



Windward Panther Fall 2018

Middlebury Sailing



Fall season recap

The team had a successful fall season, with good results and strong participation. We traveled to 7 regattas across New England and hosted 2 at our venue. Highlights include:

- Placing 3rd at the New England Fall Tournament
- Placing 9th at the Calagy Ross Trophy
- Placing 10th at the Chris Loder Trophy



End of Season Banquet

Congrats to all team members who won awards from this season!

- Most Valuable Skipper: Lexie Lessing
- Most Valuable Crew: Casey Astiz
- Most improved Sailor: Robert Zhu
- Seamanship Award: Liam Hahn
- Coaches Awards: Mollie Ockene and Nick Jaczko



Coach's Corner



- This fall began with optimism and enthusiasm. It started out with the delivery and installation of our new dock system. This upgrade was much needed after last spring displayed the inadequacies of the previous set-up. The following week the team was thrilled to hear that Alex Baskin and Erich Wu, both class of 2019, had been named to the ICSA All-Academic Team.
- This season saw consistently high winds, which justified the year-long moving process, and very well attended practices. We had over 30 sailors practicing regularly, and 21 different sailors competing in 9 regattas. There were highlight performances at both of our home events this year. Seniors Alex Baskin, Erich Wu, Casey Astiz and Lexie Lessing led the team to first place at the Stuart Walker Regatta in very tight competition with McGill under ideal sailing conditions. The following day saw heavy wind and waves for the 10 boats that competed in the family and friends regatta. Thanks to all the parents and alumni who came that weekend.
- Alex, Casey and Lexie again provided a standout performance at home at the New England Fall Tournament, along with Nick Jazcko '19, Lucie Rochat '22, Mollie Ockene '21, and Warren Galloway '21. They were able to secure a third place overall finish, enduring harsh winter conditions and mild hypothermia. The Fall Tournament was the culmination of a hardworking season both on and off the water, especially by the student leadership. Well done by all.



Stuart Walker Regatta

Our first regatta hosted at Panton was a great success! Congrats to Middlebury for winning the NEISA Regatta on Saturday. We had a great time with alumni and family and friends that came out to sail on Sunday.



Biannual Sunset Practice



Dr. Stuart Walker

“Unfortunately, shortly after the season ended, the team was sad to hear of the passing of Dr. Stuart Walker ‘43 on November 12, 2018. Dr. Walker founded the team in 1940 and continued to support it to the present. He was well known throughout the sailing community as a former Olympian, national champion, and sailing author. Dr. Walker will continue to be honored in our annual Stuart Walker Regatta each fall” (Coach Tom). We give our condolences to his wife and family.



Looking to become more involved?

- **Host the team!** Our sailors travel across the country to regattas, let us know if you are willing to host four of us for a weekend!
Fundraise! The team fundraises for the spring training trip, coaching expenses, new boats and equipment, and other needs. We would love for alumni to help coordinate our fundraising efforts.
<http://sites.middlebury.edu/sailing/support-us/>
- **Buy a Hat or Shirt!** MCSC finally has merchandise in the bookstore! All profits from the two shirts being sold in the bookstore go directly to the team and buying new boats!
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- **For more information or to donate please contact Ben Arquit, Commodore**
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