

## Letter from the Commodore: Charlie Flynn '20

Dear Alumni and Friends of Princeton Sailing,

I hope everyone had a great summer and is looking forward to the fall. Our team is very excited for this upcoming season and cannot wait to get back out on the water.

I am impressed by our upcoming regatta schedule this fall, as we have at least one regatta every weekend until fall break. On our first weekend of school, the team will be sailing in two different regattas. One regatta will be the Philly Fleet Race, a Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Qualifier and the other is a women's regatta at King's Point. I am thrilled that the team has so many qualified sailors that we can easily support going to two regattas on our first weekend. On September 21st and 22nd, the Princeton Sailing Team is hosting the "Princeton Fall Open" at Raritan Yacht Club, representing the second year we have hosted this specific regatta. Last year the Princeton team won, so we hope to defend our title this year.

I am also very excited to meet our upcoming freshmen, the Class of 2023. In the past two years, the team has received substantial freshmen classes that have been instrumental in the team's rapid improvement, and I expect this upcoming class to have a similar impact. One of my favorite parts of the sailing team is that people of all prior sailing ability can join and thrive. Just last year for example, we had some sailors join having never sailed before and by the end of the year, they were crewing during our biggest qualifiers. I love that our team dynamic allows for this and expect to have some new team members improve drastically in a similar fashion.

As a rising senior, I have seen many different iterations of the team in the past couple of years, and each one is distinct and really exciting. I cannot believe that I only have one more year at Princeton and on the sailing team in particular. I am happy to say that joining the sailing team has been one of the best decisions I've made at school. The team has really

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grown as a family in the past two years, and many of my best friends in the entire school are on the team. I am thrilled to continue to bond with this year's team and cannot wait to go on my final Florida trip this winter.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow officers and Coach Rob Dresser for all of their help in the past year. The four freshmen on the officer corps will continue to lead this team for the next couple years, and I know that under their guidance, the sailing team will continue to improve from year to year. I would also like to thank all alumni and Friends of Princeton Sailing for their dedication to the Princeton Sailing Team. As a club sport, the team thrives off of alumni support and would not be where it is today without your help. I look forward to seeing everyone at regattas and cannot wait for this upcoming fall season!

Best,

Charlie Flynn '20

# Spring 2019 Season Highlights

## Regatta Report by Connor Mraz '22 (Regatta Captain 2018-2019)

Princeton Sailing had a tremendous Spring of 2019 as our program continued to grow to new heights. This spring, we competed in nine different regattas, which was up from the four we raced in during our Spring 2018 campaign. Our season began with our first Team Race in well over a decade at Harvard in early March. Our ability to compete in this Team Race truly showcases the depth of our team. It was the first time we raced in regatta before Spring break in five years, and it actually snowed seven inches on Sunday in Boston!



Princeton sailors at OCC Spring Open



Isabella Impalli '22 and Devin Sun '21 playing in the snow with MIT's dog

After Spring Break, we resumed full-time practices and raced in two events before the Leroy Grant — our conference championship qualifier. First, we raced at Ocean County College (OCC) Spring Open, where we placed fourth out of 17 teams. This result was our first Top-5 at a regatta with more than 15 teams in 12 years, and we were absolutely thrilled with the result. It was truly a team effort: over the course of the weekend, 9 different sailors across all four graduating classes competed for our team.

The second event we had leading up to the Grant was the Stony Brook Cup on March 30. There, our sailors faced strong winds causing numerous capsizes and broken boats across the regatta. Princeton, led by Connor Larson '22 and Will Mandelbaum '22 as skippers and Jorge Zreik '22, Adam McClain '21, and Ned Bless '22 as crews, pushed through to finish in third place.



Connor Larson '22 and Jorge Zreik '22 at the Stony Brook Cup

The team then geared up for a packed weekend on April 13 and 14, where we competed in two regattas: The Leroy Grant (a qualifier for our conference championship) and the Owen, Mosbacher, and

Knapp Trophies at Yale. Organizing this weekend proved logistically difficult, and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our alumni and parents who graciously offered to host all 13 sailors for the weekend: special thanks to Larsons, Flynns, and Nusbaums. At Yale, our team faced some very tough competition coupled with light wind and dense fog, which stalled racing for hours. Once racing began, we tried our best against the top teams, coming up short but having a great time out on the water.



Princeton sailing waiting for the fog to clear at Yale



Our sailors that weekend at the Grant faced similar weather conditions across the Long Island Sound at King's Point. Skippers Connor Mraz '22 (A fleet) and Connor Larson '22 (B fleet) and crews Jorge Zreik '22, Adrienne Mandelbaum '20, Adam McClain '21, and Grace Lee '21 competed for Princeton. Though the team raced well, unfortunately our finishing place was not enough to move on to the conference championship.

On April 20-21, we competed at the Delaware Spring Open and the Morris Trophy in Boston. Despite having a packed and somewhat disappointing weekend before, fifteen Princeton sailors rallied (including 5 members of the senior class!) for



Having a great time on the water at the Grant



these regattas, finishing in 6th place at the Delaware Open and 13th at

the Morris Trophy! Noah Schochet '21 earned his first-ever bullet skippering in a regatta (photo below.)



We concluded our Spring with an event at Army, where we finished in 2nd place. Overall, it was a successful Spring, and we can't wait to showcase our increased improvement in the fall!

## Secretary Report by Isabella Impalli '22 (Secretary 2018-2019)

The Princeton Sailing Team also had a wonderful season off the water. Anticipating a chilly Spring, we coordinated a group drysuit order for the team. Most of them are neon orange, and we have gotten great use out of them so far. Not only did they enable us to begin practices earlier in the spring and compete in snowy regattas such as our Team Race in Boston, but they have helped make our team look much more uniform and professional out on the water.



The team continues to be a tight knit group socially, and this semester we enjoyed attending events like Lawnparties and Houseparties together. We are having fun keeping



alive some team traditions. Over the course of the semester, we started having weekly team dinners in addition to other social events and look to continue those this fall.

The team has received communication from many talented high school sailors who are interested in attending Princeton and joining our team. We are thrilled to see interest growing, and we hope to see these prospective students and sailors join us in the coming years. This past Spring we participated in activities fairs at "Princeton Preview," and we are excited to have these freshmen join us in the next few weeks and continue freshmen recruiting throughout the semester.



Though we are growing more competitive, the team continues to welcome experienced and inexperienced sailors. Luckily our Fall schedule has a healthy mix of beginner, intermediate, and qualifier regattas so that we can get as many sailors out on the water as possible.





### *Letter from the President, Anthony Pappenfus '13*

Princeton Sailing so positively shaped my undergraduate experience that when asked to step up as President of the Princeton Sailing Alumni Board, I accepted without hesitation. I look forward to building upon the legacy left by Greg, Anoop, and Mary who each deserve our immense gratitude for all they did while Alumni Board members.



Growing up sailing out of Kenosha Yacht Club on the shores of Wisconsin helped prepare me for my time on the Princeton sailing team, but the skills acquired while crewing a C&C 33 did not transfer as easily as I had imagined. Dinghy racing was new for me when I arrived at Princeton in 2009, but through several Fall practices and a productive training week in Florida, I was skippering FJs before I knew it. My commitment to the team solidified freshman year and has expanded beyond my time on Princeton's campus. As an undergraduate, I had the honor of serving as the team's Treasurer for two one-year terms; as an alumnus, I started the [Hamilton Burr Regatta](#), a Princeton v. Columbia Match Race on Hudson River in NYC, with a number of Columbia sailing alumni. In 2017, I was approached by the Princeton Sailing Alumni Board and was invited to assume the position of Secretary. My first task was to head the steering committee responsible for hiring a new coach. Since then, I have continued my close involvement with the undergraduate team and look forward to building upon the strong foundation that has been forged thus far.

As President of the Board, my time will be spent focusing on three main areas:

**1. Alumni, Undergraduate, University, and Community Engagement:** I aim to continue offering opportunities for alumni to engage with one another both on and off the water and would like to provide more chances for the undergraduates and alumni to comeingle (supplementing events like HBR and the annual Reunions BBQ). Additionally, I will continue building a strong relationship with the University (Mitch Reum of Campus Recreation as well as with the Office of Advancement) as this is critical to maintaining existing support and obtaining the additional resources needed to succeed as an alumni organization. In the spirit of fostering community engagement, I will maintain and grow our close ties with Raritan Yacht Club, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, MAISA, and other associations / partners. Lastly, I'm excited to introduce a new position to the Alumni Board: a young alumni role for the most recent graduating Commodore which will be a one-year position.

**2. Financial Health:** The unceasing generous support from alumni, parents, and friends like you is key to our team's success. I will work closely with the Treasurer to ensure we maintain a healthy and robust pipeline which will enable us to support the team's coach, purchase new equipment (including a fleet of FJs which is now over 10 years old), transport our undergraduate sailors to and from practice safely, rent dock space at RYC, and much more. Thanks to all of you who have supported the financial health of our team!

**3. Results on the Water:** We have an incredibly talented group of undergraduate sailors today and it's important that we do what we can to recruit, train, and challenge our athletes to obtain optimal regatta results. Coach Rob has been essential in driving this mission and we look forward to continuing our success in the race circuit this season.

With this leadership transition, the Alumni Board has additional available roles. Kristina Larson '93 S92 P22 will be joining as the new Secretary of the Board – I am thrilled to work with her. As we look to build out a new Board, I would love to hear from you: What could be improved? What has worked well in the past that should be continued or revived? Are you interested in being involved as an Alumni Board member (primarily in the capacity of Treasurer)? Please complete [this](#) survey to provide feedback and express interest in involvement.

In many ways, the 2019-2020 school year is a new beginning, but the Princeton University Yacht Club has existed since 1928 and has an amazingly rich history with a group of incredible people. I'm excited to see what's in store between now and our 100th anniversary!



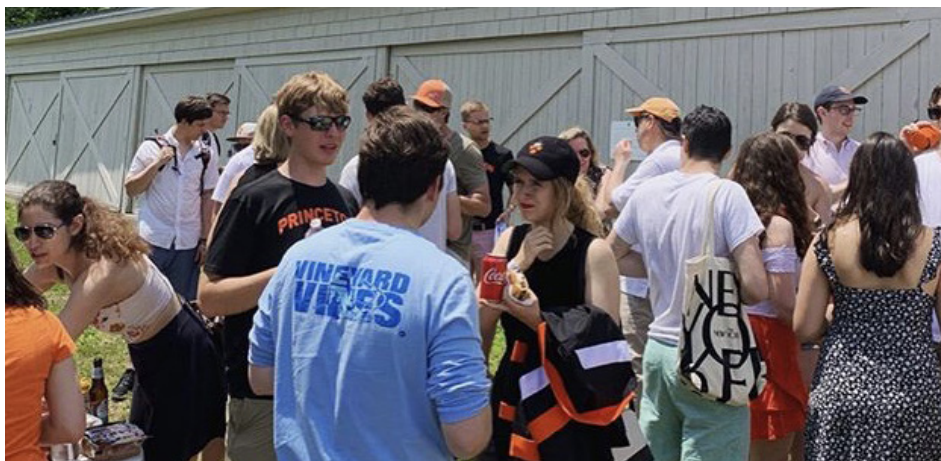
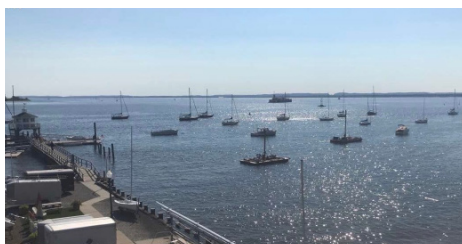
### *Introducing Kristina Larson '93 S92 P22, Secretary*

Kristina (Baldwin) Larson '93 grew up racing J24s on Lake Ontario. She joined Princeton Sailing as a freshman and was Captain of the Women's Team her sophomore year. Her son, Connor Larson '22, has followed in her footsteps and she couldn't be more excited about it. "It's great to have this shared experience. Also, I can see that his team has the same special combination of commitment and camaraderie that was such a vital part of my experience 25 years ago." Kristina and her husband, Philip Larson '92, enjoy hosting the team whenever regattas bring the sailors through Connecticut. Kristina will assume the role of Alumni Board Secretary this year.



## Alumni Regatta

On May 11, we wrapped up the Spring season with an alumni regatta at Raritan Yacht Club!



## Reunions 2019

The team had so much fun spending time with our alumni this past Reunions. Thank you to all who came out to our annual BBQ at the boathouse. We are looking forward to our next event!





# Summer 2019 Highlights

Check out what some of our sailors were up to this summer!

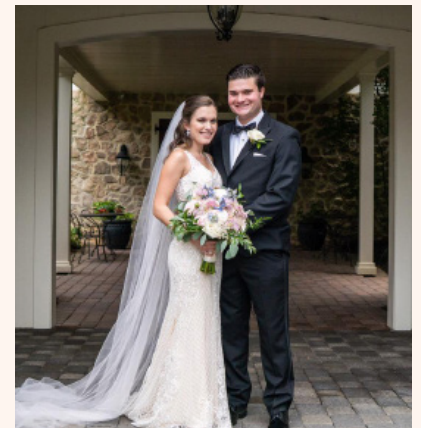
## *Adrienne Mandelbaum '20*

This summer, I worked at Accenture, a consulting firm, in New York City. Each Summer Analyst was assigned to a project for our 10-week internship, allowing us to learn what consulting was like and get hands on experience with client work. I was assigned to a Commercial Strategy project and worked directly out of our client site. This was my first consulting internship, so I was not sure what to expect, but it ended up being a great experience. I was able to dive into the project and assist the project team; I supported PMO

work, conducted supplementary research and analysis, and actually created tangible deliverables that were sent over to the client. I am looking forward to senior year and cannot wait to be back sailing with the team!



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Evan Trauger '19 and his new bride, Kirsten, on their marriage this summer! Thank you for inviting us to spend this special day with you. We wish you all the best.



## *Devin Sun '21*

The summer kicked off with a trip to Long Beach Island on the Jersey Shore with me and 9 other close friends. Immediately after, I returned to campus to attend yet another year of Princeton's infamous Reunions, where I had the chance to meet many sailing alumni, both new and familiar. Shortly after returning home, I departed on a 15-hour trans-Atlantic flight to Hong Kong to kick off my International Internship Program placement at an asset management firm that supported emerging Asia-focused

investment managers. During my 8 weeks there, I took the opportunity to soak in as much of my surroundings as possible. Highlights of my trip included hiking to the top of Victoria's Peak, the highest point in Hong Kong, exploring historical Buddhist monasteries, and of course, eating authentic Asian cuisine. My internship quickly came to an end, and I elected to travel to Tokyo, Japan for five days. I returned home on August 10, and am excited for everything that junior year and the sailing team have to offer!



## *Charlie Cowen-Breen '22*

This summer, I worked at a robotics company in Boston. The robots are supposed to be a level above Skype: not only can you video conference onto a robot, you can also move around and interact with your surroundings. I was really excited to begin using some of what I've learned at Princeton, and I had a great time! One of the things I worked on was programming the robot to find specific people in a building--i.e. to drive around until it recognized the face of the desired person.



### *Will Mandelbaum '22*

This past summer I spent two months studying in St. Petersburg, Russia, at the Derzhavin Institute through the Princeton in Petersburg program. The program consisted of three intensive language classes which pushed me to improve my Russian language while studying under two Russian professors, and one Princeton professor. Additionally, my housing situation was unique yet enriching as I was living alone with a Russian mother and her son, who was around my age. The two of them welcomed me into their home and treated me like one of their own. While initially I felt overwhelmed by the culture and language that was required for me to live in the city on my own, the learning curve

was steep, and I learned to love the city, as it held limitless opportunities to try new things and get out of my comfort zone. My favorite experience was going to a local professional soccer game with a friend I met in the city, which was such a great experience since I am a huge soccer fan. I am looking forward to coming back to campus for the fall and rejoining the team on the water, as well as returning to Princeton dining halls with a renewed appreciation for food not overpowered with dill.



### *Connor Larson '22*

This summer, I had the privilege of travelling to Rome for a Princeton Global Seminar on Historical Architecture and Engineering. Along with fellow sailor Isabella Impalli '22 and a dozen other Princeton students, I studied topics ranging from Ancient Roman construction materials and methods (fun fact: the Colosseum originally had a canvas roof built by sailors!) to modern Italian design and architecture. I also had a great time “studying” the numerous varieties of pizza, pasta, and gelato all throughout Italy’s capital, as well as exploring various other European cities on weekends.

After the class ended, I met up with another sailor, Adam McClain '21, to backpack through Italy’s South Tyrol region and the Dolomite mountains for a week. We had an awesome time trying out numerous adventures including mountain biking, rock climbing, and hut-to-hut hiking through the beautiful scenery. Finally, after returning from Europe, I was able to get back out on the waters of Lake Ontario for several sails with my grandfather, a highlight of every summer. Overall, I had an awesome time, and I can’t wait for our Fall season to begin!



### *Elizabeth Bailey '22*

I spent this past summer working in D.C. as the Princeton in Washington coordinator! I planned events for students and young alumni to meet up with professionals from various fields around the city, like Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell and General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I also got to spend some time sailing with fellow Junior on the team, Grace Lee, up in Newport, RI, and got out on the water down in Lake Allatoona, in my home state of Georgia. It was a fantastic break!



### *Jorge Zreik '22*

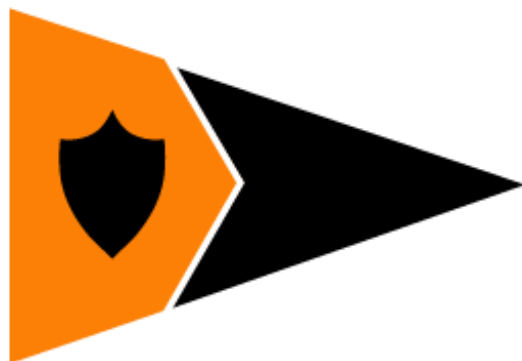
I spent two months this Summer in China attending Princeton in Beijing. The program is essentially two semesters of Princeton Chinese classes taken in two months (along with some sightseeing around China.) I came back to the States with great memories, new friends, and broken but passable Chinese. The only thing I missed more than pizza was sailing.



# Website, Gear, & Upcoming Events

A new team website is currently under construction! We want to make sure everyone is up to date with our current Roster and other updates.

In the interim, we will continue to update our Facebook page and Instagram!



<https://www.facebook.com/princetonsailing/>



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We want YOU to represent the Princeton Sailing Team

Our new website will include a feature to order gear. In the meantime, feel free to contact Shelby Kinch '22 at **skinch@princeton.edu** with any gear inquiries or requests.

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SEPTEMBER 21-22  
RARITAN YACHT CLUB

Be on the lookout  
for an email  
regarding our  
annual Homecoming  
Tailgate!



# Looking Ahead: Fall Season Preview

Once again we will be competing in the Central Series of MAISA in order to qualify for the Luce. This series is comprised of the Philly Fleet Race, The John Quinn, in addition to the WAC Fall. The Top 3 Central teams with the highest cumulative score will qualify for the Luce. We will attempt to peak at those qualifiers, although we also have high level regattas at Kings Point and New York Maritime on the schedule. Finally, our schedule is highlighted by our **HOME** regatta at Raritan Yacht Club. Friends of Princeton Sailing, we invite you to join us at Raritan to cheer on our sailors and experience the joy of Princeton Sailing live. We will have two teams in the event, and will be racing ten other schools from around the Northeast. We are defending champions, and will look to defend our trophy! We hope to see you there!

Stay tuned on Techscore, <https://scores.collegesailing.org/>

## Fall 2019 Tentative Schedule

**September 7-8:** Philly Fleet Race @ UPenn, Women's Regatta @ Kings Point

**September 14-15:** John Quinn @ Monmouth

**September 21-22:** **Princeton Fall Open @ Raritan Yacht Club**

**September 28-29:** McCurdy Memorial @ Delaware, NY Maritime Fall Open @ SUNY Maritime

**October 5-6:** Nevin's Trophy @ Kings Point

**October 12-13:** WAC Fall @ WAC, Sacred Heart Trophy @ SH

**October 19-20:** Luce Trophy @ Hobart



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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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