

Idaho Sailor Serves as Youth Sailing Ambassador

Maggie Scanlan, a participant in the second Boise City Parks and Recreation Summer Sailing Camp in August 2019, has been appointed as a US Sailing Youth Ambassador. This network of young sailors across the nation works closely with the newly formed 15-member US Sailing Youth Advisory Board. The Advisory Board was recently created by US Sailing to give young sailors a voice in the sport of sailing. The Ambassadors are part of a network of various subgroups that have been developed to work on initiatives such as diversity, mentorship opportunities, and creating a youth sailing forum, among others.

Every few weeks, Maggie and other Youth Sailing Ambassadors are provided action items to promote sailing in their communities. Throughout the summer and into the fall, Maggie has become active with the US Sailing Youth Ambassador Program. She has participated in virtual meetings with other young sailors and discussed ways to promote youth sailing in their respective communities, and she incorporates sailing events on her Instagram account.

Of her experience Maggie says, "It has been a great learning opportunity, and I have been able to meet many young sailors from across the country." Maggie has particularly enjoyed the virtual sailing regattas hosted by US Sailing as a fun way to interact with fellow sailors during the pandemic.

The Youth Advisory Board is led by 17-year-old Will Levy from Lincoln, Massachusetts. "I am passionate about the sport of sailing, and through the US Sailing Youth Advisory Board, I hope to positively impact the sport and help engage other youth sailors to take a leadership role nationally and regionally," he says. US Sailing Youth Director John Pearce says, "Our youth department will work closely with the young people on the Youth Advisory Board to create a new platform for youth sailors to shape the future of the sport."

Maggie raced in her first regatta with SISA this summer at Cascade and loved competing on the water. Southern Idaho Sailing Outreach is proud of all its youth sailors and appreciates Maggie Scanlan for her volunteerism and commitment to the sport of sailing!



Maggie Scanlan - Youth Sailing Camp 2019



Maggie enjoying a breeze - Youth Sailing Camp 2019