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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SAILING TEAM



FALL 2019



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Coach's Note

The Fall Season has come to an end and we're about to start an exciting Collegiate Spring Season! Columbia has a new home at Huguenot Yacht Club (HYC) in New Rochelle, NY. After nine years at City Island Yacht Club, CUST has moved to a location that offers better facilities with better sailing conditions for collegiate sailors.

For a coach this is exciting -- no more parking-lot-tailgate white board talks, we have our own CUST team room decorated in Pantone 292, with heat and it's dry. HYC offers a large white board room as well, enabling me to teach racing rules, tactics, boat handling maneuvers, etc. Past graduates can understand this valuable venue change, especially when you mention City Island Avenue traffic!

The new Huguenot Yacht Club venue also allows us to have all 12 FJ's and our 420 on the docks all together. This means no more beach launching. Regarding other upgrades, CUST is investing in a single axel storage trailer for sails, rudders and parts as well as a storage rack to store the dinghies during the off season.



A note from current
Head Coach Dave
Coughlin

The transition took much effort and time, the discussion started last winter after the Annual all the way through early September. During this time, the team has doubled in size! We are able to hold practices with all the FJ's practicing, that's 12 boats on the starting line. The future is very bright at Columbia Sailing. We have a very talented team this spring, many sailors are returning from semesters abroad plus the talent that arrived last fall will return with their drysuits in hand.

In closing, I wish to thank David Treatman the graduating team Captain and welcome Boaz Willis our incoming Team Captain. Please keep a look out for Alumni emails announcing the Annual (aka: the Annie), and the Alumni regatta. Communication is imperative to keep the team's momentum.

See you at the Annie and on the water!

- Dave Coughlin

Please make sure to notify the team if you're an Alumni or have subscribed to our mailing list and haven't been receiving latest news for us !
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Captain's Note

Kicking off the fall season as First Mate, I had serious ambitions for growing the team not only regarding membership, but for building lasting bonds between skipper and crew, sailor and sailor. I knew it would be a grand task, but under the leadership of our former captain David Treatman, I had no doubts about what 'could be'. With the move to Huguenot Yacht Club on the horizon there was nothing that could stop us from reaching new heights! I knew it would require great effort. The groundwork was laid at this years club fair...

Standing in front of Low steps on a cold and rainy autumn day, my fellow board members and I managed to collect over two hundred emails from students excited about the Columbia Sailing vibrations. Over half of those students made it out to our opening meetings and other social gatherings. The bravest among them ventured out to our new yacht club to set sail from our docks for the first time. Seeing our entire fleet ordered by boat number on our new docks quite frankly took my breath away. Others were impressed too and couldn't resist joining practice after practice. In only a couple weeks, our roster boasted the names of 80 students balancing rigorous course loads and possessing the desire to improve their skills on the water.

With this impressive increase in demand Coach Dave successfully persuaded his peer veteran sailors, Walter Ziobro and Iris Vogel, to help out. Their voluntary efforts were essential in maintaining the safety of the team at countless practices throughout the semester. Additionally, they aided in offering more practices, on regatta weekends and late into the season.

The countless hours spent sailing out of our new spot on the Sound truly made Huguenot feel like home. Hosting the alumni regatta dinner there afforded all who attended the opportunity to share in the excitement of our new partnership. After meeting the Commodore and several others from the club management I'm extremely optimistic about the potential that this bond holds. Their generosity has a direct impact on our sailors improvement and success.



A note from our
captain, Boaz Willis
GS/JTS '22

Many of the new members who dedicated themselves to learning the ins and outs of dinghy racing in the beginning of the semester demonstrated what they learned and performed well in their first college regattas. The positive connection developed between team members showed through and nearly every regatta was attended with a full van (sometimes two or three) of competing sailors, alternates, and supporting salters.

We will continue to develop in new and innovative ways this coming spring. The current board is developing a peer-taught curriculum that will serve as a guide for those who join CUST looking for basic instruction. I'm confident peer-lead learning will strengthen the bonds between team members and create an environment in which sailors feel comfortable fielding questions regarding both elementary and advanced techniques.

As the technology of the world around us changes we continuously ponder its potential for application to the world of boating. This semester the team is moving to utilize the resources in the recently built Milstein Design Center to our benefit. Many members of the team have already committed to train in various crafts. We hope that soon we'll be able to 3D print replacement cleats and other various vessel necessities. Concordantly, true team spirit will be represented by screen-printing shirts, embroidering, and tailoring other garb.

In the coming semester, we also hope to strengthen the ties we have with alumni and seek out those who are less involved to remind them that we care about our extended CUST family. I'm excited by the thought of building relationships between past, current, and future sailors. I'm hoping we'll all play our part in forging those connections and look forward to seeing you all at 'The Annie' on February 22nd!

All the best,

Boaz

SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS



The **move** to our new location Huguenot Yacht Club. Among other things we are lucky to have a club house and two new docks and beautiful sunsets.



Sailing practices took place **every single day**! It allowed us to compete in numerous **regatta** and even moreso next semester



Because Winter time doesn't mean 'no-team' time we went to a **Broadway** show thanks to David Treatman's work.



This year the **Sailing Formal** was a great way to celebrate and end our semester together.

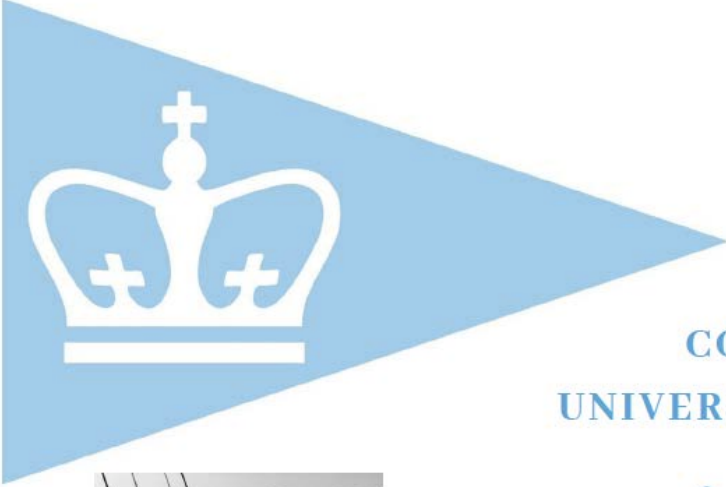
On October 23rd our team was presented with an opportunity we couldn't refuse. Two days later six Columbia sailors and our coach went to SUNY Maritime College to take a **Figaro** for a test drive. We loved it and learned a lot from the amazing experience.

UPCOMING EVENT

'The Annual' Fundraiser

As last year our event is taking place in Columbia's own Faculty House on Saturday, February 22, the Annual is a time for alumni, family, and salters to gather in support of Columbia Sailing.

Come in cocktail attire and help us celebrate the start of a new decade of CUST!



COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY SAILING

*Annual
Fundraiser*



With Alum. Guest Speaker
John Rousmaniere

February 22, 2020
Columbia U. Faculty House | 7:00 PM

For details contact Alumni CoChair Sara Bergmann at: srb2222@barnard.edu

| What is CUST experience ?

Oona Dederer is a freshman at Columbia College from Seattle, Washington. She grew up sailing Optis and Lasers with her sister on Lake Washington (where there's either no wind or a thunderstorm, and no in between). Coming to CUST as a recreational sailor, she leaned on her peers whose sailing and racing experience exceeded her own, and fell in love with what an uplifting group of sailors the team attracts. One windless regatta day, while other teams sat and waited for the wind to pick up, CUSTies rallied for a rousing game of hacky sack and a friendly swimming race (both with varying degrees of success). Van rides are full of laughter and singing; there really isn't a more kind, supportive group.



As a sailor, Oona has picked up aspects of sailing in the last semester that she barely knew existed before joining the team. Terrible footwork led to legs bruised from ankle to hip, which led to significantly better footwork (the bruises seem to stick around regardless). Reading current, recognizing gusts, selecting the favored side of a start, sail shape (okay, that last one is a bit of a riddle), the list goes on. Oona couldn't be more grateful for the team, and is crossing her fingers for a run at nationals in the spring!

Alex Southwick grew up in San Francisco and has been sailing on the bay with her dad since she was five years old. After high school, she decided to take a year off and, along with her dad and her uncle, she sailed a 38ft Pacific Seacraft from San Francisco down the coast of Mexico, as far south as Barra de Navidad. The 8-month trip involved sailing from San Francisco to San Diego and joining the Baja Haha, a flotilla of sailboats that sails from San Diego to Cabo every year. After that, her trip continued around the tip of Baja California, up into the Sea of Cortez, and down the coast of Mexico. Although she loved the trip and it was an amazing experience, after spending 8-months on a boat she was convinced that she was not going to sail in college. But, after meeting everyone and hearing the board talk so passionately about the team, she decided to join. Because she grew up sailing big boats, sailing with CUST has been a completely different experience but it has allowed her to learn and grow as a sailor. She has had a great experience sailing with CUST this past semester and can't wait to continue in the spring.



SPRING 2020 : OFFICERS BOARDS

CAPTAIN: **Boaz Willis GS/JTS '22**

FIRST MATE: **Alix Trébaol GS '21**

SECOND MATE: **Zoe Chan CC '22**

TREASURER: **Meimei Cao BC '22**

SECRETARY: **Kalei Brady CC '23**

ALUMNI CHAIRS: **Oona Dederer BC '23 & Sara Bergmann BC '23**

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: **Jeanne Fréalle GS'21**

MERCHANDISE CHAIR: **Alison Keenan BC '22**

SOCIAL CHAIRS: **Matthew Fairbanks CC '22 & Phillip Ruddy CC '22**

THANK YOU

Thank you to the board members of Fall 2019 for all your energy, fun and hard work!



2019 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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