



Nicky Souter (Sailing Director)

4th year as RYC Sailing Director

Hometown: Sydney, Australia

Home club: Prince Alfred YC

Sailing Experience: Women's Match Racing World Champion (2009), No. 1 ISAF ranking (2011), superyachts (Silencio, Tribe, Wild Oats)

Fun fact: I took a boat to school every day when growing up.



Sean Walsh (Head Instructor)

4th year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Lehigh University

Sailing Experience: Optis, 420s and various keelboats including J-classes

Fun Fact: I have not paid for a haircut in over a year and a half!



Collin Alexander

2nd year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Boston University

Sailing Experience: Optis, Lasers, keelboats (J-105, Melges)

Fun Fact: This past winter I broke both my legs in a skiing accident!



Alejandro Gallagher

2nd year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Tulane University

Sailing Experience: Optimis, Lasers, 420s

Fun Fact: I worked as a boat hanger at both American and Larchmont YC.



Peter Lynn

2nd year at RYC

Hometown: Marblehead, MA

Home Club: Eastern YC / Pleon YC

School: Boston College

Sailing Experience: Optimis, 420s, keelboats

Fun Fact: I've been skiing since I was 3 and have worked as a ski instructor in Vermont.



Stephen McCarthy

2nd year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Gettysburg College

Sailing Experience: Optimis and lasers.

Fun Fact: I can play the harmonica and guitar.



Alexa Cimino
1st year at RYC

Hometown: Fairfield, CT

Home Club: Black Rock YC

School: Saint Joseph High School (Trumbull, CT)

Sailing Experience: Optimis, Pixels, Lasers, 420s

Fun Fact: I play on my high school's soccer team - we won the Class L State Championship in 2015 and 2016.



Rose Edwards
1st year at RYC

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Home Club: Belmont YC

School: Georgetown University

Sailing Experience: Optimis, Lasers, 420s, FJs, Sonars, and J22s.

Fun Fact: I speak French and enjoy yoga, running, and swimming.



Austen Freda
1st year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Christchurch School

Sailing Experience: Optimis, c420, z420, FJ, Laser, Firefly, and J-105

Fun Fact: I am fluent in Italian and French and I enjoy skiing, ping pong and beat boxing.



Emma Jacobsen

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Harvard University

Sailing Experience: Optis, 420s, J109, J70, J100

Fun Fact: I am half Swedish and enjoy soccer and modern dance.



David Ingraham

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Larchmont, NY

Home Club: Larchmont YC

School: Bates College

Sailing Experience: 420s, Lasers, big boats

Fun Fact: I play the tenor Saxophone and sing in a choir. I can also speak French and Spanish.



Elizabeth Lonergan

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Marion, MA

Home Club: Beverly YC

School: University of South Carolina

Sailing Experience: Optis, 420s, J80, Saber 42, FJs, Z-420s

Fun Fact: I can do a handstand on the trapeze.



Lindsay Powers

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Rye, NY

Home Club: American YC

School: Tufts University

Sailing Experience: Optis, Laser Radials, 420s

Fun Fact: I can do a front handspring.



Max Simmons

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Rowayton, CT

Home Club: Norwalk YC

School: Boston College

Sailing Experience: Optis and 420s

Fun Fact: I can walk on my hands.



Kendall Van Horne

1st year at RYC

Hometown: Minnetonka, MN

Home Club: Minnetonka YC

School: Boston College

Sailing Experience: C420s, Z420s, FJs, keel boats, and E Scows

Fun Fact: I can sing the alphabet backwards and I can speak pig Latin.



Emily Kuchta (Assistant to Sailing Director)
1st year at RYC

Hometown: Rowayton, CT

School: M.A. (Education) from Manhattanville College and B.A. (Education) New England College

Professional Experience: Lead teacher (kindergarten) at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, CT.

Fun Fact: I coach lacrosse, ice hockey and field hockey at the varsity and club level.