



Fall 2021 Coaching Staff

Executive Director – Kelley Severns
School Year Sailing Director – Henry Millette
Senior Coach – Aine Porter

Green Fleet Coach – Kane Fenton / Aine Porter
Green Fleet Assistant – Roman Khrushchinskiy

RWB Fleet Coach – Henry Millette
RWB Fleet Assistant – Alyssa Jongsma

Laser 4.7/Radial – Henry Millette / John Thomas

C420 – Henry Millette / Aine Porter

Venice High School Varsity – Henry Millette / Aine Porter
Venice High School JV – Henry Millette / Zoe Watson

Adventure Sail – Nick Waite / Roman Khrushchinskiy / Additional Assistant TBD

BIOS

Executive Director - Kelley Severns

Kelley is a US Sailing Level 3 Certified instructor with extensive experience in both the for profit and non-profit worlds. Before her transition to the youth sailing industry, Kelley was a civil engineer program and project manager in the bridge industry. She has worked in the sailing industry for many years as a board member, waterfront coordinator and youth programs coordinator in Nashville, TN (Percy Priest Yacht Club, Harbor Island Yacht Club, Nashville Sailing Foundation) and St. Croix, USVI (Waterfront Coordinator - St. Croix Yacht Club). She lives in Cape Coral, FL with her husband Dave and has three children - Jenna, Jordan and Gunner.

School Year Sailing Director - Henry Millette

(Opti RWB/C420/Laser/Venice High)

Henry has been working as a sailing coach since 2011 primarily in the area around New York City and is a US Sailing Level 2 Certified instructor. He has worked at several different yacht clubs and organizations including Larchmont Yacht Club (Larchmont, NY), New York Athletic Club (Pelham, NY) , and Indian Harbor Yacht Club (Greenwich, CT), where he is currently both the primary coach of their Optimist Race Team as well as the club's Head Coach. In addition to his role at Indian Harbor, Henry is the Head Coach of the Greenwich High School Varsity Sailing Team as well as a private coach that works with multiple different Opti, Laser, 420 (both I and C), and Feva sailors/teams. He is a firm believer in the potential of community sailing organizations to serve as an ideal platform to enable local sailors (both young and not-so-young) to fall in love with the sport and develop the skills to compete at whatever level they aspire to. He is thus very excited to begin working on taking the VYBA program to the next level! Henry is a graduate of Boston College that lives in Mamaroneck, NY with his girlfriend, Georgia, and her Maltese Shih Tzu, Bert.

Senior Coach - Aine-Marie Porter

(Opti/C420/Venice High)

Aine is a Level 1 US Sailing Certified instructor. She is also an architecture student at University of South Florida, where she is an active member of their sailing team. Aine began sailing at Dunedin Youth Sailing Association in Optis and C420s. Recently she has coached Learn to Sail, Adventure Sail and Green Fleet Optis as well as Learn to Sail C420s in Dunedin. Aine was the VYBA Summer Head Coach in 2021.

Lasers – John Thomas

Coach Thomas is a long-time coach at Venice Youth Boating, having coached Optis, Lasers and Venice High School sailing teams at VYBA for over 10 years. Coach Thomas is a respected private Laser coach as well as a Level 1 US Sailing Certified Coach.

Green Fleet - Kane Fenton

Kane has been sailing for over 5 years. He currently races C420s and is the Co-Captain of the Venice High School Sailing Team. Kane is a certified US Sailing Level 1 instructor has one year of experience coaching the Opti Green Fleet race team during the school year and two years of summer program experience.

RWB Fleet - Alyssa Jongsma

Alyssa has been sailing for nine years at VYBA and is now a US Sailing Level 1 Certified coach. She currently races C420s, Lasers and is the Co-Captain of the Venice High School Sailing Team. Alyssa has one year of experience coaching the RWB Opti race team during the school year and two years of summer program experience.

Venice High School JV Team - Zoe Watson

Zoe has been sailing her whole life, learning to sail Optis when she was just 5 years old. She recently graduated from Venice High School where she was on the Venice High Sailing Team. She is a US Sailing Level 1 instructor and has one year of experience as the lead coach for the Adventure Sail program during the school year, as well as two years of summer program.

Adventure Sail – Nick Waite

Nick has been sailing for over 5 years and currently is a member of the Venice High School Sailing Team. He also sails Lasers. He is currently a US Sailing Level 1 certified instructor and has assisted with Adventure Sail and Green Fleet Optis during the school year and has one year of summer program experience.

Assistant Coach - Roman Khrushchinskiy

Roman has sailed in on Florida as well as internationally and on the west coast, in California and Washington State. He has extensive C420 and Opti experience. Roman is a member of the Venice High School Varsity Sailing team and worked as an assistant coach this past summer.