

Deb Boudreau

Board Candidate Declaration

I am seeking re-election for a second term on the CBI board.

My relationship with CBI goes back decades, but I look forward to each new sailing season. Last year's minimalist Adult Program, without the Junior Program or Universal Access Program, was greatly missed by the CBI community and greater Boston community. This sailing season I saw returning and new members thrilled to be able to sail or paddle in the company of others. I met some Junior Program kids and parents in late August and they are eager for next summer's program. This year is CBI's 75th anniversary and we are looking forward to many more anniversaries well into the far future.

Since the onset of the pandemic the CBI Board and Budget and Finance Committee (BufCom) has been meeting frequently: first due to the immediate cash flow crisis and then for consideration on how we could reopen in 2021. Now, BufCom and the board are looking forward to building long-term financial security to sustain CBI well into the future while offering the best value program for our members. This work has just begun with ongoing work on a new post-Covid strategic plan. I intend to continue my participation in the planning of CBI's future.

In addition to the CBI board, I have been a member of the BufCom since 2018 and a volunteer faculty for many, many years. This current season, I have frequently taught Shore School or on-the-water Mainsail and Jib classes. I also participate in the Women's Sailing and Racing group which is an association of women who help and mentor other women to learn and grow in their overall sailing and/or racing experiences, in addition to having fun. This Women's Sailing and Racing group has sponsored CBI wide events such as movie nights, sailing clinics and a Covid trivia night via Zoom.

In my professional career, my experience has been in internal audit, accounting, and financial analysis in the financial services and industry. I joined BufCom, in part because I have an audit and accounting background, but mostly because I am interested in CBI's financial welfare.

I ask for consideration of my candidacy for CBI Board and for your help in sustaining CBI for the future.