

FROM THE TOP OF THE MAST

New Coach

To start off the new school year, we would like to welcome our new coach, Craig Priniski. As an alum of Drexel and a former coach for Villanova, we have high hopes for the coming years, and look forward to seeing what he can bring to the team!

Fall 2016 Regatta Schedule

Sept 18	Sept 24-25	Oct 1-2
Alumni Regatta (Corinthian)	Central Fall Qualifiers (Corinthian)	Philly Fleet Race (Corinthian)

Oct 1-2	Oct 8-9	Oct 8-9
KP Dinghy Open (Kings Point)	IOR (Larchmont)	McCurdy Open (Delaware)

Oct 15-16	Oct 15-16	Oct 22-23
Luce (NY Maritime)	Central Fall Open (Monmouth)	Club Champs (Toms River)

Regatta Reports

Alumni Regatta

Thanks to all sailors and alumni who came out this year for the annual alumni regatta! The day was predominated by humidity and low wind- accentuated by the strong current as usual. We got out on the water by noon and continued sailing until the wind fully died and everyone was ready for lunch. Congrats to alumni



Chris Meyers and crew Liz Jarvie for winning the regatta! Next year we hope to see even more heavy competition between sailors (and maybe heavier air).

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Central Fall Qualifiers

This years' Qualifiers was hosted by Villanova and University of Pennsylvania on our home river at Corinthian Yacht club. It was full of a lot of stiff competition but our sailors rose to the challenge. Skipper Nick Piasecki and new sailor Madeline DelVescovo sailed in A fleet, while Skipper Haley Clemson and Liz Jarvie sailed in B fleet. The winds were light for most of the weekend, with the regatta ending early on Saturday because of lack of wind. Even with the light wind, our sailors kept the new Z420s moving fast through the strong current.



Our team ended by qualifying for Luce, our initial goal, so everyone was feeling good about the upcoming season. Off of the water the team spent a lot of time reconnecting with team members and sailors from other schools. Qualifiers was a successful regatta with the team reaching their goals and reconvening for the new season.



Philly Fleet Race

The annual Philly Fleet Race Regatta was held at our home of Corinthian Yacht Club. The racing format for this regatta was different than usual with fleets A & B being combined and everyone racing at once. This gave what would otherwise be a relatively small regatta of 9 schools a larger regatta feel with 18 boats on the line for each race. It also let us get in significantly more races because there was much less time spent waiting on

land. Weather on Saturday was great for sailing with winds around 10 knts and we got in 14 races.

Sailing for Drexel was Haley Clemson (skipper) and Molly Henebury (crew) in A fleet and Jake Ellis (skipper) and Barrett Adams (crew) in B fleet. Drexel finished 3rd out of the 9 teams in the regatta, with our B fleet boat taking 2nd of the 18 individual boats. Jeff Proko helped run the regatta using our coach boat to set marks and record the occasional upwind finish. Forecasts for Sunday showed extremely light winds, so the regatta concluded on Saturday as a one day event.

Kings Point Dinghy Open

The KP Dinghy Open this year featured a wide array of conditions and a large number of races against many varsity teams that filled multiple boats. "A" fleet started out in KP's new Z420's while "B" fleet started the regatta in the older fleet of FJ's in order to avoid lengthy rotations at the dock and get as many races in as possible. Off the dinghy docks and rounding up and out of the protection of the small harbor, fresh conditions greeted both fleets as they made their way to the racecourse with gratuitous planing and some white-knuckle jibing enjoyed by all

(although by the Z420's especially). As the first races began in ~20 knots NE with dinghy sized waves rolling down the Long Island Sound, the conditions proved to be a challenging, but not wholly unwelcome, change from the flat water, heavy current and light wind commonly experienced back on the Delaware River. A couple flips, some swimming skippers missing the hiking straps and some crowded windward roundings made for an interesting day for some of the teams, although with the skill level in the regatta there were never any serious safety issues.



After the first four races, the wind began to settle into the low to mid-teens and began to shift more southeast, quelling the heavy chop. Settling into more familiar conditions Nick Piasecki (Skipper) and Elizabeth Jarvie (Crew) consistently beat boats A fleet throughout the regatta. Madeline DeVescovo in her second regatta as a freshman and Cooper Voigt switched off for a couple sets and then settled on a Mad as skipper and Cooper as crew. After settling into this arrangement, they were able to beat some of the varsity teams in individual races as well. Given the competitive nature of this regatta and it being Mad's first college regatta as a skipper, she showed that she should be a great asset for the team in the future. After 3 sets, both fleets come into the docks for lunch. By the end of the day, both fleets had completed 12 races.

Sunday began in a juxtaposition of the prior morning – light winds and flat water conditions prevailed for the entire day. It was apparent that the conditions dropped considerably, as boats had to be towed out to the race course due to lack of wind. The wind gradually died throughout the day and by ~2:00pm, the fleets returned to the dock for the final time, having completed a total of 15 races per fleet. All in all, this was a huge learning experience for the team- especially navigating tricky conditions in huge competitive fleets.



Member Spotlight

Name: Haley Clemson
Major: General Humanities and Social Sciences Undecided
Year: Sophomore
Home Town: Winchester, MA

Favorite sailing memory:
 Skippering and winning races at University of Delaware during my first regatta as a freshman.

Involvement for the team:
 I joined the team the beginning of my freshman year and quickly rose the ranks to travel to most regattas, along with serving as secretary for the last year!

(Haley pictured left)

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