

SAIL CANADA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE NOMINATION INFORMATION

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Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Kingston Yacht Club & Queen's Sailing Team

PASSION FOR SAILING

I began sailing from a young age at the Island Yacht Club's Junior Sail program. I now have over 16 years' experience dinghy racing in the Optimist, Mirror, 420, Flying Junior, 29er, 49er, and i14 classes. As a former member of the Ontario Sailing Development Team (2009-12) and Canadian Youth National Sailing Team (2009-11) from my successes in the Optimist, 420 and 29er - I have an understanding of the life of a high level athlete and what is required to support and direct these athletes to achieve high performance results nationally, and internationally. That said, I also have vast experience as a recreational sailor, sailing instructor, and a collegiate sailing athlete.

I spent multiple summers working and instructing sailing at the Harbourfront Sailing Center in Toronto prior to beginning my post-secondary education at Queen's University. I joined the Queen's Sailing Team in my first year (2013) and have consistently been an active member of the team since then. Serving this season, and the previous as President of the team. During my time on the Queen's Sailing Team, I have won multiple Canadian Intercollegiate Sailing Association (CICSA) National Championships (2013-14, 16-17), and spent a term as a member of the CICSA Board of Directors, working in the Team Development portfolio.

I hope to bring my passion for the sport - for pleasure and for competition, my drive to lead others and experience working in the sailing community to Sail Canada as a member of the Board of Directors.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

- President, Queen's Graduate Computing Society (2017-Present)
- Chair, Computing Student Research Conference (2017-Present)
- Member, Queen's University School of Computing Graduate Committee (2017-Present)
- President, Queen's Sailing Team Executive Board (2017-Present)
- Member, Queen's University School of Computing Council (2014-Present)
- Officer (Team Development), Canadian Intercollegiate Sailing Association Board of Directors (2017)
- Member, Queen's University School of Computing Undergraduate Committee (2014-2017)
- Vice President, Queen's Computing Students' Association (2014-2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

I am currently a Master of Science student in the School of Computing at Queen's University. My research focuses are in Computer-Assisted Surgery and Guided

Interventions. I specialize in the use of augmented reality (AR) and holographic visualizations for neurosurgical training and surgical planning. Prior to entering the Master of Science program I completed my Bachelor's degree in Biomedical Computing at Queen's University, where I graduated with honours distinction, and received several awards for my academic and research excellence, athletic performance, and contributions to the School of Computing, Queen's Athletics and Recreation, and the broader Queen's University community.

I have served as President of the Queen's Sailing Team since early 2017, where I act as chairperson of the executive committee and as the team's spokesperson and representative to Queen's University and other external stakeholders. I manage all personnel and finances for the top Canadian collegiate sailing team; comprising of over 60 athletes and coaching staff. Among other changes and additions to the team, I have helped to create the 'Try Varsity Sailing' program to bring high school sailors to Queen's to experience life as a student athlete. I also served as the Team Development Officer for the Canadian Intercollegiate Sailing Association in 2017, where I worked to promote and develop collegiate sailing in Canada - successfully bringing two new member teams into the league, and overhauling much of the existing policy for the association to increase the competitive potential of the Canadian circuit.

STRATEGIC SKILLS

In previous board experience and leadership positions, I have been instrumental in the implementation and delivery of tasks and long-term planning. I have managed to secure and reinforce relationships between the Kingston Yacht Club and the Queen's Sailing Team through negotiation and conflict navigation. I have also been a continued student advocate in the School of Computing at Queen's University - serving for four years as one of only a select few students on various committees and councils to help direct the future programming of the department and ensuring it aligns with student interests.

WHAT WILL I BRING TO THE BOARD

I have spent a lifetime sailing, competing and see it as my duty and responsibility to give back to the sport and communities that have given so much to me. I believe I will bring: (i) A passion and love for the sport of sailing, (ii) varied board experience in academic, professional and sport governance capacities, and (iii) a proven commitment to the sport a desire to ensure the advancement and the success of our top as well as developing sailors as well as the broader sailing community.