

CBI corporation members,

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for CBI's board.

I've always loved the wind and the water, but never imagined myself a sailor until Community Boating gave me the opportunity almost a decade ago. Without CBI's low-cost, friendly, no-hassle introduction, I probably never would have learned to sail. Without the incredible community, CBI wouldn't have changed my life. That's part of why the goal of Sailing for All means so much to me.

Our affordable adult program is important for that goal, but so is the Junior Program, our work with high schools, the Universal Access Program, CBI's relationship with Boston Blind Sailing, and CBI's many special events to get all sorts of folks out sailing.

CBI's community, corporation, and volunteers are a huge part of what makes it such a special place. Inspired by the mission and wanting to give back, I've volunteered on many levels at CBI - teaching classes, coaching high schoolers, and working on the curriculum during the pandemic for which I was awarded Volunteer of the Year. Joining the board is a natural next step, as I want to be involved in helping CBI maintain an emphasis on volunteerism as we move forward with new initiatives.

As a new board member, my priority initially would be to learn from our current leaders how I can help. I'm ready to assist with long-term planning, fund-raising, community outreach, and of course being a constant presence for our mission on the dock as I sail at CBI frequently.

Professionally, I lead product and engineering at a well-funded startup, Coiled, where I am responsible for a budget similar to CBI's. This work is hands-on and dynamic, and I am involved in many functions within the startup. I have deep experience building and developing teams, creating long term corporate strategy – and building buy-in for it – and serving the complex needs of our customers. From my time studying mathematics at the graduate level, through my time developing software for AWS, and founding a company, I am comfortable working together in teams to solve problems within highly complex systems. I am confident I can bring my professional skills to bear on the important work of furthering CBI's goals as a member of the board.

I would be honored if you choose me for this role in furthering Sailing for All.