

University of Texas Sailing Club In Review 2017-2018

Year's Activities

The UT Sailing Club has hosted weekly Thursday night and Saturday sails which average about 15 members in attendance. The club has experienced a surge of new recruits at the opening of each academic semester (January and September) with experienced members continuing to teach new members the basics of sailing.

The Club also hosted a cookout fundraiser for the J24 circuit stop this summer in which we made around \$500 in food sales to put towards boat repairs. The Club also hosted a Fall 2018 Boy Scout Sail, where officers dedicated a Saturday to teach the basics of sailing to a local Boy Scout troop and lent them Sunfish dinghies to practice their sailing.

Fleet Acquisitions

This year the Club has acquired a Hobie 16 (Blue Steel), a Melges MC Scow, a Devoti D-One (Verde), and a handful of windsurfing boards.

Changes in Club Leadership

The following officers retired over the course of this past year:

Rikin Shah (Commodore), Diego Britton (Vice Commodore), Brandon Furey (Vice Commodore), Izzy Fanucci (Secretary), Emily Whiteside (Treasurer) and Dewey Melton (Quartermaster).

The following officers are active as of this review:

Joseph Koleng (Commodore/Quartermaster Pro Tempore), Preslie Grumbles (Secretary), Chris Tan (Treasurer), Yibin Shao (Sail Coordinator), Katy Quan (Social Coordinator), Jordan Weeks (Social Coordinator), Stefi Hsia (Chronicler/Medical Officer), and Jake Calcagnini (Sailing Instructor).

Changes in Club Procedure

We've improved our general boat check-out system by establishing lines of mandatory officer communication, and we've revised our keelboat check-out procedure specifically in that the primary lead must now be either a skipper with a keelboat checkout or two skippers with credible keelboat experience (as testified by at least one member with a keelboat checkout).

Future Projects

With the first phase of repairs almost complete, we are on track to finish repairing our J24 by mid-Spring. Our new sailing instructor, Jake Calcagnini, is working on developing a codified sailing education program for our new members. We will send out invitations to club alumni in January for an Alumni Regatta to be hosted mid-Spring, and lastly, as we continue to grow and change as a club, we will continue to work on improving club infrastructure and organization.

Joseph Koleng

Commodore/Quartermaster Pro Tempore

Preslie Grumbles

Secretary