

MIDDLEBURY SAILING

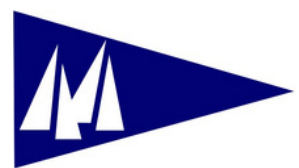
WINDWARD PANTHER
SPRING 2022



Semester in Review

As the ice across **Lake Champlain** melted, the team put away their ski gear and headed back to the **Hopper Family Pavilion** for some sunshine and sailing. The team raced in regattas across New England in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

As we welcomed **new Febs** to the team, we said goodbye to our graduating seniors **Lucie** Rochat, **Thea** Joseph, **Nico** Leshaw, and **Maya** Saterson. Congratulations and thank you all for your contributions to the team!



SPRING SEASON ON AND OFF THE WATER!

SKIING



TEAM SPIN



NEW FRIENDS!

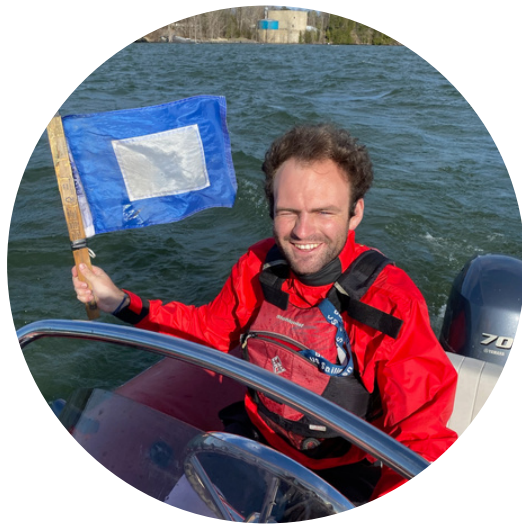


BOAT MOVING



**SPRING TIME AT
PANTTON!**





Commodore's Corner

Hello folks!

The Middlebury College Sailing Club had a great spring season! Some highlights from the season include competing in many **regattas** given our short spring season, welcoming some great **new members** to the team, and participating in a couple of high-level regattas. It was great to get in a lot of time on the water, both at our venue in Panton and on the regatta circuit throughout New England. We are incredibly **grateful** to all of our supporters and donors for enabling a successful season and allowing the club and team to thrive. Thank you so much for all of the support you provide, we would not be able to do what we do without you!

As you all know, we were not able to compete in regattas for several seasons due to COVID-19 and related restrictions. This was our first spring regatta season since 2019, and it went very well! We competed throughout New England over the course of the semester. The Midd squad starts spring practices a bit later than the rest of the league due to ice on Lake Champlain, but we were able to start racing along with the rest of the league on **March 12th at Tufts' Icebreaker Regatta.**

Midd took part in **eight regattas** over the course of the spring, which is pretty impressive in light of the short season. I thank the older and returning members of the team for stepping up so much to organize, plan, and lead regatta logistics and sailing. Thank you to the newer members of the team for diving right in and competing, even if you did not have much racing experience under your belt.



This was somewhat of a building season for us, but we got in a lot of good experience and growth. With some hard work and determination, we are confident that we will start to climb back up in the standings.

As I mentioned, we had a lot of **new sailors** join the team this semester. The Feb class that started this winter brought a lot of experience with, and passion for, sailing. Some of these sailors came in with a lot of racing experience and some came in with minimal experience, yet all have contributed a lot of enthusiasm for the team and the club. We are super excited to have so much talent and spirit joining MCSC! The club continues to grow quite substantially and consistently, which is great to see!





We were able to compete in several fairly important, high-level events this semester. **Nico Leshaw, Evelyn Lane, Will Tella, and Maya Henning** did a great job at the New England Dinghy Tournament, which was hosted by Maine Maritime Academy. We also had the opportunity to sail at the Regional Teams National Invitational, which was hosted by the University of New Hampshire at Salve Regina's venue in Rhode Island.

Evelyn Lane, Maya Saterson, Will Procter, and Nico Leshaw crushed it, securing 13th place out of a very competitive pool of schools from throughout the country.



Many thanks to everyone who made this season possible. Our donors provide the funding to keep our physical facilities, assets, and program up and running. Thank you for continuing to support the team! I am really appreciative of everyone on the team for bearing with me as we navigated this season without some of the supports we had grown accustomed to.

A huge thank you to the current and former **board members** who stepped up to take on a lot more responsibility this season to ensure we were able to practice and compete. Thank you to our **graduating seniors** (Lucie Rochat, Thea Joseph, Maya Saterson, and Nico Leshaw) for everything you have done for the team over the past four years and for creating such a strong, special community. Finally, thank you to **Ben Powers, Rich Connell**, and **Doug Connelly** for investing so much of your time to help us out this semester. You all (those mentioned and so many more) have done so much for MCSC over the years, and we are so grateful to each and every one of you for your **time, support, wisdom**, hosting, and more.



We have a lot to look forward to this coming fall. The team plans to return to racing practices four days a week, with recreational sailing being offered on Fridays. Midd is scheduled to attend many high-level events, several of which are women's regattas. We also plan to host the **Stuart Walker '43 Trophy on October 8, 2022** and an event for alumni and family. More details will follow about the alumni and family event. I will mention that we are currently in the process of looking for a new coach for the team.

Please feel free to reach out to me and the rest of the board (at **sailing@middlebury.edu**) if you or anyone you know may be interested in coaching the team in the future.

I continue to be impressed with the resilience and strength of MCSC and its supporters. Thank you all for making this team and community so meaningful and successful! I hope that everyone has a fantastic summer and gets in some time on the water!



All the best,
Patrick Stevenson
Commodore



The Student Leader

A Poem By Treasurer Will Procter '24

See the Grilling of the Student Leader,
I think he's angry at the stinking cedar.

He finds it hard to see the Ice,
Overshadowed by the Cold zeiss.

Who is that Sailing near the Dock?
I think she'd like to eat the salk.

She is but a Delayed Minister of Special Events,
Admired as she sits upon a bentz.

Her Leaky car is just Docks and Moorings Plus,
It needs no gas, it runs on barfuss.

She's not alone she brings Nico's attitude,
a pet panther, and lots of brood.

The windward panther likes to chase a boat,
Especially one that's in the choate.

The Student Leader shudders at the Charred Dinghy
He want to leave but she wants the wingy.

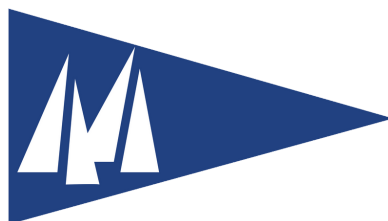


REGATTA SELFIES!



Senior Sendoff

Thank you for all your
contributions - we will miss
you all!

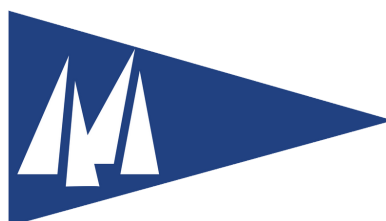




Dear MCSC,

Thank you! Sailing on this team has been such an important part of our lives and college experiences these past four years. We have enjoyed getting to know each and everyone of you through practices, regattas and other team bonding activities. We are excited to see you grow as a team and will miss the sunsets, car rides and competitive race days. Thank you for teaching us how to be better teachers, sailors and leaders. See you at the alumni regatta!

Xoxo,
Nico, Lucie, Thea and Maya





Thea Joseph

Thea brings her all to every practice and is always game to teach incoming sailors. Her positivity and excitement for sailing are apparent in every practice or regatta.

She's been an integral part of this team from the start, building up community by serving on the board as **Social Chair** and **Rec Sailing Coordinator**. Thea has impacted MCSC in so many ways and will truly be missed as a teammate and friend.

Congratulations Thea! We're so proud of you and can't wait to see where you go from here! Come back and visit!





Nico Leshaw

Nico brings his personality and expertise into everything he does. He's been an asset and leader to the team both on and off the water, and is always ready to share his knowledge with the rest of the team. He has been a fantastic skipper and crew.

We've been lucky to have Nico serving on the board as **Fleet Captain, Rec Sailing Coordinator, Treasurer**, and **Vice Commodore**. Thank you for all your hard work through the years!

Congratulations Nico, we're so proud of you! Best of luck, be sure to visit!





Lucie Rochat

Lucie brings her positivity and excitement to everything she does, and the sailing team is no exception. She's been an incredible teammate and leader, serving as a strong skipper in many regattas and teaching new sailors at practices.

Lucie has served the team as **Rec Sailing Coordinator**, **Social Chair**, **Special Events Coordinator**, and **Commodore**. She's made a huge impact and we're so lucky to have had her.

Congratulations Lucie! Thank you for everything you've done for MCSC, we're so proud of you! Be sure to visit us!



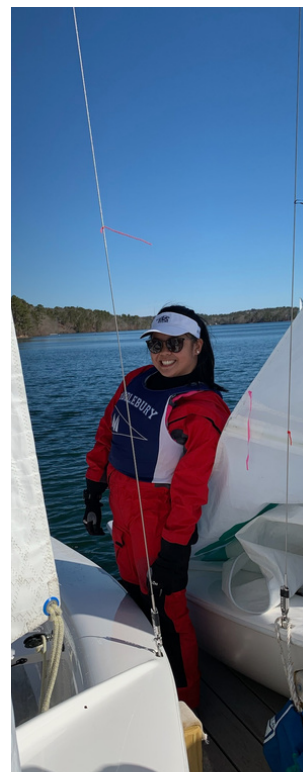


Maya Saterson

We've been so lucky to have Maya as our **team spirit** both on and off the water. In a short time, she became an excellent teacher for newbies and any skipper is lucky to have her as a crew.

Maya has been our wonderful **Social Chair** for the past two years. She's the queen of merch orders, event planning, and team recruitment.

Maya brings her all to every race, whether at a regatta or practice. She's always ready to head out for a weekend of sailing. Congratulations Maya! Thank you for all you've done for MCSC, you'll truly be missed on and off the water! We're so proud of how far you've come and can't wait to see what you do next! Come back and visit!





MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SAILING CLUB

FALL 2022 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10-11

TONI DEUTSCH WOMEN'S • MIT

MT. HOPE INVITE • ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

SEPTEMBER 17

REGIS TROPHY • BOSTON UNIVERSITY (AT HARVARD)

DONAGHY BOWL • UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 24-25

CALLAGY ROSS TROPHY • UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

SALT POND INVITE • UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

OCTOBER 1-2

MCGILL CUP • MCGILL

**FALL FAMILY/ALUMNI
WEEKEND!**

OCTOBER 8

STUART WALKER TROPHY • MIDDLEBURY

OCTOBER 16

PEAK FOLIAGE • UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

OCTOBER 22-23

LODER TROPHY 3 • UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FAIRFIELD CUP • FAIRFIELD

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Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made this season possible!

A huge thank you to **Commodore Patrick** for all his hard work organizing practices and making this season possible. We're proud that you're leading us.

Thank you **Doug and Rich** for their work with Club Sports teams, especially with MCSC during this time of transition. We appreciate your guidance and flexibility.

Thank you to **Coach Ben Powers** for stepping up and helping out with MCSC. Your coaching has lead us to becoming better sailors.

Thank you to all the members of the **team**, who bring enthusiasm, hard work, and dedication to the team. The team would not be the same without great people to enjoy the water, beautiful sunsets, and sailing with.

Thank you to all our **alumni, friends, and family** for your ongoing support. **Sean Willeford and Annie Hopper's** generosity make every season possible, along with too many people to name. We appreciate your help in making it possible to have an inclusive and welcoming team.

Thank you again to **everyone** who helps make this team possible.

- The Board

Support the Team!



To donate to the team, please visit the Middlebury College site (<https://engage.middlebury.edu/give>) and specify "Sailing Club" under the Designation "Other". Every contribution is appreciated, and we'll send you a **sticker** for your support (while supplies last).

For the most up-to-date information about contributing, please visit our webpage:

<https://sites.middlebury.edu/sailing/support-us/>

Want to rep the team? Reach out to sailing@middlebury.edu if you're interested in hearing about our Fall gear orders (flannels? bucket hats? shirts?).

Email sailing@middlebury.edu with any questions!

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

