



Departing Sailing Director's Report

When Patrick DiLalla decided in late March that his new family responsibilities as husband, father, and homeowner and increased demand on his mainland carpentry skills would make it impossible for him to return to BTB for the 2018 season, it was too late to find a qualified candidate to replace him. I climbed out of the mothballs to resume supervision of the program. It was both rewarding and fatiguing. I am pleased to report that Katie Wuori will take over as Sailing Director for 2019. Katie was one of the initial BTB instructors two decades ago and has continued teaching either full-time or part-time since then. She has a special gift for instruction and she has wide experience in handling boats of all sizes.

2018 was yet another successful season. It would not have been so without the outstanding support of the instructors, all of whom are now "home grown". Graduate student Taylor Peltier was untiring in role of dockmaster and lead instructor, and he also put in many hours in the weeks prior to the season preparing the boats and facility. EvaMarie Olson continued in her quiet and unassuming way to set an example for other instructors. Grace Hartley and Cyrus McDowell led the way in assigning the daily teaching duties. Annika Rogers was her usual thorough self. Emily Lau, Rylee Sienkiewicz, Lillie Durkee, and Saskia Grisaru communicated their enthusiasm for the sport to their students. Sophie Lau and Olivia Reeves, as first-time instructors, were great.

Opening day was cold and drizzling at the start, breezy from the north, and clearing late. For the first time ever, 420 sailors used the trapeze harnesses on the first day. Subsequently, it was, for the most part, a light air summer. Only one full and two half days were lost to weather. Yet it was not until mid August that we had one of those truly magnificent and exhilarating days with a strong northwest wind. The pattern of usage was different from past years. The early weeks were bursting at the seams with sailors, but participation started falling off noticeably two-thirds of the way through the summer. Island visitors seemed to be leaving earlier than in the past, but island and nearby mainland residents continued to sail. Membership was down slightly, but usage, both for lessons and for recreational sailing, was up. Over twenty percent of members were adults.

As noted elsewhere, BTB and ICS racers were successful in competitions, often facing sailors from elite yacht clubs or from high schools with much larger populations. This fall's ICS team represented more than thirty percent of the school's nine though twelve enrollment. The team repeatedly raced against schools from throughout New England and is well respected everywhere. After an understandable decree by ICS that its passenger van was no longer safe to use, a number of parents stepped up to help transport sailors to regattas along the coast.

You will see a separate update on equipment, but it is important to note that BTB gets the maximum use out of its fleet and facility. Mercuries are forty years old, and Lasers and 420s have had as much as a quarter-century of use. Significant financial support is needed to purchase necessary equipment. I hope that past donors will continue to be generous and that new ones will come forward.

Again, I enjoyed returning to the scene and am thankful for all the help that I have had. I am sure that Big Tree Boating will continue to provide wonderful experiences for the youth and adults who live on or visit Islesboro.

by Mike Horn



Ava Schlottman and Rylee Sienkiewicz



Rory Magnay with a Dudley Prize!



Ladies Auxiliary!



2019 will mark our 23rd Season! Come join the fun!

Sailor of the Summer

Does perseverance count? It surely does. **Debbie Techentin** has been a BTB member for two decades. Timid and unsure twenty years ago, this past summer she logged more sailing hours than anyone. She recruited other adult women to join the Auxiliary and to sail with her at other times. She flew the spinnaker, not once, but many times. Her skills and confidence grew greatly. She was an easy choice for "Sailor of the Summer".

Ladies Auxiliary - Twice as Nice

For years, BTB has offered a one week class designed for adult women and led by Katie Wuori. Because of its consistent popularity, Katie decided to teach two sessions, one in July and one in August. The class always seeks to address the desires of the participants. In July, the women circumnavigated Flat Island, sailed up the Seal Island thoroughfare, and learned the basics of spinnaker handling. The second session saw several women sail single-handed or race Mercuries and others continue to work with spinnakers. Participants included, Debbie Techentin, Susan Hewlett, Catherine Paul, Kay Wood, Diana Roberts, Liz Grisaru, Deb Greenberg, and, by special permission on one day, Rich Grisaru.



Dudley Prizes

From time to time over the season, framed prize certificates donated by Dudley Ladd are awarded to individuals who have distinguished themselves in some fashion. There may be some element of humor involved or serious accomplishments may be recognized. In 2018, Dudley Prizes were awarded to:

Susan Hewlett for "Personal improvement as a sailor"

Skye Lindelof for "Rapid and confident progression through early classes"

Harper Conover for "Crowning himself 'King Bailer'"

Ava Gardner for "Demonstrating Laser mastery in the fog"

Olivia Reeves for "Demonstrating that 'clumsy' is the new 'graceful'"

Ginger Anderson-Willis for "Discovering the joy of making a Laser FLY"

Rory Magnay for "Setting a record as lightest sailor able to right a capsized Laser"

Ken Smith for "Enthusiastic volunteer assistance extraordinaire"



Work Day, Launching, Hauling, and Towing Volunteers

Lindsey and John Higginson, Debbie Techentin, Emily, Sophie and Matt Lau, Pia and Finn Gibson, Ava Schlottman, Sam and Melissa Jagger, Lake and Jett Lindelof, Rachel and Ken Smith, Rick Rogers, George Evans, Annika Rogers, Andrew Coombs, Nick Day, Taylor Peltier, Rylee Sienkiewicz, Molly and Nelle McNamara, Bill Boardman, Stan and Gabe Pendleton, Ben Smith, Syllis Littlefield, Isaac Pendleton, Dylan and Cleveland Jackson, EvaMarie Olson, and Nicole Pendelton.

They were quick and efficient and they made the season possible.



Help us keep BTB afloat!

Equipment Update and A Plea

Two of our safety boats, "Heavens to Betsy" and "Captain Hook" unexpectedly required new motors for the 2018 season, which were purchased and installed thanks to the generosity of the Seth Sprague Foundation, a Christ Church Centennial Fund grant, and several private donations. Additional needs must be met prior to the summer of 2019. BTB's main float which holds the equipment shed and functions as the teaching platform has to be replaced. The sails for both the Mercuries and the 420s are ancient and new ones must be purchased. Fortunately, most of the Laser sails are recent and will serve for a number of years.

The new float and sails will cost in excess of \$35,000, and support from a variety of sources will be needed. Donors can sponsor the purchase of a suit of Mercury sails (main and jib) for \$1300 or a suit of 420 sails (main and jib) for \$1000, but donations in any amount would be greatly appreciated. BTB is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.



Islesboro Central School Sailing Team

The Sailing Team continues to be the most successful of the ICS sports teams. In the spring of 2018, the sailors won the Pen Bay Sailing League Championship. At the Downeast Regatta and Maine State Championship at Maine Maritime, three Massachusetts teams claimed the first three spots amongst nineteen teams and ICS, ninth overall, was fifth of the Maine teams. Emily Lau was presented with the Butch Minson Award, chosen from more than one hundred competitors by the Race Committee for best reflecting the "Corinthian Spirit".

Close competition in the fall with chief rival Boothbay Regional High School was expected, for Boothbay's top skipper/crew pair had placed second in a US Sailing National Championship over the summer. In one event at Bowdoin College and another in Portland, both qualifiers for an Atlantic Coast Championship and featuring teams from throughout New England, Boothbay (2nd) beat ICS (3rd) in the first and ICS (9th) tipped the scales on Boothbay (10th) in the second.

In the Pen Bay Fall Series, Boothbay won the first two regattas by narrow margins over ICS. ICS withdrew from the third and final regatta, sailed in 15-20 knot winds and brutally cold conditions, after both boats capsized in the first race. Boothbay placed second in the shortened event and claimed the Fall Championship.

The fall team was the largest yet, with eleven sailors and they proved themselves the deepest squad in Maine with four first rate skipper/crew combinations. The "Seal Harbor Eleven" included Olivia Britton, Finn Gibson, Pia Gibson, Julian Kelly, Emily Lau, Sophie Lau, Jett Lindelof, Lake Lindelof, Eli Moore, Ava Schlottman, and Rylee Sienkiewicz. Ava, Rylee, and Emily all were members of the initial team five falls ago. Special thanks to Sanna McKim and Gale Kelly for helping drive sailors to Castine and Boothbay.



Summer Regattas

BTB raced in fewer regattas this summer than last. A team designated to sail in the US Sailing Junior Olympics at Boothbay withdrew prior to the event because of inadequate preparation. Rockland's Apprentice Shop cancelled its Blue Jacket Regatta, which BTB had won the three previous years.

In late July, BTB entered five boats in the Castine Regatta. Eight races in light air at the beginning, turning into a nice southwesterly at the end. Sixteen boats total, with entries from Castine YC, Tarratine Club, Bucks Harbor YC, and Stockton Spring Boat Club. Rylee Sienkiewicz and Lillie Durkee won, Emily Lau and Lake Lindelof were 3rd, Olivia Reeves and Caroline Siekman 4th, Nicole Pendleton and Jett Lindelof 5th, and Hendrix Lovett and Fiona Rooney 10th. A week later, two boats sailed the Camden Classics Youth Regatta. Emily and Sophie Lau sailed one, and Rylee and Lillie the other. Only three light air races, delayed by fog. Coached by Patrick DiLalla, they were 5th and 6th out of fifteen.

The final contest was against the Tarratine Club in 420s and Lasers in Seal Harbor in August – but it was no contest. After five races, Emily/Sophie won in 420s, while Annika Rogers won in Lasers. Ava Schlottman and Saskia Grisar were 2nd in 420s while Caroline Siekmann, in her skippering debut, with Lucy Hartley placed 3rd. Pia Gibson showed glimpses of brilliance and finished 2nd in Lasers.

Thanks to Jeff and Tracey Lindelof and Soctt and Beth Reeves for transporting sailors to the Castine Regatta.



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Katie Wuori - New Sailing Director

I am excited to take up the role of Sailing Director for Big Tree Boating. Many of you already know me for I have been a part of BTB since its beginning. I have taken summers off to pursue other opportunities, but I find I am always drawn back to this upbeat, supportive environment that has made BTB an important element of the Islesboro community. My sailing experience started with my dad, skimming the waters around Islesboro, becoming one of the first instructors at BTB, and racing on Dark Harbor 20s. I was crew on the schooner "Harvey Gamage", sailing from Bermuda to Nova Scotia, and educational officer for the middle school program they used to run. When my teaching career took me to the Philippines, I was recruited to race Hobie Cats. My sailing partner and I trained in Fiji and represented the Philippines in the World Cup in Weihai, China. I am now a middle school teacher in Eustis, Maine, where I own a house with my husband and dog. I continue to sail on Flagstaff Lake and pursue the passion to get kids out on the water through the Carrabassett Recreational Program, using kayaks and paddle boards and teaching safety and weather on the water. I look forward to leading BTB in its on-going success.

**Last summer, there was discussion about an evening class/racing for adults. Please let me know if you are interested. If enough people respond, BTB will seek to satisfy the demand.*

Best Quote

Luke Durkee: "I got water in my mouth." Taylor Peltier: "Was it salty?" Luke: "Yeah. What would it be? Peppery?"

Kudos

BTB/ICS sailors have a tradition of academic excellence. This year's two seniors, Emily Lau and Finn Gibson, were admitted early to MIT and Yale respectively. Another senior who sailed for one season with the ICS Team, Sanni Cohn will attend St. Andrews in Scotland. In the past, ICS team sailors have gone on to Dartmouth, Smith, and Middlebury.

A huge thank you to Mike Horn for coming back as Sailing Director for the summer of 2018!



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Big Tree Boating Membership and Program Registration 2019

(Please use one form for each registrant. Please print or type.)

SAILOR INFORMATION (Minimum age – ten years):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Sailing Experience: _____

Island Address: _____

Winter Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

COURSE SELECTION - INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM:

Check the class(es) for which the participant wishes to register. If unsure of appropriate class, please consult Sailing Director Katie Wuori. Advancement from one class to the next depends upon the recommendation of the instructor(s). Classes may be repeated as desired or necessary.

() CREW – AM: Introduction to Basic Boating Skills Monday through Friday – 10:30-12:30

For novices or those who need to brush up on the essentials. Learn parts of the boat, the mechanics of rigging, how to trim sails and steer the boat, docking techniques, rules of the road, and safety on the water. At week's end, students should feel comfortable in a boat and be able to assist a qualified skipper in properly handling a boat.

() SKIPPER I: Intermediate Sailing Monday through Friday – 10:30-12:30

For those who have passed the Crew test or who can demonstrate that experience and knowledge qualify them to participate. Students will improve skills learned in Crew class. Effective sail trim, sailing a variety of set courses, maneuvering in close quarters, and properly leaving and returning to a mooring or dock will be emphasized.

() SKIPPER II: Beyond Intermediate Sailing Monday through Friday – 1:30-3:30

Learn to sail a boat in a broad range of conditions. At course conclusion, students should be able to handle a Mercury without an instructor on board and will be certified to sign a boat out for recreational sailing. When appropriate, students may learn to fly a Mercury spinnaker. Depending on individual progress, some students will earn a "Solo" rating, permitting them to sail a Mercury singlehanded. As appropriate, the elements of informal Mercury racing may be introduced.

() START YOUR DINGHIES Monday through Friday – 10:30-12:30

An introduction to sailing Lasers and 420s, light and fast dinghies capable of planing and requiring different rigging and boathandling techniques. Lasers normally are sailed by one person, and 420s are sailed by two people. Both types of boats capsize frequently, but are self-rescuing. Aspiring dinghy sailors should be prepared to get wet often and may wish to purchase wetsuits. Ordinarily limited to those at least 12 years old who have passed Skipper II.

() DINGHY SAILING II Monday through Friday – 1:30-3:30

Those who have completed "Start Your Dinghies" upon recommendation of the instructor will work on developing more advanced skills in Lasers and 420s: roll tacks and jibes, planing techniques, how to use both spinnaker and trapeze. Ordinarily, students will have to take this class for at least two weeks before being qualified to sail the dinghies during recreational hours. Racing will be held on Thursday afternoons in weeks two through eight.

() REFRESHER

By arrangement Took a

course a year or more ago and can't quite remember how to pick up a mooring or reef the sail? Sign up for a brief refresher to bring those skills back into focus. Late afternoon or weekend hours may be available. Call 207-691-0197 to schedule time(s).

() LADIES' AUXILIARY

Monday through Thursday – 1:30-3:30 (Weeks 4 and 7 only)

Although intended for mature women who have already passed Skipper II, BTB alumnae may bring new recruits to this class. Mercuries normally are used, but the more adventurous may opt for Lasers or 420s. A chance to make great progress.

Please check the week(s) for which the above sailor wishes to register.

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| <u>() Week 1 (6/24-6/28)</u> | <u>() Week 4 (7/15-7/19)</u> | <u>() Week 7 (8/5-8/9)</u> |
| <u>() Week 2 (7/1-7/5)</u> | <u>() Week 5 (7/22-7/26)</u> | <u>() Week 8 (8/12-8/16)</u> |
| <u>() Week 3 (7/8-7/12)</u> | <u>() Week 6 (7/29-8/2)</u> | <u>() Week 9 (8/19-8/23)*</u> |

**During Week 9, instruction available by appointment only*

Boats are available for recreational sailing weekdays from 10:00-4:00 (Fridays until 5:30) and Saturdays from 1:00-5:30. Closed on Sundays

FEES, FORMS, and PAYMENT:

Registrations will be processed and participants enrolled ONLY if appropriate membership dues accompany this form. A Health and Medical Information form and a Waiver of Liability form will be mailed to new members who register and must be completed, signed, and returned before the first class or use of the boats. Anyone who was a member in 2018 and whose medical coverage and history has not changed will not need a new Health and Medical form. Registration is CONFIRMED unless you receive notification otherwise. Dues cover only a small portion of instruction and operating costs. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to ensure that BTB can continue serving the community. Youth scholarships available; contact Katie Wuori to apply.

| <u>Membership Dues (includes two weeks of instruction)</u> | <u>Additional weeks of instruction</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--|--------------|
| ___ Individual Junior Member(s) @ \$140 | _____ @ \$70/week | _____ |
| ___ Individual ICS Student Member(s) @ \$80 | _____ @ \$40/week | _____ |
| ___ Individual Adult Member(s) @ \$175 | _____ @ \$85/week | _____ |
| | Sub-Total | _____ |
| Household Discount: If sub-total exceeds \$500, deduct 15% | Less | _____ |
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| Tax deductible donation to support BTB programs | | _____ |
| | Total remitted | _____ |

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Questions? 207-691-0197 after 23 June .

