

**JERICO SAILING CENTRE ASSOCIATION**  
**2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

The following candidates have put their names forward for the Jericho Sailing Centre Association Board of Directors. As of the October 10 Nomination Deadline, the following 9 JSCA members were nominated to fill 8 vacant positions.

**Nigel BALL**

I would like to put my name forward as a nominee for membership of the JSCA Board of Directors. I have been a member of JSCA and Viking Sailing Club, one of the Co-ops that operates out of the JSCA since 2009. I am passionate about the services JSCA provides to Vancouver and believe that I can contribute to the excellence and leadership JSCA has provided to the local ocean going community. My previous experience with non-profit organizations gives me unique insight into what makes non-profits tick, the challenges they face and how best to utilize the energy and enthusiasm they instill to benefit our community as a whole.

**Dominique LABROSSE**

I've been happy to fill-in on the board over the past year and would like to continue representing the interests of members clubs and schools. I feel that my 35+ years in and around Jericho offers a well-informed perspective on many of the association's stakeholders and would allow me to competently represent the interests of the membership at the board level. Specifically over the years, I've had experience as a member of a club, a member at large, a staff member of a contracted school and a JSCA staff member at the helm of our racing and rescue programs. I've sailed everything from an Opti to a windsurfer to a Laser to a Hobie cat to a keelboat, I've paddled SUPs, kayaks and outrigger canoes. I have raced windsurfers, dinghies and keelboats and have acted as a PRO for club races of all sorts as well as regional and national level championship regattas for boats of various sizes and sailors of all ages. I also teach people how to windsurf from time to time with our contracted windsurfing school. Other board level experience includes the Federation of Francophones, the BC Francophone Youth Council and two residential strata committees on which I have helped co-ordinate a large and complex capital project.

**Maxime LAURENT**

I think that I brought some good ideas and good thoughts to the board in the last 2 years. I still have much more to bring to the board and to Jericho Sailing Centre. I do attend almost every board meeting and am also involved in almost all committees. I appreciate being able to share my ideas to improve the experience of being a member of Jericho Sailing Centre Association or other affiliate clubs. I have been a member of Jericho Sailing Centre since November 2014 and a member of ClubLocarno since April 2016. I am often volunteering with the Jericho Rescue Team. I believe that there are no problems but only solutions. I am a person with a lot of good ideas for the success of a business. While I was living in Quebec I had a similar experience as a Director on the Board of College Notre-Dame-Des-Servites' foundation.

**Tony MARTIN**

I have served on the Board over the past ten years and I would welcome the opportunity to continue. I believe my contributions to the Jericho Sailing Centre community have been meaningful, and have enjoyed being able to give back to the facility that has given me so many wonderful times on the water. I would like the opportunity to continue on the Board and build on previous success as well as being a voice for the future. I support the way the Centre has developed and would like to see it thrive in the future. There has been a continual increase in both the use of the centre and the "visibility" of the centre. My skills as a sailor and a professional engineer are an asset to the continued development and stability of the Centre. I have been an active family member of the Jericho Sailing Centre for almost 30 years and actively race both a Tasar and Laser.

## **Gordon NEWELL**

I wish to bring benefits to the Jericho community and bring a solid skill set to the table, plus I look forward to the opportunity of learning and working alongside other Board members. My previous work experience began with 14 years British Army officer service (to the rank of Captain in signals/intelligence), including operational and crisis management skill (from active deployments). I have particular expertise in achieving collective aims for the betterment of an organization by leading multi-skilled stakeholder collaborations. I'm an avid fan of all things Jericho and have been a Jericho Rescue Team member for two years. Prior to this I led and managed UBC's Longboat event 2012/16, becoming familiar and skilled of working in concert with the many stakeholders who make up the Jericho family; from volunteers, management, to logistical support and other sailor members. I am also well connected within the legal and permit contingencies at Metro Vancouver, the City and elsewhere. Currently I work in project management with an emphasis on events/programming (at UBC), as well as a leadership consultancy (GNE). In my spare time aside from Jericho Rescue, I enjoy outdoor pursuits; this has included planning and leading mountaineering expeditions worldwide and embracing my recent Canadian citizenship. Previous board experience has included being the Royal Corps of Signals HQ Officers' Mess Secretary (where we hosted a Royal visit) and current management of communications and recruitment for the Vancouver Chapter of the national veterans network support group, Treble Victor (I plan and lead new initiatives to capture community engagement).

## **Lou PARSONS**

Over the last two years I've served on the JSCA Board of Directors and would like to put my name forward for re-election to another 2-year term. In addition to working with my fellow Board members I have also volunteered extensively with the Jericho Rescue team, worked with fellow members of the Safety Committee, set endless race marks, and most enjoyable of all, helped instruct new members of the Rescue Team. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the Jericho Sailing Centre community over the next two years.

## **Andrew SILVERSIDES**

As a member of the UBC Sailing Club for the last three seasons I've been a heavy user of the Jericho Sailing Centre and have great respect and appreciation for what the Centre does for the sailing community in Vancouver. I have also raced keelboats in English Bay over the last seven years and so understand the important role the Jericho Sailing Centre in offering a safe learning environment and access to support and develop the sport of sailing. At work, I currently manage a product category, which has allowed me to gain experience working with short and long-term business strategies, budgets and maintain a large variety of internal and external partners. I believe my skills and experience and my desire to contribute to the Board would allow me to give back to the sailing community at Jericho.

## **Benoit SONREL**

I have been a member of the Jericho Sailing Centre since 2008. I have had the pleasure and privilege to serve on the Board of Directors over the past four years and as Chairman of the Safety Committee over the past three. I'm an avid sailor, racer and volunteer. I have a catamaran at Jericho that I sail and race regularly. As a member of the Rescue Team, I volunteer year-round at sailing, paddling and other events organized or supported by Jericho. I also help train new members and of course rescue other members in tighter spots. When I don't injure myself jumping off boats, I can be found defending Jericho's reputation at various sail racing events and sailing in English Bay and beyond. It is my goal as a member of the Board to help the association to reach its goals in continuity, in supporting its role in the Vancouver sailing community and in serving its members' best interests.

## **Jennifer WETERINGS**

I've been a member of JSCA since 1998, when I joined 'The Joy of Rowing', and from there in 2002 became a part of ClubLocarno. Over the 14 years with ClubLocarno I started as the rowing coach, then joined the Board in 2006 as their Rowing Director, becoming the first Female and non sailing Commodore. After suffering a severe illness in 2011 I stepped down as Commodore in 2012 then became their 'Officer at Large' for another year. During this time, I also owned a rowing shell stored at Jericho, which I sold in 2013. In 2015, several rowing members at Jericho joined forces to start Jericho's first rowing only cooperative/club at Jericho, and in fact the first and only club solely focused on Coastal Rowing on Canada's west coast. I've served on Jericho's board for 4 years and would very much like to continue if the JSCA membership choose to continue to support my candidacy.