

The following are Candidates Statements for the SFYC Youth Board

They are placed in alphabetical order

Candidates for Junior Commodore

Beck Lorsch

Sophomore

CFJ

My name is Beck Lorsch, I'm a sophomore at Marin Academy and I am running for the position of Junior Commodore. Recently, the boat I've sailed the most is the CFJ. I am the co-leader of the Marin Academy Investing Club, a US Sailing Level 1 Certified instructor, have founded and run an app studio and released multiple apps and games on the Apple App Store, including the official Marin Academy school app. As Junior Commodore, I would run regattas for all SFYC youth sailors, coordinate group sails to places like Angel Island, and create other opportunities to sail. I would also improve the youth development program to bring more new sailors into the sport by introducing development teams and improving the high school junior varsity program.

Nick Sessions

Junior, Redwood

CFJ, Laser

I would love to be your first Youth Commodore of the San Francisco Yacht Club. I am starting skipper for the Redwood sailing team. I come from a sailing family and after starting in the light green fleet I fell in love with sailing. I have been on the Laser team for almost 4 years now and have been representing SFYC at countless local, national, and international regattas. Some of my recent events have been the High School Singlehanded Nationals where I placed 4th of 18 representing Redwood High School and SFYC. I am also the skipper for the youth keelboat team where we won SFYC's two match racing events, the San Francisco Cup vs. St. Francis YC and the Corinthian Cup vs. Annapolis YC. I have enjoyed my role as a leader around the club and have been coaching as a junior instructor and coach for the past 4 years. For most of the year I am at the Yacht Club at least 5 days per week from coaching to FJ, Laser, and J22 practice. As your commodore I would like to do many things including talking to the sailors directly to address their concerns and to communicate them to the Youth Committee. I would also like to encourage more beginner Laser, 420, and J22 practices, where sailors that are currently in Optis or would like to learn can move onto the next step. With all of this, I urge you to vote for Nick Sessions to be YOUR Youth Commodore! #sailwithsessions

Benjamin Stevens

Sophomore

Laser, CFJ

I am captain of my school's sailing team. I am a co-chair of a conference hosted by International High School on the subject go global warming. I have been the captain of the Gray team at a summer camp I

attend, Winona, leading a group of forty teenagers through athletic activities. As a member of the SFYC Junior Board Committee I would consider creating more on the water time for sailor's. Additional practices each sailor can sign up for focusing on a specific part of sailing such as : roll tacks and gybes, starts setup and holding place on the line. This way sailor's can improve more efficiently by training specifically on one facet of sailing. I Would create more Junior events to increase bonding and friendships within the programs, like an Opti's night at the club for all the Opti sailors or perhaps a sculling race, something fun and team-building. I would want to create some sort of online forum for sailor's and their parents with direct access to coaches where sailors can ask questions etc. I would also set up a Google Drive for SFYC and each sailing class where videos from practices can be found in addition to the sailing schedules already on Google Drive.

Candidates for Junior Vice Commodore

Jason Tran Akram

Sophomore, the Branson School

29ers and 420's

Leadership experience:

- Recently attended the Entrepreneurship and Leadership Program at Berkeley University.

I was elected to be the CEO lead my team to market.

- I gathered a group of students to help build awareness for GLIDE and the underserved in SF

- I actively participate in Model UN with The Branson School and attend programs at Berkeley and Stanford. □

As a sailor, sailing in the rough waters of the San Francisco Bay, I believe in safety. We should come up with ways to ensure safety at all times.

We currently have an enormous Opti team and soon will come a time where they will need to transition to bigger boats.

My transition from Optis to 420's and 29ers wasn't as smooth as I felt it should be.

I want to make that process as smooth as possible for our youth sailors.

With your support, I would love the opportunity to help bring the SFYC youth to its full potential. I am confident I can be a great leader who listens and supports our vibrant team.

Morgan Moseley

Freshman

CFJ

My name is Morgan Moseley and I am running for Junior Vice Commodore. I am 14 years old and a freshman at Redwood High School. I currently sail FJs on Redwood's Varsity Sailing team and have recently started sailing 420s at the club twice a week. I also sail lasers with my dad on the weekends and after school when I don't have FJ or 420 practice. I have held several leadership roles in the past; I was on Student Council at Marin Country Day School for three years, I am a part of Junior Statesmen of America, I am a class Representative at Redwood, and am part of a charity called The Project For Girls which connects young girls around the world who are actively fundraising and raising awareness for important causes.

What shocks me every time I go sailing is the amount of trash in the Bay! If I become Vice Commodore, my first action would be to organize a beach clean up. I have organized beach clean ups in the past and even started my own campaign and website last year called "Free the Fins" to raise awareness and to protect the sea animals' environment. I have picked up numerous bags of trash from different areas in

Marin, but I mainly focus on the coastal shorelines since I know the trash will eventually end up in the Bay.

I would also like to start a buddy program at the yacht club. I think this could help connect younger children with older ones. I believe as a kid having a role model to look up to can be both influential and exiting. I am excited for the opportunity to become the Junior Vice Commodore and hope you will vote for me!

Caleb Yoslov

Sophomore

Laser

Leadership Experience: Junior Instructor @ SFYC and Kiteboarding Instructor, Windsurfing Instructor, Retail Sales @ Boardsports CA

I am going to make this a super fun year to be on the SFYC Team! I will run a Moonlight Fun Race with a barbecue before racing, and it will be open for anyone who want to sail. My primary focus will be to work with all of the youth sailors to find out what they want, and help to make those things actually happen! We have also discussed taking over the organizing for the SFYC BAYS Regatta so it is way more EXCITING with some great prizes! I will make the youth sailors' voices heard! And this will be the best year to be a sailor at SFYC so far!

Candidates for Secretary/ Treasurer

Connor Bennett

Freshman

FJ

As treasurer secretary, I plan to utilize all my experience at the yacht club and the youth sailing community to maximize the potential of this yacht club, and communicating our needs to the leadership of this yacht club. I have sailed two international regattas on the US team, many national events, sailed at many venues, and for multiple teams. I hope to use everything I have learned sailing so far to refine our youth experience at this yacht club.

Taylor Elliott

Freshman

420, CFJ, Keel boats

My name is Taylor Elliott, and I am running for the role of Secretary/Treasurer. Currently, I am a freshman at Redwood High School. I sail on various big boats, on 420s, and on the Redwood Varsity sailing team. However, this year I hope to focus on 420s on which I skipper. In my previous years as a student, I have taken leadership and was the Treasurer as well as the Vice President at my school. So, I have plenty of experience in this specific role. I believe that making sure everyone's voice is heard is very important. If I have the honor of being elected, I can promise to work closely with all fleet captains as well as all the junior sailors to ensure that our budget is being used to benefit the program with the input of the sailors. One idea for the youth program I have is a "boat wash." All the youth sailors can pitch in for a fun day on the docks, with food and beverages, of course, to clean members boats whos money spent on a clean boat will go directly to the program. This is just one of the many ideas I have if elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for the opportunity to join the SFYC Youth Board, and remember if you're a great sailor you'll vote for Taylor!

Alexandra Foley

Grade: 7th

Boat most sailed: FJ

Leadership:

Las Lomas Elementary - Emcee at all-school assembly

Bel Aire Elementary School - TV show producer

Selected to participate in Junior National Young Leaders Conference (July 2018, Washington D.C.)

Activities / Problems considered as a leader: Improving communication with parents and children. For example, one of my friend's mom has been trying to get in touch with the sailing program so that my friend could sail in the Junior FJ's, like myself. And still, she hasn't gotten a reply, when she

called/mailed a few weeks ago. All in all, I think that the biggest problem at the yacht club is the communication front.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to represent and guide the youth members of the San Francisco Yacht Club, I am applying for the Treasurer/Secretary position. In the job, I know that it is important to know how to deal and manage money and take notes on the meetings. I already manage a savings account with my own money inside of it, am very organized, and I also know how to use Google Sheets with formulas, etc. I hope that I could have the opportunity to work with you soon.

In terms of sailing, I started a few years ago sailing FJ's in the summer. Then the next year I learned how to sail Optimists and joined the Green Fleet. This year I started sailing in the Junior Varsity FJ team during the Fall, which is still going. My goal is to join the Laser or C420 team by high school. Also I would like to sail in a Regatta.

Sophie Smith

Senior

J105 and FJ

Leadership experience: Vice President then President of my high school's Archery Club; co-founded a sailing team for my high school at the Sausalito Yacht Club (it has since moved to the SFYC).

List a few activities and/or problems that you would consider as a leader: There are so many kids who are part of our Yacht Club, and they all have important things to say. If I get elected to the Youth Board, I will make it my top priority that all of their ideas are heard by the right people. I would also like to bring more people into the amazing sport that is sailing. Many people are nervous to try the sport because it seems daunting and complicated, so I'd like to host a few "Sailing 101" classes for those who want to start sailing, get better at it, or need to freshen up their skills. These would be out-of-water "classes" that would cover topics like: knot tying, course planning, reading tell-tales, boat/sail positions, and more. But, above all of these ideas, I want to emphasize that the youth at our Yacht Club are just as important as everyone else, and if I get elected to the Youth Board, I will spread this message and make sure people understand this. The kids now will be the adults soon, and it is up to the Youth Board to help shape our members into thoughtful, positive, and hard-working team players.