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Women's Team Qualifies for Atlantic Coast Championship

BOSTON- URI Women's Sailing finished ninth at the Women's Atlantic Coast Championship Series, Round 1A, qualifying the team for ACC finals. The regatta, held October 1-2 at Boston College, featured 17 of the top women's teams in college sailing.

Okyanus Arkan '26 and Clare Laroche '23 finished 6/17 in Division A, finishing in the top five boats for seven out of the 14 races sailed and winning the final race of the series. Eliza Taylor '23 debuted as a skipper, sailing with Katie Coughlin '24. A career A-level crew, Taylor skippered a college regatta for the first time in a national-level qualifier event and pushed the team to qualify for finals by a margin of 10 points.

The regatta featured lightwind Saturday, forcing an on-land delay to wait for breeze above the wind minimum. 10 races were sailed in light wind that shifted from NNE to ESE across the day. Sunday featured strong northeast winds, with gusts reaching the upper 20 knot range.

The top nine finishers from Round 1A will compete against the top nine finishers from Round 1B, held at Brown, later this fall at the US Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York for the Women's Atlantic Coast Championship finals. The trophy is the penultimate competition of women's college sailing for the fall season and features many of the teams that will compete in the Women's Fleet Race Nationals this spring.



URI Women's Team at the Women's ACC 1A, Oct. 2, 2022

RESULTS

- Co-ed ACC 1A, King's Point, 13/18
- Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta, Larchmont Yacht Club, 3/6, 3/6
- Great Herring Pond Open, Mass Maritime, 1/10
- Sister Esther Open, Salve Regina University, 11/16
- Women's ACC 1A, Boston College: 9/17
- Moody Trophy, URI, 4/16
- Lark Invite, Tufts, 5/13
- Sherman Hoyt Trophy, Brown, 12/18
- Salt Pond Invite, URI, 1/15
- Hood Trophy, Tufts, 18/19
- Mrs. Hurst Bowl, Dartmouth, 9/17
- Richard Ross College Bowl, Tufts, 1/9

Alumni Spotlight: Rams Alumni Sweep IC37 North American Championship, Bristol Team Race

NEWPORT- URI Sailing alumni represented their alma mater spectacularly throughout the late fall season, taking home first place at the IC37 North American Championship.

IC37 Gamecock, owned and skippered by URI alum Peter McClennen '91, swept the 20-boat fleet at the IC37 North American Championships with a crew almost entirely comprised of URI Sailing alumni and current sailors. Aboard the boat was Garrett Connely '20, Will Connelly '18, Max Hooker '21, and Emilia Marino '23.

Gamecock accrued 12 points across seven races, winning three races and finishing nine points ahead of the second-place boat.

The event, held in Newport by the New York Yacht Club Sept. 23-25, featured heavy breeze all three days, forcing racing to be cancelled Friday and sporting gusts well into the 20kt range Saturday and Sunday. Racing was held north of Newport in Narragansett Bay Saturday and in the Atlantic Ocean Sunday.

The fleet was rife with URI sailors and alumni: Taylor Borges '22 trimmed kite aboard Vigilant, finishing fifth, Anthony Purcell '24 and Halle Peterlin '24 sailed aboard Mahalo as pit and offside trimmer, finishing 14th, Lucas Masiello '24 sailed aboard Midnight Blue as bow, finishing 16th, and Iain Jaeger '23 sailed aboard WarBride as bow, finishing 19th.

BRISTOL- URI Sailing recent alumni won the Bristol Team Race, held at the Bristol Yacht Club Oct. 1-2. Team URI carried the day Saturday, winning the event after a full day's competition. Racing was cancelled and races were dropped Sunday due to inclement weather. Alumni Kate Nota, Matt Coughlin '16, Hannah Scanlon '16, Delaney Bamford '20, Kevin Stamp '22, Luke Ingalls '21, Will Connelly '18, Parker Colantuono '22, Dakota Northup '18, and Mikey O'Flaherty '21 competed in the event.



URI alumni at Bristol Team Race, Oct. 2, 2022



Gamecock at IC37 North American Championships Sept. 23, 2022

Have any URI Sailing alumni news? Email editor Lucas Masiello at lucasmasiello@uri.edu to be featured!

Profiles in URI Sailing: Singlehanded Sailor Cooper Newton

GEORGETOWN, BAHAMAS- Gap years are often spent working, living at home or backpacking, but freshman Cooper Newton '26 had far more lofty goals. A lifelong sailor, Newton spent 265 days solo at sea sailing 5,500 miles to the Caribbean and back from his home in Mattapoisett, Mass.

Hundreds of cruising yachts make the annual trip from the Northeast to the Caribbean, equipped with autopilot, advanced AIS and radar systems, full kitchens and paid crews, but Newton decided to forego the luxuries of cruising. Equipped with a 27 ft. Bristol, an outboard motor, a basic GPS system and minimal offshore experience, Newton departed Mattapoisett on Sept. 3, 2022, with the intention of reaching Antigua.

After a quick sail to Montauk, the realities of life at sea became apparent as hurricane winds brought 8 ft. seas and Southern Ocean-style gusts. "Everything that could go wrong went wrong. I woke up the next day and thought 'there's nothing left for me to mess up, I messed up everything already on the first sail,'" said Newton when talking about having to sail an extra nine hours through the night to find a safe harbor in Atlantic City, NJ to ride out the storm.

Storms became a theme throughout Newton's voyage, recording 85 kts. of breeze and dragging an anchor in similar conditions south of Hatteras, NC and another sustained 40 kts. and 14 ft. seas for four days on his return home near Jacksonville. "I've gotta do this or I'm gonna die," said Newton when talking about sailing through a sustained 65 kts. with gusts above 80 on the same leg of his journey. During the storm, Newton set the speed record for the Bristol 27, averaging 7.82 kts and reaching a top speed of 16.4kts in a boat with a hull speed of 5.5 kts.

However, storms and heavy wind were not the most memorable part of Newton's journey. Upon reaching the Bahamas, Newton was treated to 70 feet of water visibility, champagne sailing conditions and the company of other cruisers that made the venture down to the Caribbean. "The coolest part, other than the sailing, was definitely the people. The people down there have all decided to leave their comfy homes in America and go see stuff. Everyone's down there for the same reasons and there's not a boring person there. Making friends there is trivial and they're friends for life. I still stay in touch with 50 people there and they're friends for life."

Newton's experience at sea has made him a valuable asset to the URI Sailing Team. Boat intuition, problem solving and environmental awareness can only be learned by experience and hours at sea—something Newton has a plethora of. "I've seen more things than I thought I'd ever see, and I hopefully have a lot of time left."



Offshore Team Wins in Chicago, Podium Finishes in Larchmont

CHICAGO- The URI Offshore Sailing Team performed valiantly at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta and Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta this fall, finishing first and third respectively.

The offshore team swept the five-boat J/105 fleet at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (GLIOR), held Sept. 23-25 in Chicago at the Columbia Yacht Club, with three first places finishes across eight races and never finishing worse than third. Light to medium breeze from the northwest and west made for tricky racing throughout the weekend.

URI fielded two boats at the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta, held at the Larchmont Yacht Club in New York Oct. 8-9. J/109 Freedom, skippered by Bo Eaves '23, finished third in the six-boat J/109 fleet. J/133 Rhiannon, skippered by Jo Riley '23, finished third in the six-boat PHRF-Large fleet. Shifty and puffy conditions from the south and west made for tricky racing in tight, closely rated fleets.

URI offshore sailing also qualified for the New England Match Race Championships at the Harman Trophy, held at the Maine Maritime Academy Sept. 10-11. The championships will be held Saturday-Sunday at the United States Coast Guard Academy.

When not sailing offshore regattas, the URI Offshore Sailing Team practices match racing in Newport in J/22's chartered from Sail Newport.



J/133 "Rhiannon" at the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta, Oct. 9, 2022



URI Offshore celebrating first place at GLIOR, Sept. 25, 2022



J/133 "Rhiannon" celebrating third place at IOR, Oct. 9, 2022



J/109 "Freedom" celebrating third place at IOR, Oct. 9, 2022