

Fall 2011

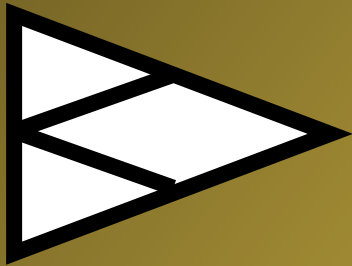
Polar Bears Newsletter



Bowdoin Sailing Team
Bowdoin College
Fall 2011

Captain's Report:

Co-ed Team Season in Review by Captains Ben Berg'12 and Jeff Goodrich'12



This fall was a huge step forward for the co-ed team. Thanks to a deep team that maintained sturdy dedication throughout the season, we were able to put up strong results with consistency that had eluded us in the past. The team was able to perform very well in early-season light air, finishing 2nd at two of its first three conference majors and in the top half at its first intersectional. The only hiccup came with late-season river sailing at the Schell Trophy, but the team finished strong with a 2nd place at the Atlantic Coast Tournament in Florida. Overall a 13th place finish in NEISA was the best in years and a sure sign of things to come. The team made remarkable improvements within a single season and everyone is eager to continue in the spring.

Women's Team Season in Review by Katie Doble '13



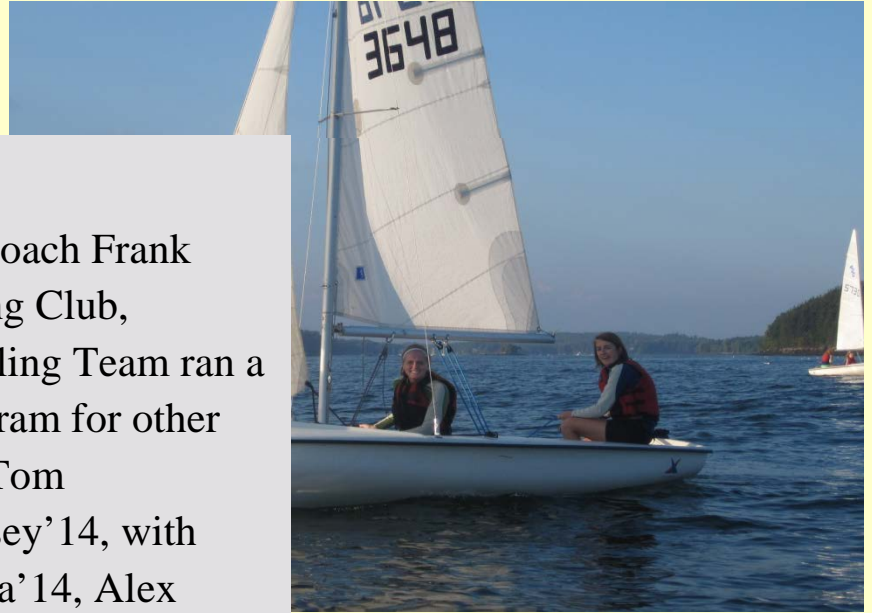
In my three years as a member of the women's team, I cannot say that I have had more fun than this fall. The team not only had some terrific results, but also came together in a way that was great to be a part of. Despite rough conditions (no wind, too much wind, too much current, snow), over the course of ten weekends the women sailed consistently and got ranked nationally for the first time. Freshman skippers Lizzie Hamilton and Kaylee Schwitzer played key roles throughout the season. Schwitzer's stand out performance at the Urn Trophy in which she won her division helped the team qualify for the Atlantic Coast Championship for the first time in over a decade. Although the team struggled in the highly competitive fleet the first day of the ACCs hosted by NY Maritime, the women were able to put up some good scores the second day, ending the season on a high note. It was an exciting season of firsts for the women's team. The Lady Polar Bears are looking forward to the return of our captain, Sarah Fiske, from study abroad and an even better spring!



Recreational Sailing:

This fall, with support from coach Frank Pizzo and the Bowdoin Outing Club, members of the Bowdoin Sailing Team ran a new recreational sailing program for other students on campus. Led by Tom Peabody'14 and Kim Dempsey'14, with assistance from Ayaka Okawa'14, Alex Brown'13, and Phil Koch'15, these classes met once a week for six weeks, and were offered on Mondays and Wednesdays. Twenty-four students were able to experience the beauty of Bethel Point and learn the basics of FJ/420 sailing before the weather got too cold. Classes typically consisted of a very quick chalk talk and a leisurely sail around Harpswell Sound. It was tons of fun for us to show our peers what we do every day, and very rewarding to watch them learn. We are hoping to offer the program again next fall.

-Kim & Tom



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The fall of 2011 was a great season for the Polar Bears. The team had a breakout season and our women's team entered the national rankings for the first time since 2003. After several weeks of being ranked inside the top 10 nationally, the women's team concluded the fall ranked 14th in the country. The highlight of the season was finishing 6th at the Victorian Urn Trophy hosted by Harvard University which qualified the team for our fall national championship hosted by NY Maritime.

The Co-ed Team had a great fall as well with strong results at the Penobscott Bay Open, the Nicholas Barnett Trophy, and the Atlantic Coast Tournament. The team made some great strides this fall season and we are anxious to get back on the water this spring.

The Polar Bears had another ambitious season of hosting regattas including three college events and one high school event. Bethel Point served up some great sailing conditions and is developing a great regatta reputation. We could not have hosted these events without a tremendous amount of support from our young alums including Joe Henderson '10, Dennis Hatch '11, Stu MacNeil '08, Tom Charpentier '10, Jane Koopman '10, and Mark Dinneen '08. A big thank you also goes out to the Barnett family for their continued support at the Barnett Trophy.

The team travelled all over the east coast this fall and was fortunate enough to be housed by many families including the Williamsons, the Rohmans, the O'Briens, the Edmunds, the Schwitzers, the Lows, the Dempseys, and the Henrys. We really appreciate all of your support.

Thanks to everyone for staying involved in Bowdoin Sailing. We appreciate the support and it makes a huge difference.

Best,

Frank Pizzo





Spring 2012

Weekend #4 February 25-26

Feb 25-26 New London Snow Melt Fleet Race @ Coast Guard in FJs

Weekend #5 March 3-4

March 3-4 Thames River Team Race @ Connecticut in FJs

Weekend #6 March 10-11 *daylight savings time begins March 11 – turn clocks ahead*

March 10-11 29th Women's Intersectional @ Navy in 420s & FJs

March 10-11 Wood Trophy @ Connecticut

Weekend #7 March 17-18

March 17-18 Veitor Trophy @ CGA in 420s and FJs (3 Divisions)

March 17-18 Central Series One @ MIT in FJs and Fireflies

Weekend # 8 March 24-25

March 24-25 33rd Women's Duplin Trophy Team Race @ Tufts in Larks

March 24-25 83rd Boston Dinghy Club Cup @ MIT in 3 divisions of FJs & Fireflies

March 24-25 BU Bridge Invitational, Central Series Two @ BU in FJs

March 24-25 Southern Series Two @ Salve Regina in 420s

Weekend #9 March 31-April 1

March 31-4/1 26th Women's Brad Dellenbaugh Trophy @ Brown in 420s

March 31-4/1 BU Trophy @ BU in FJs

Weekend # 10 April 7-8

April 7-8 44th Women's President's Trophy Intersectional @ BU in FJs

April 7-8 CGA Invitational

Weekend #11 April 14-15

April 14-15 NE Dinghy Champs, 70th CG Alumni Bowl @ Harvard in FJs

April 14-15 Women's Emily Wick Trophy @ Coast Guard in 420s & FJs

Weekend # 12 April 21-22

April 21-22 46th Women's NE Champs, Reed Trophy @ Boston College in 420s & FJs

April 21-22 72nd NE Frosh Single Div Champs, Priddy Trophy @ UNH in FJs

April 21-22 Staake Trophy team racing @ Roger Williams in FJs, 2 qual for Fowle

Weekend #13 April 28-29

April 28-29 63rd NE Team Racing, Fowle Trophy @ MIT in FJs (consolation in Fireflies)

April 28-29 9th George Morris Trophy @ Boston Univ. in FJs

Weekend #15 May 12-13

May 12-13 ICSA Western Semi-Final Dinghy Championship @ Miami in FJs

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ICSA Spring Championships

May 30-6/2 45th NA Women's Champs @ U Texas/Lake Travis in FJs

June 3-5 53rd NA Team Racing Champs @ U Texas/Lake Travis in FJs

June 6-8 77th Gill NA Dinghy Champs @ U Texas/Lake Travis in FJs

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