

MIDDLEBURY SAILING WINDWARD PANTHER



FALL 2022

Semester in Review

After a summer of internships, jobs, and sailing, we headed back to the Hopper Family Pavilion! After we started the semester with boat moving, we attended our first regatta for some racing. Then we welcomed our first-years to the team!

Throughout the season, the team raced in regattas across New England in Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. As the lake started to freeze over, we said goodbye to our graduating seniors Patrick Stevenson and Michael Simons. Congratulations and thank you all for your contributions to the team!

Boat Moving!



Practice!



Regattas!



Commodore's Corner



Hello friends and supporters of MCSC!

We had a great fall semester this year! As you know, our fall season is slightly longer and has more favorable weather than our spring season, so we packed in a lot in the past few months. We got in some great practice time and a ton of gorgeous evenings at the **Hopper Family Sailing Pavilion** over the course of the semester.



Some Middlebury College Sailing Club highlights from the season include competing in many fun **regattas throughout New England**, hosting the **Stuart Walker Trophy** again after a hiatus due to COVID, and welcoming a lot of great **new sailors** to the team. I want to extend a huge **thank you** to you (all of our supporters and donors) for helping the club thrive and providing us with the support we needed to have an amazing season. Thank you for all of the support you provide, **we would not be where we are without you all!**



We kicked off our competition season before classes began, attending the Mt. Hope Bay Invite at **Roger Williams** in early September. Throughout the season, we also attended regattas at **Boston University, the University of Vermont, the University of Rhode Island, and the University of New Hampshire.**

Unfortunately, the wind was uncooperative for a few of the regattas. However, we had a great time at all of them and got a lot of our sailors competing! Additionally, we were able to **host the Stuart Walker Trophy at our home venue in Panton** once again this Fall! Due to COVID-related hosting restrictions, we were unable to host this event for the past few years.

Thus, it was fantastic to welcome some of our NEISA competitors back to Panton!

We are really grateful for the help of many family members, friends, alumni, and supporters for helping us out with the event both on and off the water! Unfortunately, the wind was not strong enough to get any races off, but it was a gorgeous day and we had a great barbecue once the racing was officially called off.



We were also very excited to welcome some fantastic **new first-years to the team**. There were a few folks with some extensive sailing experience, and some with less experience, but they are **all great teammates and very invested in the team**. I know that we can expect great things from them in the years to come!



Again, many thanks to everyone who made this season possible. All of you who donate your time, money, and resources to the team provide the funding and support to ensure smooth sailing for the club. Thank you for continuing to support the team!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we all had to take up some more responsibility the past two semesters without a coach. Thank you so so much to the **board members** who really took on a lot to keep the team running to the best of our abilities. I am very appreciative of everyone on the team for bearing with us as we managed these challenges.



As always, many thanks to the **Hopper Family** for providing us with such a beautiful facility and so much support. **Rich Connell** and **Doug Connelly** were also a great help with the maintenance of our facility and equipment as well as general support to the team. While everyone has done so much for this team, I want to extend an enormous thank you to my Vice Commodore (Evelyn Lane) and Treasurer (Will Procter) for being such a tremendous support for me and all of MCSC over the past year. This team would not be what it is without you! Again, thank you all for all of the support, wisdom, time, and energy you have provided to the team!



In great news, we just brought on a new coach last month! We are very excited to welcome **Matt Harrison as our new coach**. It has been a pleasure to work with him these past few weeks, and I know that he is going to be a great mentor and coach to the team!





Finally, I would like to say how special this team has been to me over the past 4.5 years. I have made some of my most treasured friendships at Middlebury thanks to MCSC. This club and all of the people I have had the chance to spend time with because of sailing have truly made my Middlebury experience such a joy. I will miss you all, and I cannot wait to see the great things to come for this team!

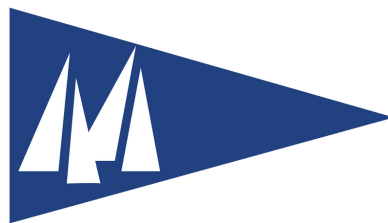
Patrick Stevenson
Commodore

First-Year (and Feb) Spotlight!



Senior Sendoff

Congratulations
Middlebury College
Class of 2022.5!



Thank you for your
contributions!



Patrick Stevenson

Patrick has been an incredible sailor, leader, and friend to all during his time at Middlebury and with MCSC. He has worn many hats, with this semester's roles including Commodore, skipper, crew, and coach.

During his time with Middlebury Sailing, Patrick has served as Recreational Sailing Coordinator, Minister of Special Events, and Social Chair. He took on a huge role last year, becoming MCSC Commodore during the team's transitional period. Despite the many changes, Patrick has kept the team steady. His presence and countless hours spent organizing the team are not to be overlooked, and he will definitely be missed.

We couldn't be more grateful and excited for our wonderful team leader - congratulations and good luck!



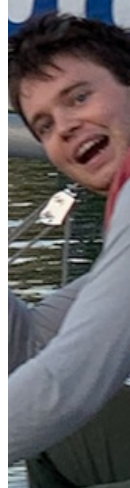
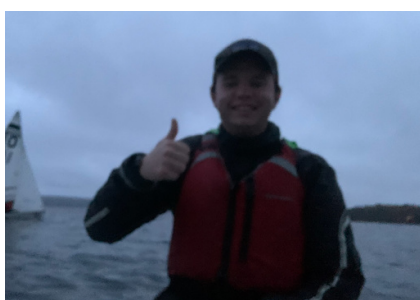


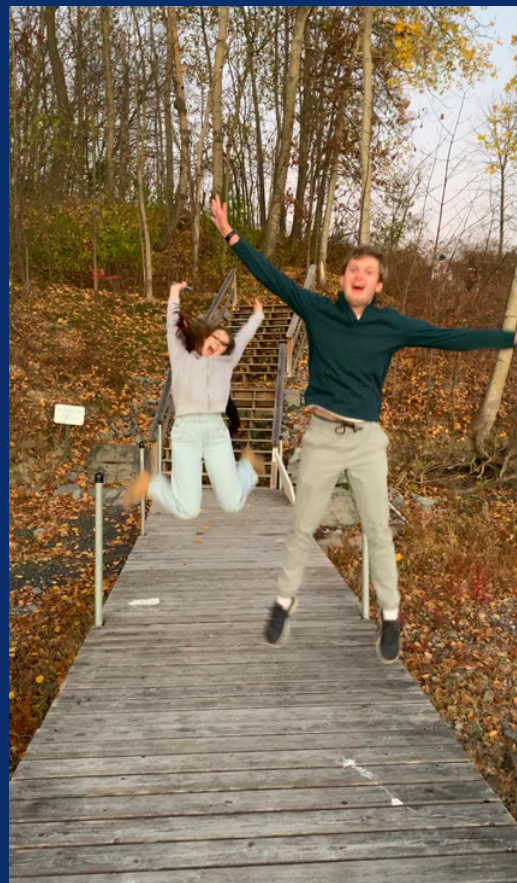
Michael Simons

Michael has been an incredible constant on this team for so long. We've been able to see first-hand the fun and joys he brings to everything he does. Thanks for making sailing one of those things!

We're lucky to have Michael sail in regattas as both a skipper and crew during his 4 years of Middlebury College Sailing, thanks for always being ready for whatever we throw your way! Michael is always down to learn or spread his knowledge about anything and everything! Michael is an awesome friend, both on and off the water, and will definitely be missed.

Congratulations on graduating, we can't wait to see what awesome things you do (and keep doing)!







MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SAILING CLUB SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE*

MARCH 11-12

ICEBREAKER FLEET RACE • TUFTS

MARCH 19

CENTRAL 1 FLEET RACE • MASS MARITIME ACADEMY

MARCH 26

CENTRAL 2 FLEET RACE • MASS MARITIME ACADEMY

APRIL 1

CENTRAL 3 FLEET RACE • MASS MARITIME ACADEMY

APRIL 9

ALYMERS FLEET RACE • HOST TBD

APRIL 8-9

NE DINGHY TOURNAMENT FLEET RACE • MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

APRIL 15

PRIDY FLEET RACE (FRESHMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS) • URI

APRIL 16

CENTRAL 4 FLEET RACE • TUFTS

APRIL 23

MENDUM'S POND INVITE FLEET RACE • UNH

APRIL 29/30 (ACTUAL DATE TBD)

LITTLE 3 FLEET RACE • MIDDLEBURY

* AS OF 12/31/22

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 the past 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 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.

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 Spring gear orders (flannels? bucket hats? shirts?).

Email sailing@middlebury.edu with any questions!

Thank you again for your ongoing support!



