

**SAIL CANADA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE NOMINATION INFORMATION 2016**

<i>Nominee Name</i>	Janet MacMillan
<i>City, Province</i>	Halifax, NS
<i>Member of Sail Canada Club or member name</i>	St. Margaret Sailing Club; RNSYS

I am pleased to re-offer and serve for a second term on the board of Sail Canada. I joined the Board in 2013, and have welcomed the opportunity to contribute, with objectivity and independent judgment, to improved governance, strategic communications, a more results-oriented focus on our programs' performance standards, and the delivery of Sail Canada's mission and strategic plan. At this time in Sail Canada's history, we are in a period of transition, and if I am chosen to serve again, I will bring continuity and I commit to contributing to the best of my ability, with purpose and objectivity.

PASSION FOR SAILING

- Grew up in a sailing family; took Junior Sailing and competed at the intra-club level; brother Paul Thomson progressed to compete at the world and Olympic level (member of Canadian Sailing Team for ten+ years); I worked on fundraising and sponsorship/pr for his two Olympic campaigns (Soeul 88 and Barcelona 92); husband Sandy is a two-time world champion and former Olympic competitor ('72: Soling) and coach ('88 and '92).
- Have raised three children in St., Margaret's Bay NS, two of whom went on to compete at provincial and national levels; both became instructors, then coaches. Sailed "away" with our younger family several years ago and lived and home-schooled on board while we made our way along US coast and cruising in the Bahamas for 8 months.
- Am past Commodore of St Margarets Sailing Club; having helped raise the funds and secure the property in St. Margarets Bay, now home to regular national and international dinghy sailing events.
- As a competitor, I have campaigned at the J24 nationals, the J24 Women's Worlds, and am a two-time winner of the East Coast Women's' keelboat championships (member of a team); have raced and cruised offshore for most of my adult life.
- Have served as guest speaker and volunteer advisor for several competitive sailing teams (campaigns) and events over years. Happy to supply examples of presentation decks; also served as East Coast (de facto) editor/contributor of Canadian Yachting News.

STRATEGIC SKILLS

- Governance – have chaired and/or served on several organizations' boards at an international, national and regional level– from universities to leading health organizations to local sailing clubs.
- Have provided a comprehensive outline of my professional and volunteer experience (attached).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Co-owner/manager of a leading Atlantic Canadian communication firm. Partner of a national communications firm. Accredited professional communicator and inducted as a fellow in CPRS.
- Specialize in such areas as marketing communications, not for profit, issues and crisis management. government relations and regulatory/public policy affairs.
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WHAT WILL YOU BRING TO SAIL CANADA BOARD

- Good governance experience and practices; depth in professional communications; strategic thinking and objective perspective.

REFERENCE

Having worked professionally with Janet, and as volunteers together on several Boards and committees, I can speak to her understanding of governance, her knowledge and passion for sailing, her expertise in strategic planning, and her ability to mediate issues.

Janet has the skills, expertise and enthusiasm that will make her a significant asset for the Board and for Sail Canada. Any organization is lucky to have her involved. I strongly endorse her nomination for the Sail Canada Board of Directors.

Barbara Pike

Vice President Finance Sport Nova Scotia and past President Sail Nova Scotia

Former CEO, The Maritimes Energy Association; currently senior public policy and public relations advisor