

2026 Board of Directors Candidate Profiles

Sam Buck

Sam Buck is an active member of Community Boating, Inc., serving on the Finance and Governance Committees and contributing as a volunteer instructor for shore schools and guided sails. As both a sailor and an engaged member of the CBI community, Sam brings a commitment to the organization's mission of Sailing for All.

A neuroscientist with a background in engineering, medical imaging, and psychiatric research, Sam brings a unique combination of technical expertise, nonprofit leadership, and organizational experience. He currently serves on the boards of a private grantmaking foundation and an organization dedicated to creating safer communities. Through these roles, he has developed experience in financial oversight, organizational growth, governance, and building collaborative, mission-driven organizations.

Sam believes that a strong organizational culture begins with the Board. He is particularly interested in strengthening CBI's governance practices, promoting transparency and accountability, and fostering an environment where members, volunteers, and staff feel safe, included, and heard.

Through his continued service, Sam hopes to help CBI build a culture of trust, collaboration, and shared responsibility while ensuring that the organization remains a welcoming community for everyone who calls CBI home.

Elizabeth Kennedy

Elizabeth Kennedy's connection to Community Boating began in middle school when she participated in CBI's Junior Program. Having experienced firsthand the opportunities that CBI provides to young people, she returned to the organization as an adult and currently serves on its Board of Directors in an interim role.

Elizabeth is Director of Government Relations at Activate, an international nonprofit that supports scientists and engineers in bringing breakthrough technologies to market. She leads the organization's federal, state, and local government strategy and has helped direct and secure approximately \$1 billion in public and private funding throughout her career. Her professional experience includes leadership positions at the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, Portal Biotechnologies, and Landmark Bio. She also serves on the Board of MassVentures, Massachusetts' venture capital agency.

During her service on CBI's Board, Elizabeth has focused on strengthening government relations, securing public funding, and developing external partnerships. She has helped secure more than \$35,000 in state legislative funding, supported an additional \$4 million earmark request, and helped lead a \$200,000 grant application for facility improvements.

Elizabeth is committed to leveraging her professional experience and relationships to help CBI secure additional resources, modernize its facilities, and expand programming for young people, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and other underserved communities. She hopes to strengthen CBI's partnerships with government agencies, civic organizations, and community institutions while preserving the accessibility and sense of community that make Sailing for All possible.

Brent Antony

Brent Antony's connection to Community Boating began many years ago when he learned to sail as a new member. The experience sparked a lifelong love of sailing and a lasting appreciation for CBI's mission. After spending several years away from Boston, Brent has returned to the organization, where both of his sons are now adult members, continuing a family connection to CBI across generations.

Brent brings more than 20 years of executive leadership experience in technology, strategic planning, organizational development, and large-scale operations. His professional background includes serving as Executive Advisor and Interim Managing Director of Digital Solutions at ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School, Vice President of Advisory Services at Optum, and Chief Information Officer for the State of Tennessee's healthcare programs. Throughout his career, he has led major technology modernization initiatives, organizational transformations, and strategic planning efforts across the public and private sectors.

Brent holds an MBA and a Master of Public Health from Tulane University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University.

Brent is passionate about giving back to the organization that first introduced him to sailing. He hopes to contribute his experience in technology, governance, and organizational strategy to help CBI strengthen its operations, support its long-term growth, and expand opportunities for future generations of sailors. He is committed to preserving CBI's welcoming community and ensuring that Sailing for All remains at the heart of the organization's future.

Nick Miller

Nick joined community boating in 2020, seeking a fun, outdoor activity during the pandemic. "A boat is a boat," he was heard to say. "CBI dock staff and volunteers make this place special." He began leading rigging and shore school classes in 2022 and loved it. He joined the Finance committee in December, 2022 and prompted CBI to engage an outside investment advisor for our endowment. He was elected to the Board in October, 2023. He has served as Board secretary (2023 – 2024) and Board President (2024 – 2026) leading CBI's efforts to hire our new Executive Director; develop and document CBI's governance processes; define committee purposes and structure; and strengthen the board by increasing both the number of directors and director non-profit board experience. A resident of Cambridge, Nick is founder and managing director of the consulting firm, Clarity Advantage, providing strategy implementation and training services to the banking industry.