
SAILING

Varsity / Sub-Varsity Award Recipients Coaches Yearly Results

Sailing became a varsity sport in 1956 due to the generosity of Carl F. Brugge, class of 1918, who donated a small fleet of racing dinghys to the University. Edward Ross, class of 1940, provided storage space at his cottage on Cold Stream Pond. Don Taverner, executive secretary of the UM Alumni Association, was involved in the transactions and, as a member of the Athletic Board, convinced the University administration to add sailing to its menu of varsity sports.

Prof. Harold Borns, noted member of the faculty and advisor to the club sailing team, volunteered to serve as the first coach. In 1959, Samuel Cutler of Old Town gave the University a parcel of land on Pushaw Lake and a small storage building and dock was constructed. Practices were held at Pushaw from that point on. Some meets were held during the spring months, but most took place during the fall months when better weather conditions prevailed.

There were few home meets. Most competitions took place in the Boston area or along the coast, depending on the location of the host team. Fortunately for the Athletic Department, several faculty members (primarily Harold Borns, Karl Webster, and Dick Gibson) volunteered as coaches. Gib Philbrick, well known as the men's basketball coach and an experienced sailor, provided coaching skills for several seasons. A combination of deteriorating equipment and facilities and the absence of budgetary support to fix the problems, plus difficulties in finding qualified coaches resulted in a University determination to discontinue the program in 1982.

Sailing began as a "men's only" sport, but coeds soon began to answer the call and a number of outstanding women sailors represented Maine during many seasons.



MAINE'S SAILORS IN 1972

Weather conditions were seldom ideal for the daily practice sessions on Pushaw Lake in the late fall and early spring as one can see from this team photo taken in 1972. Bundled up against the wind and cold were Coach Gib Philbrick (far right) and team members Dick Files, Jon Day, Kirk Goodhue, and Robin Liller.

COMPOSITE LISTING – LETTER AWARD RECIPIENTS

VARSITY SAILING

Initial Season of Awards: 1956-57

Final Season of Awards: 1981-82

JUNIOR VARSITY SAILING

Awards made only in the following

seasons: 1964-65, 65-66, 80-81, 81-82

Abbreviations: SV, sub-varsity; V, varsity; d., deceased and date. Season or seasons listed following each name, unless preceded by an asterisk, indicates individual earned a varsity letter in each season. An asterisk indicates the individual received a junior varsity letter award.

Adams, David L. '57, 1956-57
Allen, David L. '69, 1967-68
Allen, Nelson S. '61, 1960-61
Antrim, Joshua A. '82, 1980-81, 81-82
Armitage, Charles E. '67, 1965-66, 66-67
Bell, David K. '80, 1977-78, 78-79
Bennett, Paul A. '85, *1981-82
Benson, Cathy I. '78, 1974-75
Bernard, Michael E. '77, 1973-74
Boissonneault, Diane M. '86, *1980-81

Brann, Everett H. '63, 1962-63
Braun, Robert '77, 1973-74
Brown, Thomas E. '82, 1980-81
Butler, John W. '71, 1969-70
Butterworth, Steven '77, 1973-74, 74-75, 75-76, 76-77
Buxton, Harrison H. III '81, 1978-79, 79-80, 80-81
Calabrese, Kevin E. '82, 1981-82
Caldwell, John C. Jr. '67, 1966-67
Chapman, David V. '77, 1973-74
Coale, John H. '78, 1973-74

Cockroft, Christopher D. '85, *1980-81, 81-82
Colby, Kevin '81, 1977-78, 78-79
Colby, Mark '79, 1973-74
Conlin, James P. '65, 1964-65
Conner, Sarah A. '85, 1981-82
Copelas, Peter Jr. '58, 1957-58
Coyne, Terry J. '84, *1980-81
Crotty, Donald E. '82, 1979-80, 80-81
Crozier, Beatrice B. '82, 1979-80
Danielson, David P. '72, 1969-70, 71-72

Day, John T. '59, 1958-59
Day, Jonathan K. '75, 1972-73
Deslauriers, Philip H. '68, *1964-65
Dixon, Richard D. '69, *1965-66
Doane, Frederick W. '79, 1977-78, 78-79
Doliner, James B. '84, 1980-81
Duym, John R. '70, *1965-66, 66-67
Elderkin, William J. '83, 1979-80
Emery, George L. '76, 1973-74
Favor, John P. '74, 1971-72

Files, Richard W. '75, 1971-72, 72-73, 73-74, 74-75
Fletcher, Judith A. '76, 1974-75
Flinchbaugh, Richard W. '67, 1964-65, 65-66, 66-67
Freeman, Earl R. Jr. '64, 1962-63

Garcia, Edward A. '85, 1980-81
Gates, Daniel R. '86, *1981-82
Gaynor, Kenneth C. '82, 1979-80, 80-81
Gibson, Richard C. Jr. '72, 1969-70
Gillen, Pamela S. '78, 1974-75
Goodhue, Raymond K. Jr. '73, 1971-72, 72-73
Hallett, Constance '81, 1980-81
Hanscom, Douglas R. '67, 1963-64
Hoagland, Matthew R. '79, 1977-78
Horsman, Philip L. '77, 1973-74

Horton, John A. '82, 1979-80
Joyce, Christopher C. '79, 1978-79
Kava, Sharon E. '79 (d., 9/3/95) 1977-78, 78-79
Kinney, Mark B. '66, 1963-64
Knowles, Jonathan D. '76, 1974-75
Komar, Charles E. '80, 1977-78, 78-79, 79-80
Lee, John C. '57 (d., 8/24/84) 1956-57
Leonard, Mary Jo '81, 1977-78
Libby, Robert D. '77, 1976-77
Liller, Robin P. '75, 1972-73

Long, Benjamin H. '72, 1969-70
MacNaughton, Daniel B. '78, 1974-75
Madeira, Matthew L. '78, 1977-78
Martin, Douglas R. '65, 1963-64
McCrane, Constance J. '81, 1977-78
McGarr, Scott E. '70, 1967-68
Milan, Mark D. '82, 1979-80
Morgan, Jeff C. '84, 1980-81
Morse, Michael M. '71, 1968-69, 69-70
Mumme, John W. '69, 1965-66

Nichols, Howard L. '84, *1981-82
Nickerson, Douglas C. '83, 1979-80
Parady, Steven K. '77, 1976-77
Pavers, Elizabeth A. '78, 1974-75
Prewitt, Robert C. III '78, 1977-78
Reiche, Ford S. '76, 1973-74, 74-75
Robinson, Jonathan C. '57, 1956-57
Rocknak, William S. '85, 1980-81, 81-82
Rogers, William A. '57 (d., 11/1/62) 1956-57
Rowe, Edward S. '83, 1980-81, 81-82

Sacchetti, Peter J. '68, *1964-65
Salisbury, Roy S. Jr. '66, 1963-64, 64-65, 65-66
Scott, William D. '68, *1964-65, 65-66, 66-67, 67-68
Smith, Edward E. '71, 1968-69, 69-70

Smithwick, Stephen M. '84, 1979-80
Stearns, William B. '72, 1968-69, 69-70, 70-71
Stephenson, Preston T. III '82, 1979-80, 80-81, 81-82
Stillman, William P. '66, 1964-65
Swan, Colby C. Jr. '82, 1979-80
Thompson, Peter N. '68, 1967-68
Tippetts, Caroline S. '83, 1979-80, 80-81, 81-82
Tongue, Nancy C. '80, 1977-78, 78-79
Trafton, Donald R. '61, 1960-61

Turner, James H. '58, 1957-58
Twinen, Patricia A. '82, 1979-80, 80-81, 81-82
Vernon, Robert S. III '69, *1965-66, 66-67, 67-68
Wallingford, Richard L. Jr. '71, 1968-69, 69-70
Watson, Jennifer K. '81, 1978-79, 79-80, 80-81
Webber, Walter W. '59, 1958-59
Wheeler, Donald G. '63, 1961-62
Wolcott, Peter J. '83, 1979-80, 80-81, 81-82

COACHES

Borns, Harold (1956-62) Mumme, Kenneth (1964-65)
Buxton, Cal (1981-82) Philbrick, Gilbert (1971-76)
Dorff, Martin (1962-63) Stone, Bill (1978-79)
Gibson, Richard (1968-71) Taylor, Don (1976-77)
Komar, Charles (1979-81) Webster, Karl (1965-68)
McConnell, Dennis (1978-79)
Unidentified: 1977-78, 79-80

MEET RESULTS

The following listing is believed to be complete with the exception of the 1976-77, 77-78, and 81-82 seasons. All possible sources were probed, but results could not be located for those three seasons. The sailing program was discontinued following the end of the 1981-82 academic year. Your author will welcome information from team members who may recall competitions of those seasons.

1956-57

Associate Championships: MAINE 2ND
Heptagonal at Tufts: MAINE 2ND
Raven Heptagonal: MAINE 4TH
Maine State Championships: MAINE 2ND
Phelps Trophy: MAINE 2ND
Dartmouth Invitational: MAINE 3RD
Boston U. Trophy Races: MAINE 3RD

1957-58

Maine State Championships: MAINE 2ND

1958-59

Fowle Trophy: MAINE 2ND
Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 2ND
Raven Heptagonal (Fall): MAINE 3RD
Boston Dinghy Cup: MAINE 4TH
Raven Heptagonal (Spring): MAINE 5TH
New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 3RD

1959-60

Boston Dinghy Cup: MAINE 12TH
Maine State Championships: MAINE 2ND
New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 4TH

1960-61

Maine State Championships: MAINE 1ST
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 3RD
MIT Invitational: MAINE 11TH

1961-62

Maine State Championships: MAINE 1ST
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 3RD

1962-63

Heptagonal Sloop Championships: MAINE 4TH

1962-63 (cont.)

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 3RD
Boston Dinghy Cup: MAINE 5TH
Informal YC Championships (Spring): MAINE 3RD
Maine State Championships (Spring): MAINE 2ND
Maine State Championships (Fall): MAINE 1ST
Informal YC Championships (Fall): MAINE 2ND

1963-64

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 1ST
Boston U. Trophy: MAINE 6TH
Maine State Championships: MAINE 1ST
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 2ND

1964-65

MIT Regatta: MAINE 5TH
Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 2ND
Raven Sloop Regatta: MAINE 5TH
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 3RD
New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 2ND
New England Dinghy Finals: MAINE 9TH
Dual Meet vs. MMA: MAINE 2ND

1965-66

New England Sloop Regatta: MAINE 4TH
Holy Cross Invitational: MAINE 5TH
Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 1ST
New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 8TH
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 3RD
Raven Minor Regatta: MAINE 7TH

1966-67

New England Sloop Regatta: MAINE 4TH
Bowdoin Invitational: MAINE 1ST
Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 1ST
New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 5TH
Informal YC Championships: MAINE 2ND

1967-68

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 2ND
 New England Sloop Regatta: MAINE 1ST
 Informal YC Championships: MAINE 3RD

1968-69

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 2ND
 Bowdoin Invitational: MAINE 2ND
 USCGA Invitational: MAINE 1ST
 New England Dinghy Eliminations: MAINE 4TH

1969-70

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 2ND
 Tufts Invitational: MAINE 5TH
 Tufts Regatta: MAINE 8TH
 Northern New England Races: MAINE 1ST

1970-71

Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 1ST
 Tufts Invitational: MAINE 8TH
 MIT Open Regatta: MAINE 4TH
 MIT Invitational: MAINE 8TH

1971-72

Boston U. Invitational: MAINE 3RD
 Tufts Invitational: MAINE 7TH
 Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 3RD
 Boston Dinghy Cup: MAINE 8TH
 Franklin Pierce Cup: MAINE 4TH
 Brown Regatta: MAINE 3RD
 Dartmouth Invitational: MAINE 5TH
 MIT Invitational: MAINE 5TH

1972-73

Brown Invitational: MAINE 3RD
 Informal YC Championships: MAINE 6TH
 Boston State Invitational: MAINE 2ND
 Tufts Invitational: MAINE 5TH
 Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 3RD
 Maine State Championships: MAINE 2ND
 MIT Invitational: MAINE 10TH

1973-74

Mercury Invitational: MAINE 4TH
 Harvard Invitational: MAINE 9TH
 Boston U. Invitational: MAINE 5TH
 Franklin Lane Trophy: MAINE 9TH

1974-75

MIT Invitational: MAINE 7TH
 Mercury Invitational: MAINE 4TH
 Maine Maritime Academy Invt.: MAINE 2ND
 State of Maine Championships: MAINE 3RD
 Franklin Lane Trophy: MAINE 9TH
 Bowdoin Invitational: MAINE 3RD

1975-76

Maine Maritime Academy Invt.: MAINE 4TH
 Harvard Invitational: MAINE 9TH
 Franklin Lane Trophy: MAINE 12TH
 USCGA 28TH Shields Races: MAINE 3RD
 State of Maine Championships: MAINE 3RD
 Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 9TH
 MacMillan Cup: MAINE 2ND
 MIT Invitational: MAINE 11TH
 Tufts Invitational: MAINE 12TH
 USCGA Invitational: MAINE 3RD

1978-79

Maine Maritime Invitational: MAINE 2ND
 Bates Invitational: MAINE 2ND

1979-80

Penobscot Bay Open: MAINE 6TH
 NE Single-Handed Championship: MAINE 5TH
 UMaine Invitational: MAINE 3RD

1980-81

Maine Maritime Invitational/Fall: MAINE 1ST
 Penobscot Bay Open: MAINE 3RD
 BYO Laser Windsurfer: MAINE 1ST
 Hewitt Trophy: MAINE 3RD
 MacMillan Cup: MAINE 4TH
 Maine Maritime Invitational/Spring: MAINE 3RD

**PRACTICING ON PUSHAW**

Pushaw Lake was the home base for Maine's sailing team during most of its 26-year history. The two-man international sailing dinghy was the craft used by the Maine sailors. A motor powered boat (far right) stands by for rescue purposes in case a sudden wind change causes a dinghy to capsize.

Maine's sailors had to possess sailing skills but also had to contend with weather conditions that were often extremely challenging. In a report to the Athletic Department by Prof. Harold Borns, who coached the team between 1956 and 1962, he reported, "Saturday, below freezing, 30 mph winds out of the northwest . . . gusty and shifty . . . second race, Maine, Providence and UNH . . . UNH boat capsized . . . rigging sails and clothing froze . . . on Sunday, 25 mph winds...below freezing again . . . spray froze on the boats . . . one boat capsized...a race-off between two Maine crews and two URI crews . . . Maine won, 30-16.