

Hello Fellow Club Members,

My name is Jack Barnes and I am running for the position to be the next Commodore of the Hoofers Sailing Club. I grew up in the town Hartland, which is around an hour away from Madison. As a child, I wasn't involved in any competitive sailing, but I spent my time learning how to sail on a small lake that my grandparents own. The summer before my freshman year at college, I was looking to find clubs and organizations that I could get involved in, one of them being the Hoofers Sailing Club. I thought I would take my recent discovery of sailing a step farther, took a leap of faith, and joined. My journey while being a member blossomed from my first informational meeting at Hoofers to joining the Wisconsin Sailing Team. Now in my junior year, I can say that I credit my sailing success to the organization of Hoofers and the Wisconsin Sailing Team. During the last three years, I have sailed competitively across the state and country. On top of competing, I wanted to find ways that I could get involved in a leadership position. My freshman year I had the experience of being on the Board of Captains (BOC) as Tech Fleet Captain. Last year I had the privilege of being the team's Fundraising Coordinator. After holding these two positions, I can say that I have confidence with the workings of the Hoofers Sailing Club. Additionally, as a student I am pursuing a degree in Economics and a Manufacturing Engineering certificate.

This summer I will be spending my first summer in Madison as a sailing instructor on Mendota. This really excites me because I get to experience Hoofers full time and really immerse myself in the workings of the club. The role of Commodore seems to be an ideal way for me to stay involved with the club and make a positive impact on the organization that supports my love for sailing.

I believe that I would be an excellent Commodore for the club if I were elected. My time on the Board of Captains and as a member of the board on the Wisconsin Sailing Team has helped me develop organizational and administrative skills that I think parallel to the position of Commodore. With our new lakefront and marina, one of my goals is grow the awareness of the resource that Hoofers has to offer. With this upcoming summer as an initial push, I would love to build off of the momentum that grows and use it to grow the membership and structure. The greatest gift that the Hoofers Sailing Club can give is the knowledge and passion for sailing. Since Hoofers has shown me this, I would love to be able to make sure people can learn and participate in the sport we all share.

Thank you for consideration. I look forward to seeing all of you on the lakefront in the near future!

- Jack Barnes