

Brian M. Greenberg - MA

I am making myself available as a candidate for a USODA board position. I am the father of Travis Greenberg (#22448). Sailing has always been an important part of my life, and it is at the center of our life as a family. Over the past few years, I resurrected the junior sailing program at our home club, where I have served on the board, increased participation in our local youth regatta, and I can usually be found on a race committee boat. I believe that the Optimist class is the best class for youth sailors to start their sailing careers. I see the importance of strengthening the Green fleet, where a foundation of skills and love for the sport often begins, in order to maintain the long-term health of the class, especially in New England where we do not benefit from year-round participation. I look forward to supporting the growth of programs such as ODP2 and other endeavors like it to provide continued support to the upper echelon of the class as they strive towards their goals. The National Team continues to produce high caliber Opti sailors with valuable training, and if these sailors had more opportunities to mentor younger sailors, I believe it could benefit both sailors, their families and the Opti class. I have seen first-hand the positive impact that mentorship had on my son and a few National Team members here in New England. I also believe we have the opportunity to expand the use of technology (i.e. video, data, etc.) in the class, and I would like to help continue that. It is important to me that young athletes have fun in a safe environment, are kind, learn to train hard, and never give up. If given the opportunity to serve on the board I plan to bring that approach to USODA.