

# INSTRUCTORS

All of our classes are taught or supervised by U.S. Sailing Certified Instructors.



## Maddie Lyon-Head Instructor

Hi! My name is Maddie and this is my 6th year teaching at the Racine Yacht Club. I went to Eastern Illinois University where I played NCAA division 1 soccer and am now a high school health and wellness teacher in Fox Lake, Illinois. I grew up sailing with my family from a very young age and have continued to sail on all sizes and types of boats ever since. My summers are spent on Lake Michigan and my winters are spent skiing the snowy slopes! I absolutely love sharing my passion for sailing and love for the water with all my students. I'm looking forward to a fantastic summer at RYC!



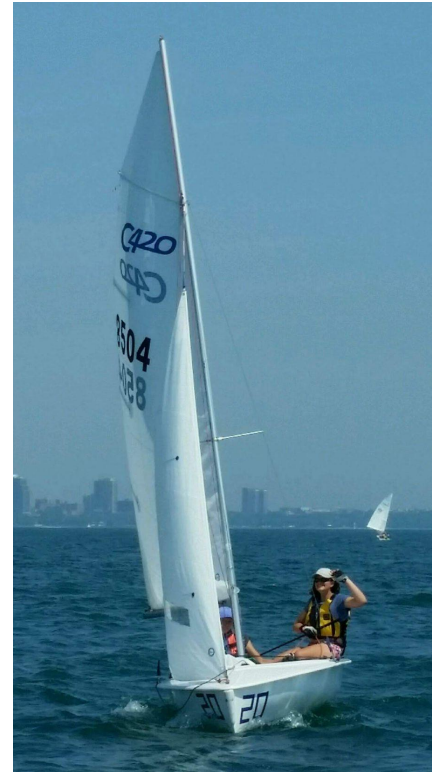
## Richie Trott- Race Coach

Hello my name is Richie I am a level two US Sailing instructor. I've been sailing for seven years on many different types of boats and races. I grew up in the RYC sailing program which ultimately led to instructing there. I took a year off to teach sailing down in Florida at Club Med which was an awesome experience. I also this past summer bought a 35 foot sailboat, fixed it up and am getting ready to sail around the world hopefully someday soon. In my free time I love to draw, paint, and listen to some good tunes. I look forward to instructing the advanced class this summer and getting more kids involved at regattas in the area!



## **Sarah Mercer**

Heyo! I'm Sarah Mercer and I'll be a freshman at Columbia International University in the fall where I will be studying Theology and Family Counseling! After college my plan is to become a youth Pastor. This will be my third year teaching at RYC and I've been sailing for 8 years! In my spare time I love thrifting, learning more about classic rock, playing softball and reading. My favorite thing to collect is rubber duckies, currently stashed on my dashboard!



## **Leah Hansen**

Hi, I am Leah Hansen. I am currently a student at Case High School here in Racine. I am in the 2023 graduating class and plan on going to college to become an Athletic Trainer! This will be my third year of being a sailing instructor at RYC. My interests outside of sailing all summer are soccer, golf, basketball and playing the viola! I'm super excited for lots of sailing this summer!

