

Dear Corporation Members,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my candidacy for the CBI Board of Directors.

Community Boating means a lot to me, and I want to serve the organization as a board member with the aim of preserving our unique organizational culture whilst using my skillset to help to expand our vision of 'Sailing for All!'

Over the past 12 years, my deepening connections in the sailing world have made me appreciate the uniqueness of CBI. What sets us apart is our inclusive approach; providing easy access to a sport often seen as exclusive. Talking to world-class sailors across North America, the admiration for CBI's commitment to welcoming sailors from all backgrounds has been consistent. I am deeply passionate about enhancing and preserving this legacy.

Skills acquired from my work at a Swiss-based engineering services company (Helbling) as a partner (the only non-Swiss) and team-leader should be of benefit to the board. Within these roles I am responsible for a wide range of business functions including hiring (including upcoming selection of the new corporate CEO), human resources, general management, accounting, marketing, sales, project acquisition, project execution, and service development. Together with a great team, we have grown our American presence over the last 15 years from 3 FTE's to over 30 in a tough market with many competitors. I feel strongly that this wide range of nimble professional experience can be valuable to CBI.

I owe much of who I am today to the opportunities CBI has offered me as an adult sailor. I've honed my leadership skills through learning to sail and race, through my time volunteering as the CBI Tiller Club Steward for 10 years, through teaching classes, and through the amazing network of friends I have found through CBI. This network has led me to volunteer as a mentor for BUILD, a non-profit which seeks to use entrepreneurship as a tool to empower high school students regardless of their zip code, race, and class. I've also spent years volunteering within the Viper 640 (sailboat) class, where currently I am the head of the Technical Committee. The spirit of volunteerism at CBI is something to be praised and propagated.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to give back to Community Boating! I promise I will give my all to supporting the organization through the challenges that lie ahead through empathic, thoughtful leadership, with heart!