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**Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America
Hall of Fame Committee
2022 Annual Report
To ICSA Board of Directors**

The initial email call for nominations was emailed March 1, 2022, to all ICSA email lists with a deadline for nominations of April 15. On April 2, 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, 2022.

The following members of the Hall of Fame Committee were confirmed by May 1: NEISA-Ken Legler; MAISA-Adam Werblow; PCCSC-Brian Stanford; SEISA-Karl Kleinschrodt; NWICSA-Philip Gordon; MCSA-Gail Turluck; and SAISA-David Herbster.

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. The Committee had a conference call on May 2, 2021 where the procedures for selection consideration and the goals of having a conference call were discussed and agreed to. All seven Conferences had active participation in the selection process.

The Committee had a discussion about the merits of length of service being a consideration. The committee agreed that for the Volunteer awards an extended period of service, say 15 years or more, is expected. There also was discussion on multiple individuals for one program being recognized. The committee did not have a strong leaning that there should be a limit, the only limit would be caused by quantity of nominations and perhaps stronger nominations receiving election.

We had three nominees for Student Leadership (James Rousmaniere Award), one nominee for Lifetime Service (Campbell Family Award), one nominee for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional (Graham Hall Award), and two nominees for Outstanding Service-Volunteer. Representatives are reminded that individuals may be renominated.

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 2022 inductees to the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Turluck
Chair

May 10, 2022

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.

2022 Honoree: Jack Valentino

Date of Birth: July 3, 2000

College Attended: Bates College

Year of Graduation: 2022

Mailing Address: 235 Latham Lane, Orient NY 11957

I've known Jack Valentino now for three years; first during his role as Secretary of New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association (NEISA), second during his role as Vice President of NEISA, and in this final year, helping him assemble a National Invitational Regatta for Regional teams.

Jack is an incredibly devoted and committed leader to our sailing conference. The role of Secretary is demanding and thankless; Jack exceeded expectations with his timely notes, perfect attendance, but most of all, his thoughtful contributions and engagement on the issues of our conference. As Secretary, he was a huge help to me in navigating a lot of NEISA protocol during meetings, keeping meetings on track and finding innovative and time saving ways to gather consensus. Jack also streamlined our NEISA officer candidacy process and devised an online voting system during COVID times.

Jack's work with NEISA's The Inclusivity, Diversity, and Equity committee and program was inspirational (as was the work of all undergraduates who teamed up during trying times to help those in our communities). Jack's leadership skills far exceed those of his peers; Jack is a passionate leader who earns the respect of his peer through his commitment and dedication and is somebody we counted on in NEISA to help lead the conference.

It is my honor to nominate Jack Valentino for the 2022 James Rousmaniere Student Leadership award.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Kalin

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Varsity Coach

NEISA Commissioner

I am honored to have served with Jack Valentino not just as members of the 2021 NEISA Executive Committee but as co-captains of the Bates College Sailing Team. Having worked closely with him in multiple dimensions of college sailing leadership, I know Jack is an incredibly worthy candidate for the 2022 James Rousmaniere Award for Student Leadership.

Jack cares deeply about equity and inclusion in the college sailing community. As NEISA Vice President, Jack was a voice for smaller, student-run, non-varsity, and less well-funded programs. He took it upon himself to communicate with coaches and students to make sure all teams had the resources and opportunities within NEISA that they needed and deserved.

Jack's inclusive attitude and initiative to turn goals into action are even more evident in his leadership of Bates University club sailing. Jack served as the Junior Captain during my Sophomore fall semester. He was unable to return to campus in person, but he organized practice schedules and incorporated feedback from team members, maintaining his role as integral to the cohesion and community of our team. He also took his work with the NEISA TIDE committee to help make Bates sailing more accessible and welcoming for people of all backgrounds by facilitating important team culture discussions and implementing feedback.

I stepped into the role of Junior Captain that spring. Leading the team with Jack for the past year has been incredible in great part due to his leadership skills and passion for the team and sailing as a whole. Jack spearheaded work to make our team more competitive while also maintaining the warm, open team atmosphere we love. We finished 19th in the conference – our highest rank since 2013. Thanks to Jack's fearless leadership through a global pandemic, our team thrived, gaining more new members and yielding higher retention than we had in many years. Jack also organized our co-hosting of the first-ever College Sailing Club Team National Championship.

Jack has been an outstanding leader for the Bates Sailing Team and NEISA. I know his legacy of leadership and contributions to college sailing will persist long after his graduation.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Fischman

Past Junior Captain, Bates University Sailing Team

Former New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Northern Region Representative

My first interaction with Jack Valentino was on the 2020 NEISA Executive Committee. He was put forth by one of his fellow Bates Sailing teammates to be the conference's Secretary. The Secretary role within NEISA is easily the most work-intensive job on the committee. However, Jack accepted the nomination, never missed a committee meeting and did a phenomenal job in the role.

During the summer of 2020, when the country was facing a reckoning in regards to race, I reached out to Jack to see if he was interested in creating a NEISA committee that focused on ways to make teams more diverse and inclusive. This would lead to the founding of the NEISA's The Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (TIDE) committee. Jack didn't just want to get involved, he also took the lead on the community outreach subcommittee. While chairing the subcommittee, he oversaw the development of a conference-wide gear exchange and a partnership between Sail Newport, local public schools and Rhode Island Colleges that focused on exposing middle school-aged kids to sailing. Through his leadership, the NEISA TIDE established significant community outreach initiatives that will last long after he is gone from college sailing.

This past winter, as NEISA Vice President, Jack took initiative in leading the development of a National Invitational Regatta for Regional level teams. Teams at this tier have historically been unable to compete at Spring National Championships. So, Jack engaged in conversation with coaches and other undergraduate leaders, thoroughly looked at each individual conference schedule to propose a regatta that would benefit all Regional level teams in the ICSA.

Jack is an incredibly driven and hard-working individual. He was the captain of the Bates College Sailing Team, former Secretary and Vice President of NEISA. He is widely respected across the New England collegiate sailing circuit. I don't know anyone more deserving of the 2022 James Rousmaniere award than Jack.

Respectfully Submitted,

Preston Anderson

Past NEISA President

2021 James Rousmaniere Award Recipient

CAMPBELL FAMILY AWARD FOR 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.

2022 Honoree: Angus Robertson

College attended: None

Date of Birth: October 6, 1954

Address: 6 Princeton Road, Milford, DE 19963

Angus Robertson has been a crucial member of the sailing community in the Philadelphia area for the better part of the last two decades. Speaking as someone who worked closely with Angus during my time at University of Pennsylvania, I can safely say that the numerous accomplishments of all three of the college sailing programs in the area (University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Drexel University) would not have been possible without his help.

In his capacity as the dockmaster at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, Angus always made sure that all of the club's equipment was safe and functional, but frequently went above and beyond those primary duties. When the University of Pennsylvania team first moved to Corinthian Yacht Club in the mid-2000s from their previous venue at Riverton, it was Angus who made sure that practices were safe and productive, and ultimately filled the role of University of Pennsylvania's practice coach during the roughly 10 years when the team could either not find or not afford one. It is this kind of stability and continuity that gives collegiate programs the chance to grow into something bigger and better over time. It's also worth noting that the Delaware River, particularly in the area around Philadelphia, is a challenging place both to navigate and to maintain sailing facilities.

Boasting significant tides and current as well as frequent shipping traffic from commercial vessels, the river nevertheless managed to always be a safe place for collegiate sailing to flourish thanks to Angus's watchful eye and frequent warnings about tidal and weather events. On occasion Angus has even saved loose Club 420s and FJs, which sometimes were not tied down properly by the undergrads, from floating away down the Delaware.

Each year in the early spring, merely getting docks and boats in the water at Corinthian was difficult or often impossible due to large ice floes. However, Angus's relationships with neighboring marinas helped us find a place to launch our boats, so we could get out and practice even when the forces of nature prevented our typical facilities at Corinthian from being used. His tireless dedication to helping students get on the water ensured that teams could practice as soon as the conditions allowed, but never at the expense of safety.

Angus also spearheaded various improvements to Corinthian's facilities over the course of his tenure, always advocating for changes that would make the club a friendlier place for collegiate sailors, and later for high school sailors as well. Many new custom dock floats were designed and constructed by Angus over the course of time, not only for University of Pennsylvania's benefit, but also for Villanova University's and Drexel University's boats. A particularly impressive amount of work was done over the course of 2014-2015 when Corinthian expanded its dock footprint to accommodate the growing number of college and high school teams using the club.

Over the past eight years or so, as University of Pennsylvania's team became able to afford more consistent full-time coaching, Angus rededicated some of his time towards helping to build both a learn-to-sail program and a formalized race program for the local high schools. Since the program's inception, hundreds of young people have had the opportunity to participate in high school sailing, both informally/recreationally and at the Inter-Scholastic Sailing Association level. Of these sailors, many have gone on to fill out the rosters of college teams across the country, and it was through Angus's efforts as the coach and dockmaster that this expansion of the sport of sailing in the area became possible.

I recently had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at Corinthian Yacht Club in honor of Angus's final season as the dockmaster. The local high school sailors took the opportunity to thank him for his efforts in building the

program which they have all enjoyed and benefited from, and I could tell from their smiles that their appreciation was truly sincere.

While the current participants and recent graduates of the local high school programs were able to come out and wish Angus well on the next chapter of his journey, the college sailors he taught and impacted over the past 20 years are scattered across the country and the globe, and many weren't even aware until recently of the fact that he will be leaving Philadelphia for Delaware in the coming months.

As I drove home from the ceremony, it came to my attention that Angus has never been formally acknowledged by college sailing for his years of work in building up the sport in Philadelphia, and it's for this reason that I wanted to nominate him for the Lifetime Service award. By publicly recognizing Angus for his years of service, I hope that all of the college sailors who had the pleasure of working with him over the years are able to smile and remember their days on the Delaware River.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Swikart
University of Pennsylvania 2015

With support from:

Pat Curran
University of Pennsylvania, 2008
Mike Russom
University of Pennsylvania, 2013
Patricia Andrade
University of Pennsylvania, 2015

Catie Hopkins
University of Pennsylvania, 2017
Edward Swikart III
University of Pennsylvania, 1980
Maxwell Gillette
Villanova University, 2020

In support of Angus Robertson's nomination for the Campbell Family Award for Lifetime Service:

Few individuals wear as many hats as Angus Robertson does on a daily basis, and even fewer can count supporting three collegiate sailing teams among them. To echo Jack's statement, the environment Angus has cultivated at Corinthian has allowed college sailing in the area to thrive. His support has been instrumental in University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, and Villanova University's abilities to host events and run practice smoothly and safely. He can always be counted on to help teams maximize their season, making sure the floating docks are kept in the water for the longest possible time. The coordination of three teams' schedules on top of regular club activities is no easy feat, yet Angus has always ensured that we are able to access the facilities without difficulty.

Drexel has experienced its share of equipment and budgeting challenges over the years, but Angus can always be counted on to generously loan the team backup equipment or assist in repairs. His attention to detail has certainly benefited all fleets present at Corinthian over the years, always keeping a watchful eye on the boats and making sure they are secured and stored well. His expertise and knowledge of the Delaware River has been an invaluable asset, particularly during events when outside teams unfamiliar with the conditions need extra assistance.

Angus's service in support of college sailing extends beyond his duties as dockmaster. He has encouraged countless youth sailors from Corinthian's high school and youth summer sailing programs to pursue collegiate sailing. He develops not only their skills on the water, but also offers advice and letters of recommendation, facilitates team contacts, and sets realistic expectations for students' college sailing experiences based on his tenure with the University of Pennsylvania team and proximity to the Drexel University and Villanova University teams. I was fortunate enough to be one of those high school sailors, and cannot overstate the positive impact Angus's mentorship had on my trajectory in sailing. Without Angus and other individuals like him across the country, the

Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association would not enjoy the robust student body it does today. Now more than ever, this kind of support and unseen work is essential to the goals of college sailing as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline DelVescovo
Drexel University, 2020

With the support of:
Paula Cabot Jaume
Drexel University, 2022
Abigail Proko
Drexel University, 2019
Nick Piasecki
Drexel University, 2019
James E. Giebel
Drexel University, 2020
Sarah Schon
Drexel University, 2024
Charlotte Shaw
Drexel University, 2026
Jeffrey Proko
Drexel University, 2018
Barrett Adams
Drexel University, 2017

Stephen Ciccariello
Drexel University, 2013
Chris Myers
Drexel University, 2014
Jakub Tyczynski
Drexel University, 2014
Elizabeth Jarvie
Drexel University, 2018
Margaret Grange Doniger
Drexel Institute of Technology, 1961
Sara Pramik Crawshaw
Drexel University, 2003
Kevin Santoro
Drexel University, 2007
Joan Ciccariello
Drexel University, 2014

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.

2022 Honoree: Allison Blair Jolly

College attended: University of South Florida

Graduation date: B.S. Chemistry 1977

Columbia University, M.S., Chemical Engineering 1979

Date of Birth: August 5, 1956

Mailing Address: 3418 Overlook Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703

It is with utmost respect that the following professionals in college sailing are putting forward a nomination for Allison Jolly to be this year's recipient of the Graham Hall Award for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional.

Allison Jolly has led a storied career as a sailor and coach. As a sailor, the climax of her career occurred in 1988 when she combined with Lynne Jewell to win Olympic Gold in the 1988 Summer Olympic Games. As a coach, Allison joined University of South Florida (USF) Athletics in 2004 and is in her 18th season as head coach of the sailing team.

One of the most successful women in U.S. national sailing history, Allison brings a wealth of experience and cabinets full of achievements to leading the Bulls' program, based at the USF St. Petersburg campus.

Allison has led the Bulls' sailing team to seven appearances at the ICSA Women's Singlehanded Nationals (2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017) and a streak of 16 straight appearances in the ICSA Women's Dinghy Nationals (2005 through 2021). The team's best finishes were seventh in 2011 and 10th in 2013.

Allison was an All-American sailor at Florida State University and won the Women's Collegiate National Championship in 1975 and 1976. She won two U.S. Women's Sailing Championships, posted a runner-up finishes in the 1976 European Women's Championships and the Timme Angsten Regatta and in 1977, at the age of 20, she became the youngest woman ever to win the Yachtswoman of the Year Award from the New York Yacht Club, "considered the top prize in yachting." She accomplished all this before graduating from college.

The highlight of her sailing career occurred when the International Olympic Committee announced the first-ever women's sailing event for the 1988 Olympics. Allison and her crew, Lynne Jewell, were the first women to win a Gold medal in sailing in the modern Olympic Games, which date to 1896. Allison became the first Gold-medal winning female skipper in history, as she and Jewell won in the waters off Pusan, South Korea the 1988 Olympic Games, and remain the only American women to win gold in the 470 Class.

To win the Gold, Allison made two daring calls in the seventh and final race. Sailing in 30-35 knot winds and rough seas, she first made the call to lower the jib and make a repair while navigating in treacherously huge waves. Next, with the wind howling at 35 knots, Allison called for the spinnaker set, the only boat in the fleet to take the risk. The gamble and her skill sailing in high seas paid off as the boat made up for the time lost during the repair and finished high enough to claim Gold.

Allison continued racing for the next 10 years, winning championships in 470s and Fireballs. In 2010, she was elected as President of the US 470 Class Association.

After attending Columbia University School of Engineering as a freshman, Allison returned to the Sunshine State and earned a degree in chemistry from Florida State University. She worked as a chemist in Atlanta and later as a computer programmer in California before returning to Florida once again to coach sailing.

Allison was inducted to the Florida Sports Hall of Fame in November 2016. In 2019, she became just the second Floridian and fifth woman inducted into the U.S. National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida, Allison began sailing at the age of 10 and currently resides in St. Petersburg with her family.

Respectfully submitted,

Franny Charles

The Cucchiaro Family Sailing Master at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Northeast Harbor Fleet Manager

Ken Legler

Tufts University Head Coach

Dana Magliola

Head Coach North Carolina State University

SAISA Conference Commissioner

Dave Herbster

Sailing Director Rollins College

SAISA Graduate Treasurer and Vice President

Michael Kelly

University of South Florida Athletics Vice President, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

Mike Kalin

Head Coach Massachusetts Institute of Technology

NEISA Conference Commissioner

Mike O'Connor

Head Coach, Harvard Sailing

This letter is to give my full recommendation for Allison Blair Jolly to the College Sailing Hall of Fame and the Graham Hall Service Award.

I remember my youth sailing days watching videos of the 470 class at the 1988 Olympic Games and being in awe of the skill of those sailors. To a 15-year-old kid with Olympic aspirations, Allison Jolly was larger than life. Meeting Allison many decades later would be a thrill for me, but this is a person who is so down to earth, humble and modest that you wouldn't have a clue about her sailing prowess.

These days, Allison gives her time and energy freely to her team at the University of South Florida and to various other sailing related organizations. She continues to teach, inspire and spread joy in the sport of sailing. Allison is almost always smiling, laughing with her team and making sure that this generation of sailors puts the sport into perspective for what it is.

It is always a pleasure to see Allison on the college regatta circuit and I hope she is the recipient of this year's Graham Hall service award.

Sincerely,

Mike Kalin
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Varsity Coach,
New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association Commissioner

Allison Jolly is an active and engaged leader in the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SAISA) Conference and across all of College Sailing. Allison leads through service and has been a key advocate for growing our Conference, providing guidance and resources for students and coaches across the Conference region starting sailing teams at their own colleges.

Allison's calm and thoughtful demeanor mixed with the patience of a teacher helps create an inclusive environment for learning and growth in our conference, in college sailing, and in our sport. Student-athletes both in and outside of her program at University of South Florida (USF) have benefitted greatly from her service, leadership, wisdom, experience, and instruction. She is a true positive culture contributor and serves as a passionate ambassador for sailing to communities across the spectrum of college, scholastic and youth sailing but also beyond including her active involvement with organizations like Warrior Sailing, bringing veterans into the sport of sailing. In college sailing, she's quick to roll up her sleeves and do the work. Whether volunteering on Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) or SAISA committees or simply working directly with a team in our conference to help them improve, Allison puts service of others and her community front and center.

Allison has reached the heights of success in our sport, making history as an American hero and Gold medal winner but she remains humble, kind, and approachable to student-athletes and fellow coaches, always willing to discuss an issue or idea thoughtfully. She is quick to celebrate the success of her competitors and humble when she or her team are atop the podium. Allison is considerate, fair, and embodies true sportsmanship in competition, and Corinthian camaraderie.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Magliola
Head Coach North Carolina State University
SAISA Conference Commissioner

On behalf of the University of South Florida, it is my honor to write to you today and humbly request that our astounding Women's Sailing Head Coach, Allison Jolly, be put forward for strong consideration by the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association for the Graham Hall Award. Allison has admirably served as USF's full-time women's varsity Head Coach since 2004.

Allison is a true representative of what this award represents. Her unwavering commitment to the sport, its continued growth within the national scene, and most specifically her steadfast allegiance to her student-athletes, truly serve the best interest of the collegiate sailing world.

Allison's career in collegiate sailing began in the mid-70's as a sailor at Florida State University where she was a National Champion in 1975 and 1976, respectively. She went on to be a two-time US National Champion, and most prestigiously, became one of the first two women to win a Gold Medal at the Olympic Games in South Korea in 1988. She joined USF in 2004 as the Varsity Head Sailing Coach and over that time period she has been instrumental in turning our Varsity Sailing program into one of the top performing teams in the country. In 2016 she was inducted into the prestigious Florida Sports Hall of Fame, which recognizes Florida's greatest sports figures. Allison has continued to demonstrate a profound love for the sport while grooming her student-athletes into extremely well-rounded individuals in the classroom, in the community, and on the water.

Outside of her athletic successes and coaching prowess, Allison is one of the most humble and well-respected individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with. Her long-accomplished resume alone would be enough to garner respect, but she earns the deep respect she has through her compassion for a commitment to others. She is always supporting not just her program, but all sport programs within "Team USF." She is truly dedicated to impacting everyone with whom she interacts in a positive way.

For all her amazing accomplishments in the sailing community and on behalf of myself, her past and present student-athletes, and the entire USF Athletics community, we sincerely hope that you will bestow the honor of the Graham Hall award to Allison. To say that she is deserving of this amazing recognition is a true understatement.

Warmest regards,

Michael Kelly
Vice President of Athletics
University of South Florida

Much has been written about the many accolades and accomplishments of Allison Jolly in sailing. Most impressive was her Gold Medal performance at the Olympic Games in Korea in 1988. Allison has also been an amazing coach for many years.

The Nickerson Trophy for Tufts is raced as a freshmen only inter-conference regatta but held at the end of the Fall season coinciding with two other championships. Despite the weather and conflicting regattas, Allison Jolly consistently brings her best freshmen team. She does the same for our Duplin Trophy women's team race, though not every year, despite the March New England weather. The University of South Florida doesn't attend if not for Allison, nor would they benefit from the great competition among the best New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association teams.

At one Nickerson Trophy regatta we sat through a postponement for lack of wind. Allison just happened to have material on a thumb drive with historical footage from her Olympic victory and showed it to the group of freshmen and our race management team, including myself. Her presentation was inspirational to all.

In 2018 Allison suffered from throat cancer and the resulting treatment plans. With firsthand knowledge of those treatments, I was amazed that she was able to persevere right through it all. In fact, you wouldn't know she had any medical issues at all; she keeps on coaching, educating, and inspiring.

For all that the Graham Hall Award stands for, I cannot think of a more deserving coach to win this award.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Legler
Tufts University Sailing Coach

It is with great enthusiasm that I wish to embrace the nomination of Allison Jolly for the Graham Hall Award for her Professional Service to College Sailing. Since 2004 Allison has been the Head Coach of University of South Florida (USF) Women's Sailing Team and brought the Bulls to 16 straight appearances at the National Championship. For many years prior to her being hired, Allison was a Coach in a volunteer capacity at USF.

Her sailors have always been inspired to learn with her thoughtful, kind and deliberate teaching skills. A calm demeanor seems to always surround Allison as she is always looking to describe each situation as a learning opportunity. Allison's sailors are more than her student-athletes. They have all become close friends for a lifetime and with a caring compassionate concern for each other as well as their competitors.

As a collegiate coach, Allison never hesitates to get involved in helping manage South Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (SAISA). She has actively volunteered to help out with various committees in the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA). Most recently she has been very involved with the ICSA committee to hire a first-time Executive Director. SAISA now has a team which wants to promote sailboat racing in other conferences quite frequently and her spirit has brought the Bulls to always be competitive on the Cross-Regional level.

On a personal level, Allison goes out of her way to lend a hand to others even before they ask her for help. Her very active involvement with the Wounded Warriors sailing program has been uplifting to hundreds of disabled veterans who have rediscovered their own self-determination through mastery of sailing skills.

In recent years Allison has devoted herself and her players to understanding the destructive ramifications of plastic to our environment. The Bulls simply don't use that stuff for their water bottles and food containers.

With amazing determination Allison has more recently beaten back throat cancer and has demonstrated to everyone who knows her how committed she is to showing off her relentless perseverance.

For all active professionals in college sailing you are always fortunate to be at a regatta which Allison attends with the Bulls. Listening to her advice on deciphering a challenge or suggesting a shift in problem analysis is the type of experience which makes everyone appreciate being in her presence. Oh, she also was the first woman in the world to win an Olympic Gold Medal in sailing.

Without reservation I endorse the nomination of Allison for this prestigious award and her inclusion in the College Sailing Hall of Fame, too.

Respectfully submitted,

Franny Charles
The Cucchiaro Family Sailing Master at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Northeast Harbor Fleet Manager

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.

2022 Honoree: Charles F. McEntee, III

College attended: Fordham University

Graduation date: 1972

Date of Birth: October 19, 1950

Address: 12 Deerfield Ave, Milford, CT 06460

Without Bud McEntee, Fordham University would not have a Sailing Team today!

To explain requires an historical perspective.

The Fordham University Sailing Team was founded as a Club Sport in 1950 by four experienced sailors from the Classes of 1952 and 1953. They and their immediate successors liked to sail but did minimal recruiting. In May 1955 the team consisted of five Juniors, no seniors, no sophomores and no freshmen. In response to a bulletin board notice seeking freshmen, three of my classmates and I met the Team Captain, who inquired about our experience. Jack Wiley had grown up racing in the Caribbean, Dick Scallon and Gerry Thornton had never set foot in a sailboat, and I had been in a sailboat and knew how to steer.

The Captain welcomed us to the team and said that we would represent Fordham at the Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Freshmen Championship that Saturday at Kings Point. "Practice?" we asked. "We have no boats but I'll meet you at Kings Point at 8:00 am Saturday," he replied.

The Captain was a no-show, but Fordham placed fifth among six schools and I was sold for life!

In September the then senior Team Captain turned the reins over to the four sophomores who took their responsibility seriously and started a major recruitment effort. The Athletic Director was the legendary Jack Coffey, who was so impressed with what the sophomores did by acquiring practice time at New York Maritime College, recruiting seriously, and marketing the team on campus via the school newspaper and via guest appearances and regatta results broadcast on Sam Arrow's Giants Jottings, the most listened to sports program on New York City radio at the time, that in the spring of 1956 he elevated the team to Varsity status!

Before the Class of 1958 graduated, the Team raised sufficient funds to purchase a fleet of Interclub dinghies and host Fordham's first ever home regatta. Plus, recruitment paid off big-time when Fordham won the MAISA Freshmen Championship in the Spring of 1958. The dedication and work ethic of the Class of 1958 had set a performance bar for future classes and the team prospered for twelve more years until an unfortunate management decision caused it to suffer a mortal blow.

At the end of each Spring season the names of those team members who had earned a Block F Varsity Letter were submitted to the Athletic Director. In the Spring of 1970, after submitting the list of names, the Sailing Team Captain was called to the office of the Director of Athletics. Reportedly, the conversation was as follows:

Athletic Director, while handing the list of names back to the Captain, "What is this?"

Captain, "Those are our teammates, whom you requested."

Athletic Director, "There are girls on this list. No girl has ever been awarded a Block F Letter at Fordham and it's not going to happen on my watch. Your options are: 1) Sailing may continue as a Varsity Sport without girls on the team, or 2) You may sail with girls but only as a Club team. If so, Varsity status must be forfeited. Check with your teammates and let me know."

God bless the males on the team, one of whom was a sophomore, Charles “Bud” McEntee, Class of 1972. He and his male teammates voted overwhelmingly to allow their female teammates to continue as participating members on the Sailing Team, albeit sacrificing the varsity letters while doing so. However, there was an unintended consequence of the decision by the male sailors, and that was the negative effect upon recruitment of both experienced high school sailors, who wanted to sail for a Varsity Team, and underclassmen, who were inexperienced sailors but signed up as a crew to learn to sail and obtain a varsity letter at the same time. As a sophomore, Bud was the leader who held the team together, which resulted in his being voted Team Captain in both his junior and senior years.

Bud’s leadership was recognized by his peers in MAISA, who at the Annual Meeting in January 1971 voted him to a one-year term as MAISA Undergraduate President.

Sadly, a year after Bud graduated in 1972, team members were unable to overcome the combination of the loss of varsity status and the recruitment drought which it caused, and the team folded in the Fall of 1973.

Fast forward 26 years to February 1999 when Sailing Team alumni organized a reunion on campus. It is when I, a member of the Class of 1958 met Bud McEntee and many younger Sailing Team alumni for the first time. Someone asked, “Why doesn’t Fordham have a Sailing Team today?”

For the first time alumni heard what had transpired a generation earlier. The incumbent Athletic Director was invited and he, too, heard the facts for the first time and responded positively to a request to bring a sailboat to the Club Fair in September 1999 to ascertain student interest in resurrecting the Fordham University Sailing Team. Bud McEntee, Dick Scallon and I volunteered to attend the Fair and recruit interested students. Over 100 students signed up. Among those, 29 had sailing experience and nine were willing to form a committee to accomplish the University’s requirements for new Club Teams and do so before the January 2000 MAISA Annual Meeting when potential new teams would be voted into membership.

The committee did so; presented the administration with all requirements including an Annual Budget and Five-Year Plan by year’s end. Sailing was granted Club status in early January and voted into MAISA Associate Membership at its January 2000 Annual Meeting. At that time Fordham was included in the 2000 Regatta Schedule commencing with five competitions in the Spring 2000 season.

Alumni congratulated the Team members on a job well done and Bud and I were absolutely thrilled. That lasted three months until the senior Team Captain called and apprised us that the team had forfeited their first two regattas because Fordham administration required a coach to accompany the team and they had no coach. We asked if the University requirements dictated the need for a coach and the answer was negative, but a senior administrative executive was insisting upon it. Bud and I discussed the situation. Both of us were well qualified to coach but we both owned our own companies. I had my own consulting firm and Bud owned a retail store. At 64, I was 14 years older than Bud and closer to retirement. My plan was to retire at age 70. I could volunteer but in the event of an emergency I would absolutely need a back-up.

Bud had a staff of employees and he volunteered to substitute for me in the event that I had a business commitment which I could not break. Bud’s reputation was impeccable and I trusted him totally. As a result, I volunteered to be the Coach and Bud agreed to be the Assistant Coach for the remainder of the Spring season, with the caveat that the team members were to conduct a major recruiting effort to obtain a coach prior to commencement of the Fall 2000 season. They did so but were unable to recruit a qualified person. In September Bud broke the log-jam by committing to back me up as Assistant Coach for as long as I could coach. That combination worked for 11 years until the team raised sufficient funds to retain the services of a full-time coach.

The bottom line is that had it not been for “Bud” McEntee’s willingness to back me up as Assistant Coach, it would have been irresponsible for me to take on the commitment as coach and I would not have volunteered to serve.

Were it not for Bud McEntee's flexibility and long-time commitment to the Fordham Sailing Team, Fordham Sailing would not exist today.

In 2010 Fordham Sailing was feted at the 60/10 Banquet at the New York Yacht Club to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Fordham University Sailing team and the 10th Anniversary of its rebirth. Gary Jobson and Fr. Joseph McShane, S.J., President of Fordham University, were our guest speakers and well received by the 200 guests present. The highlight of the evening, however, was the unveiling of the Fordham University Sailing Hall of Fame, which included the four founding members of team, two posthumously, plus two of the sailing alumni, one male and one female, who contributed to Fordham winning five of the first ten MAISA Club Team Championships held during the Rams' first decade back after a 27-year hiatus, and Bud McEntee, for his total commitment to Fordham Sailing, not only for four years as an undergraduate but during the 11 years since the team reunion in 1999.

Thus, with no reservation whatsoever, I enthusiastically nominate Charles F. "Bud" McEntee, III, for the ICSA Outstanding Service – Volunteer award.

Respectfully submitted,

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