Hall of Fame Selection Committee
2015 Report

The initial email call for nominations was emailed March 1, 2015, to all ICSA email lists with a deadline for nominations of April 15. On April 1, a deadline reminder message was sent to all ICSA email lists. On April 13, a last call email was sent. Nominations were closed April 15, 2015.

The following members of the Hall of Fame Committee were confirmed by March 2: MAISA-Joe Sullivan; NEISA-Ken Legler; PCCS-Brian Stanford; SAISA-Greg Fisher; SEISA-Karl Kleinschrodt and MCSA-Gail Turluck. There was difficulty reaching NWICS leadership after past Committee Member Molly Jackson was unresponsive. A final call for a response led to the appointment of Scott Wilson as the representative for NWICS on April 27.

Once the nominations were collected, they were assembled by category and provided to the Committee members with the Award description by category. The Committee members were given six days to consider and send their selections. Once again, I am pleased to report that all seven Conferences had active participation in the selection process.

We had four nominees for Student Leadership (James Rousmaniere Award), one nominee for Lifetime Service, two nominees for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional (Graham Hall Award), and two nominees for Outstanding Service-Volunteer. All the nominations were submitted by the submission deadline.

Please arrange to have an individual with a digital camera at the events at which our award winners receive their recognition so suitable photographs are captured and have them emailed to me at gail@collegesailing.org. It is in the interest of the ICSA going forward that we have a photograph of our awardees to add to the web page.

Will Conference Commissioners please make a notation on their permanent Conference Annual Meeting Agenda to ask their Conference members to identify potential candidates at that point of the year to allow adequate time for petition preparation to support the nominations.

I thank the nominators and the members of the Committee for their attentive and thoughtful consideration, discovery, and contributions.

The Committee is pleased to name the individuals on the following pages as the 2015 inductees to the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Turluck
Chair

May 8, 2015
**STUDENT LEADERSHIP - James Rousmaniere Award**

Recognizing extraordinary leadership and achievement by an undergraduate whose efforts have made a significant contribution to the development, progress, and success of his or her club or team, conference, or the ICSA. Demonstrated leadership over a period of years, rather than a single year, will receive the most serious consideration. One honoree per year.

2015 Honoree: Jack Swikart
Date of Birth: June 2, 1993
College Attended: University of Pennsylvania
Year Graduated: 2015
Mailing Address: 22 Sailors Way, Rumson, NJ 07760

MAISA would like to nominate Jack Swikart from the University of Pennsylvania for the 2015 James Rousmaniere Award for Student Leadership.

During his term as MAISA student President he promoted concussion training and created a site for teams to log in and self report their members' participation. As of September, 2014, over 20 teams have completed the training because of these efforts.

He also negotiated the availability of a MAISA discount with Kokatat, the drysuit manufacturer that is equal to the NEISA discount and informed all of the MAISA schools of its existence. Many smaller MAISA schools have had to forego attending regattas in the past because the members could not afford drysuits (Rutgers last year comes to mind). He saw the need and worked to alleviate it.

He has been the driving force in Penn Sailing since he was a freshman ... only sidelined for the one semester Sophomore year with a blood clot issue. He served two terms as Captain and oversaw our greatest expansion to date, culminating this past fall with having actual tryouts for the first time to limit the size of the team to a manageable level.

When we were considering purchasing new boats, he worked with two different Villanova administrations, delaying Penn's purchase until they could catch up because he felt that MAISA needs another alternative to Ocean County College and Monmouth College as a sailing venue in the middle of MAISA. He worked with Villanova to jointly host Club Champs at Ocean County College two years ago, and when they refused to do it, and the lack of other viable alternatives meant the cancelling of Club Champs last year. That will hopefully not happen again. The partnership with Villanova will likely extend to the Philly Fleet Race, which grew this past year from a 9 boat event to a scheduled 14 boat event in Fall 2015, to a hopefully 18 boat event, and oversubscribed thereafter.

Jack worked on the ICSA schedule review committee in his role as ICSA Vice President and put numerous hours in fact finding and delivering data in his role as a student representative.

He has a very strong sense of fairness and impartiality and has tried to see all sides of the issues, both from a small team/student run/underfunded perspective and from the point of view of a successful top 10 team in MAISA.

MAISA believes Jack to be a strong candidate for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Callahan
MAISA Conference Commissioner
LIFETIME SERVICE.
Recognizing a career of extraordinary service to College Sailing, whether as volunteer or professional; one honoree per year; nominees must have passed their 60th birthday.

College attended: George Washington University
Graduation date: 1973
Date of Birth: October 2, 1930
Address: 803 Coxswain Way #201, Annapolis, MD 21401

It will be hard to find a more worthy recipient of ICSA’s Lifetime of Service Award than CAPT Dick Morin, USN (ret.).

Dick has been a dedicated supporter of Navy Sailing for over 20 years, helping both the Offshore and Dinghy programs in a wide variety of ways.

For the Offshore Program, he has served year after year in multiple capacities including: onboard coach for practice and racing, onboard safety officer for Navy-hosted intercollegiate big boat regattas, race committee, protest committee judge, program Fleet Captain and NASS Race Committee Chairman.

At daily practices, he has helped young skippers and their often inexperienced crews develop their skills and also ensured they remained safe often in challenging conditions. As onboard safety officer, he has accompanied and provided guidance for visiting teams in most Navy-hosted big boat regattas over that 20 year span (where a safety officer is required by Navy regulations). As Offshore Team Fleet Captain, he managed the training and scheduling of other volunteer coaches for team practices and regattas.

While he often assisted on race committee, he also served four years as our Standing Race Committee Chairman. In this capacity, he organized race committees for all Navy-hosted big boat events, put together RC personnel training and ensured that we had the proper equipment prepared and ready to go so that our on-water race operations ran smoothly. When he was not volunteering as a safety officer, he would invariably jump on a race committee boat to fill in wherever needed.

In addition, he served both the Offshore and Dinghy programs as a judge for countless protest hearings often after a long day on the water as a safety officer or race committee member.

During his time at the Naval Academy, he and his late wife also coordinated regatta social events (cookouts) including buying, storing and preparation of meals for generations of collegiate sailors. He did this while concurrently doing the above...

As a retired Navy Captain, he felt it was his responsibility to positively influence the development of Midshipmen in their teamwork and professional leadership skills and took every opportunity to provide guidance and mentorship to them as well as to the many visiting sailors with whom he also interacted.

Over the years, Dick also served extensively as a safety officer for the Academy’s summer professional development programs where he accompanied crews on training passages and ocean races between Annapolis, New England, Bermuda and Nova Scotia.

As a result of his close connection with Navy Sailing, he was appointed as Rear Commodore of the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron and has continuously been an instrumental and trusted advisor to the Director of Naval Academy Sailing, a position filled by an active duty Navy officer who usually has little sailing background.

Now in his mid 80’s, Dick has unfortunately been forced to slow down a bit and, boy, do we find ourselves missing him.
Without question, Navy Sailing would not be where it is today without Dick’s incredible dedication and years of service.

Very respectfully,

Jahn S. Tihansky  
Director, Offshore Sailing Team  
US Naval Academy
GRAHAM HALL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE BY A COLLEGE SAILING PROFESSIONAL
Recognizing organizers, administrators, advisors, or coaches who have served the best interests of College Sailing at the club/team, Conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

2015 Honoree: Adam Werblow
Date of Birth: August 30, 1966
College Attended: Connecticut College
Graduation Date: 1988
Mailing Address: 19478 Leopard Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Adam Werblow is in his 27th season as the head coach of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Sailing Team. During his tenure, the team has amassed 15 national titles, while Seahawk sailors have earned over 150 individual All-America honors.

A 1988 graduate of Connecticut College, he was the captain of the sailing team. From 1989-1992, Werblow was a member of the U.S. Sailing Team in the Flying Dutchman class.

He has been the head coach for U.S. Youth Worlds Team eight times and led the team to two gold and two silver medals in 1991, the best record ever at those world championships. In 1999, Werblow was named the Developmental Coach-of-the-Year by the U.S. Sailing's Olympic Sailing Committee.

Throughout his tenure as coach at St. Mary’s, Adam has made the Seahawks consistently one of the best teams in the country. His sailors have gone on to be world champions. Adam has also done a great amount of volunteer work for ICSA including heading the prestigious All-America Committee. His peers admire Adam and he has helped the growth of college sailing for the past 27 years. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment is the construction of the new James P. Muldoon River Center and Boathouse. It is the jewel of the St. Mary’s campus and it is the host to this year’s Team Race and Co-ed National Championships.

We in MAISA feel Adam is deserving of this award for all he has done for MAISA and ICSA and what he has accomplished at St. Mary’s College.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Callahan
MAISA Conference Commissioner
OUTSTANDING SERVICE – VOLUNTEER
Recognizing those who have volunteered their time, talent, or resources to advance the interests of College Sailing at the club/team, Conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

2015 Honoree #1: Charles Harvey Kaye Williamson

College Attended: Bachelor of Science, Naval Architecture, Southampton University, England 1975-1978
PhD Fluid Mechanics, Engineering Department, Cambridge University, England 1978-1982
Date of Birth: October 7, 1956
Mailing Address: 9 Legrand Court, Ithaca, NY 14850

Please consider this nomination for Professor Charles “Skipper” Williamson, Faculty Advisor for the Cornell University Sailing Team. Charles has served as the team’s advisor since 1999, a 15+ year run.

Cornell sailing was operating as a true student run club team at the time and, as required by the ICSA, Charles was asked and accepted the role of faculty advisor. His passion for the sport of sailing, and working with students at Cornell University has had a direct impact on the progress of the team over the years.

Charles is not only serving as faculty advisor, but he has also held a position as a board member for the Friends of Cornell Sailing (FOCS) for over a decade, something he takes very seriously. He has worked alongside the alumni to assist with the continued development of the program.

Before my arrival in 2010 he was the main point person for the team in Ithaca. In this role he helped the team host the Coed and Women’s conference championships for the MAISA district, and also played a major role in the planning and running of the ICSA and ISSA Singlehanded National Championships held in the Fall of 2009.

Charles has done anything that the team has asked of him including budgeting, fund-raising, scheduling, and help with regattas and practices. He did all of this, as well as serving as the primary academic support person for the student athletes, especially those studying engineering. He has also coordinated alumni events and engaged the surrounding Ithaca, New York community, most recently with an event held in conjunction with the MAISA Women’s Spring Championship in April of 2014; Gary Jobson was our guest speaker.

His experience on the water made it easy for him to relate to the sailors on the team and assist in the team’s endeavors. He has competed in multiple world championships including the I420 World Championship in 1976, the OK Dinghy World Championship in 1980, and several Laser Masters World Championships, where his best finish was 8th. He is exactly what you would hope for in a faculty advisor and one who treated the position as if it were a paying gig.

Charles is a model for what a volunteer faculty advisor should be and for what it was intended to be. He has led a group of sailors on a student run club sailing team, and was instrumental in guiding and mentoring them to where they are today, with women varsity athletes and club male team members working just as hard. As a volunteer we owe a debt of gratitude for his loyalty, commitment, dedication, and friendship.

I sincerely request that you strongly consider Charles Williamson for this honor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Clancy
Cornell Sailing Head Coach

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Terry Kent ‘86 - terry.kent@cornell.edu
2015 Honoree #2: Robert A. Migliaccio
College: Boston College, B.A. cum laude, 1979; Suffolk University, JD cum laude, 1982
Birthdate: June 7, 1956
Mailing Address: 118 Ferry Lane; Barrington, RI 02806

Since the spring of 2008, Rob Migliaccio has been volunteering his time, expertise, and services by photographing NEISA and ICSA regattas and providing his high quality photos – always free of charge – to ICSA, ICSA Conferences and individual ICSA teams. Rob’s photos can be seen on numerous team and Conference web pages, as well as on the ICSA web pages and past Championship web pages. Rob’s work is extremely high quality and he has captured many of the best photos available of college sailing.

In addition to allowing teams to promote themselves, Rob’s work has been published and received awards in the sailing media. His photos of college sailing have been published as the cover photos for the 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 Sailing World Magazine “Guide to College Sailing”; Photo of the Month November 2013 Sailing World Magazine; 1st place 2010 Spring Photo Contest, Sailing World Magazine; 2nd place 2010 Summer Photo Contest, Sailing World Magazine.

At this year’s Spring Nationals, Rob will once again be volunteering his time and services providing free, professional-grade photographs to the hosts, to ICSA, and to individuals and their teams. Rob’s volunteerism has been invaluable to ICSA, to many teams and conferences, to parents who love his work, and to the sailors themselves. It is fitting that Rob’s volunteerism be recognized this year, at the same location where his work with ICSA began in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Wilkinson
Head Coach, Boston College Sailing
Chairman, ICSA Championships Committee