair Shelby Kinch '23 are neighbors this semester on Witherspoon Street!



Calif Chen '23 is living in Forbes College. She is on the campus dining plan, along with most other students living on-campus. After an initial quarantine period, where boxed meals were delivered to her dorm room, she visits the dining hall three times a day. The dining halls serve only prepackaged meals. Students can stay and eat at a table, but the chairs are arranged in a socially distanced manner. Calif prefers to take her meals to-go and meet up with friends.

So long as they follow the rules, students in on-campus or off-campus residence can sign up online for hourly slots to study in Firestone Library and other buildings around campus. **Adam McClain '21** is living in Spelman Hall. Though he must schedule his seat in advance, he finds Firestone to be nice a change

of scenery from his dorm room. It is a lot quieter than it typically would be, providing him time to focus on his thesis.



Charlie Cowen-Breen '22 hard at work in his dorm room in Foulke Hall

The recent bicker/sign-in season was conducted virtually, and the upperclassmen on the team are thrilled to welcome the sophomore sailors into their clubs. The clubs will remain closed for all intents and purposes this spring, including for meals. The team has not had an opportunity to properly welcome first-year members yet, although recruiting efforts will be ramping up over the coming weeks as we begin to utilize the DF95 fleet.

Our team is happy to make the most of our time in Princeton, even if it is much different than we are used to. ■



Quinn Donohue '22 representing Princeton Sailing on a road trip through his home state of CA

Friends of Princeton Sailing

Updates from our Alumni Board

Letter from the President

Friends of Princeton Sailing,

With a legacy spanning over 90 years, Princeton Sailing has no shortage of knowledgeable and successful competitive sailors. With this in mind, one of my first objectives when joining the Alumni Board was to increase the number of officers to leverage the great minds we have in our alumni community. I am thankful that several dedicated alumni raised their hands to be part of a very simple, yet ambitious mission: to be a National Champion contender once again.

Our Alumni Board has been expanded to include some of the greatest minds in sailing, including (in class order) National Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee Bob Johnstone '56 as senior advisor, Intercollegiate Sailing Hall of Fame Inductee Dick Rose '60 as board member, former Princeton Sailing Board President Tom Darling '75 as board member, and longstanding Princeton Sailing supporter and parent Jason Mraz '89 as board member. Sydney Mandelbaum '17 has continued to do a great job as our Alumni Board Treasurer and I would like to thank Kristina Larson '93 for her dedication and work as the Alumni Board Secretary. Kristina notified us that she will be stepping down this year to focus her efforts on a new graduate program; if anyone is interested in joining the Alumni Board in the capacity of the Secretary, please reach out to me.

These very dedicated alumni have given hours of their time over the past year to outline the Board's objectives between now and our 95th anniversary, which is just a few short years away. Collectively, we have spent over 150 hours on Zoom calls and have nearly doubled that when including offline research, communication, and collaboration. The Alumni Board's engagement with the undergraduates is incredibly strong, with weekly touch points. Further, we have held about a dozen meetings with Athletics and now have a closer bond with the University than we have had in years.

Our core focus lies in three key enhancements to the existing program: a new venue, a new instructor, and a new fleet. First, while Raritan Yacht Club has been a wonderful place to call home for over 15 years, we believe finding a closer lake with less commercial traffic will make practices shorter, more effective, and safer. Second, after Rob Dresser informed us of his decision to leave the team, we have been putting our ear to the ground to find an instructor who has the same vision as our undergraduates and alumni. Finally, we have had our current fleet for over 10 years and believe it is time to replace the boats so that the student-athletes get the most out of practice and so that Princeton can host first-in-class regattas.

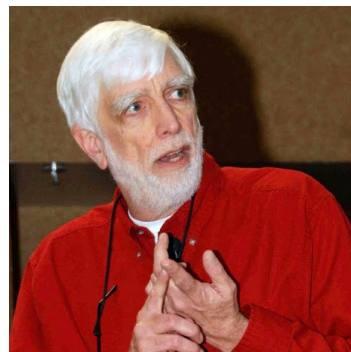
We are a better team - and current and future Tigers are better off - because of your long standing generosity. None of these lofty aspirations will be made possible without critical alumni support. As you've read in this newsletter, it is because of the generosity of Senior Advisor Bob Johnstone that Princeton is now leading the way in radio-controlled collegiate sailing equipped with a brand new fleet of DF95s. And because of the generosity of Jay and Laurie Mandelbaum, we were able to hold a Princeton Sailing cocktail hour for NYC residents in January of 2020, which ignited our momentum. We will be launching a campaign in the coming months to give alumni the opportunity to fully support the Princeton Sailing program with the financial security it needs to achieve its goals.

I am amazed by the resilience of the undergraduates who have had to adapt to a new learning environment and forego nearly three full seasons of competition. I am so proud to be part of a team with such an impressive legacy and rich history, and I look forward to what the future has in store for Princeton Sailing.

Sincerely,
Anthony Pappenfus '13

Sailing Alumni in the News

Dick Rose '60 was awarded U.S. Sailing's 2020 Harman Hawkins Trophy for his outstanding contributions to the sport in the field of Race Administration. Dick is one of the first 11 inductees into the Intercollegiate Sailing Hall of Fame and the only one from the period 1958 to 1963. He sailed on Princeton teams that finished 3rd and 2nd respectively in the 1959 and 1960 ICSA National Dinghy Championships for the Morss Trophy. All-American and College Sailor of the Year honors were not awarded by the ICSA until 1967. Had they been in effect seven years earlier, Dick likely would have qualified for both. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Dick Rose '60

Carl Van Duyne '66 is a nominee for the 2021 Class in the National Sailing Hall of Fame. The NSHOF writes that Van Duyne was “an Olympic competitor, an active advocate for the development of other sailors, and a junior and collegiate champion. But it was the sportsmanship that he displayed both on and off the water that has especially served as an inspiration for scores of sailors throughout the years.” Click [here](#) to learn more.



Arthur Knapp '28

Arthur Knapp '28 was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame as part of the 2019 class. As mentioned, Knapp began Princeton's sailing club and organized the first ever intercollegiate regatta. The NSHOF dubs him the “King of Sailing.” Click [here](#) to learn more.

Rod Johnstone '58 and three companions went on a COVID rescue mission from Connecticut to Bermuda to retrieve a sailboat stranded in Bermuda due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Read the full story [here](#).

Tom Darling '75 sailed DF95s at Nantucket Race Week 2020. Check out his article for WindCheck Magazine about the experience and the history of model racing [here](#).

Bob Johnstone '56 wrote about his experience sailing DF95s during the pandemic. Read about it [here](#) and [here](#).



Rod Johnstone '58 and Co.

Friends of Princeton Sailing Alumni Board

Anthony Pappenfus '13 S14 - President
Sydney Mandelbaum '17 - Treasurer
Robert Johnstone '56 - Senior Advisor
Thomas Darling '75 - Board Member
Richard Rose '60 - Board Member
Jason Mraz '89 S89 P23 - Board Member

Looking Ahead: Team plans for 2021

The Alumni Board and team Officers are determined to hit the ground running in 2021.
We are excited for the year ahead!

Spring Season Practices and Regattas

We will hold DF95 and FJ practices on Lake Carnegie on a regular basis if weather conditions and University regulations allow. Tentative events include:

- **May Challenge Cup DF95 Regatta**, April 24-25 at Lake Carnegie
- **Team Race DF95 Regatta vs. Coast Guard**, May 1-2 at Lake Carnegie



Alumni at NYC Princeton Sailing Fundraiser,
January 2020

Reunions

The University has moved Reunions, scheduled for May 20-23, to a completely online format this year. We plan to host a virtual Reunions event, likely over Zoom. If conditions allow, we hope to organize a socially distanced outdoor meetup in the Princeton/NYC area. As the time draws nearer, we will send out a form to gauge interest. We cannot wait to “see” you all!

Fall Season

Pandemic permitting, we will be back out on the water this fall and participate in a full travel regatta schedule. Tentative events include:

- **Princeton Open**, late September, location TBD
- **Princeton-Oakcliff Keelboat Invitational**, November 6 at Oakcliff Sailing Center



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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 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.

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