

Indian Harbor Junior Yacht Club – Summer Staff 2018

Belle Strachan, Head Instructor

Belle is a born-and-raised sailor from Annapolis, Maryland. She grew up sailing Optimis, C420s, and FJs on the Severn River, through the junior and high school programs at Severn Sailing Association and Annapolis Yacht Club. After high school, she coached at SSA for two years before heading to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club in Long Beach, CA. Belle recently graduated from the George Washington University, where she studied Marketing with a minor in Journalism and Mass Communications.

As a four-year member of the GW Sailing Team, Belle was named as an All-Conference Crew three times, twice Academic All-American, and honored with the Purrington Student-Leadership Award in 2018. Additionally, she is an avid team racer, winning the Hinman Trophy US Team Racing Championship in 2016 with Team Trouble, and finishing in 9th place at the 2017 Wilson Trophy in West Kirby, England.

Belle loves to spend as much time as possible on the water, and is excited for all the sailing opportunities that are available around the Long Island Sound. She is looking forward to a great summer at Indian Harbor Yacht Club, and to work with incredible sailors and coaches!



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Camila Flores, Race Coach, Opti/420/Laser

Camila was born in London and then moved to New York City for 5 years. She later moved to Mexico City where she was raised, except for two years of high school in the US where she sailed on her school's team. She is currently half way through her Junior Year of College at ITAM, majoring in Economics.

Camila started sailing Optimist dinghies when she was five years old at a lake at home, Valle de Bravo, and competing internationally at the age of 10. She has competed in multiple North American, South American and two World Championships. Coming out of the Opti, she started sailing Lasers and won Olympic National medals, going on to sail 420 where she participated in two ISAF Youth World Championships and other international regattas. She is currently sailing both J70s and other big boats in Acapulco, México.



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Casilda Flores, Race Coach, Opti/420/Laser

Casilda, was born in New York City and raised in Mexico City. She sailed Optimist dinghies competitively for 7 years and then went on to sail 420's for 4 years, representing Mexico in multiple international championships (ISAF, Kieler Woche, North Americans, South Americans, Orange Bowl); she also sails J70's on her lake at home, where she recently achieved second place in the International Woman Keelship Regatta. Casilda, is a rising senior at St. George's school in Newport Rhode Island, where she is part of the sailing team as a crew and a skipper.



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Connor Thompson, Instructor

Connor has been sailing since he was 8 when he started as an “Opti one” at Larchmont Yacht Club. Ever since then sailing has been a huge part of his life; he has spent every summer since on the Long Island Sound, and has sailed and raced every junior sailing boat from Optis, to 420s and Lasers. He is excited to be coaching at Indian Harbor this summer to pass along his LIS sailing knowledge!



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Tory Mileti, Instructor

Tory started sailing when she was 9 at Pequot Yacht Club; it's a sport she has loved ever since. After sailing in Pequot's junior program for 7 years, Tory just finished her last season sailing for her high school team this Spring. She is excited to be continuing her sailing career at Hobart and William Smith, where she will matriculate in the Fall, but not until after an exciting season of coaching at Indian Harbor!



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Matthew Sullivan, Instructor,

Matthew is a native of Greenwich and has been sailing since the age of 8. He found his love of the sport through a community program on Tod's Point, where he sailed Lasers for 5 years. Additionally, he is an active member at Old Greenwich Yacht Club, where he sails Ideal 18s frequently. He is extremely excited to instruct at Indian Harbor this summer!

Jack Galluci, Instructor

Jack is from Trumbull, CT; he just finished my freshman year at Fairfield University and this will be his third summer at Indian Harbor; Jack grew up sailing at The Shore and Country Club, starting in Optis. 'Ageing out,' of Optis he made the transition into skippering his favorite boat, 420's. In addition to sailing Optis and 420's, he has raced Lasers during the fall and spring season in the frostbite program at Cedar Point Yacht Club. In addition, Jack spends much of his time racing big boats up and down the LIS. Aside from sailing, I play for Team USA on the U21 Men's Junior National Field Hockey team. He can't wait to be back on the water and am looking forward to another great summer!

