

**Pathway to Podium
Proposed Board of Directors**

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Kelly Marie

Kelly Patrick Marie is an internationally recognized sailing leader whose achievements span advocacy, innovation, and community impact. Her milestones include authoring and championing Los Angeles' bid to host Olympic sailing events and leading the first U.S. female WASZP foiling clinic in 2024 in partnership with the Magenta Foiling Team. She serves on the USA WASZP Executive Team and as Project Coordinator for the U.S. Magenta Foiling Team, strengthening global pathways in high-performance foiling and advancing equity across the sport. Kelly was instrumental in delivering SailGP to Los Angeles through groundbreaking community engagement and has been a driving force in expanding access, inclusivity, and representation within sailing and throughout her community's waterfront.

As founder of the Blue Future Foundation (BFF)—endorsed by American One Racing, Magenta Foiling Team, the Port of Los Angeles, USC, and YWCA, and supportive partner SailGP USA—Kelly leads an inclusive vision for the industry, expanding access to foiling while creating workforce and career pathways across the sailing and maritime sectors. Through BFF, she promotes grassroots participation, high-performance development, and technical innovation, building bridges between community sailing, professional sport, and the blue economy.

Deeply connected to San Pedro and the Port of Los Angeles, Kelly's work aligns with the Port's \$1 billion waterfront revitalization, transforming the region into a global hub for foiling, sustainability, and innovation. A former two-term Commodore of an internationally renowned yacht club—the first in 83 years to hold consecutive terms—she revitalized club operations and re-established the junior sailing program after a 33-year hiatus, reaffirming her lifelong commitment to youth, leadership, and community growth within the sport. Her dedication to both heritage and progress is also reflected in

her restoration of a 1964 Calkins 50 and a 1962 Cal 20 (Hull #15), winner of the first Cal 20 National Championship.

Key Roles

- Community Engagement — SailGP (Season 5, Los Angeles)
- Commodore (Two-Term) — Los Angeles Yacht Club (2021–2023)
- Committee Lead — Port of Los Angeles (2023–Present)
- Founder — Blue Future Foundation (BFF) (2024–Present)
- Executive Team Member — USA WASZP (2024–Present)
- Magenta Foiling Project Coordinator — The Magenta Project (2025–Present)
- Co-Founder — Pathway to Podium Foundation (2025).

Kenneth Corry

Sailing Background

1971: Junior Member of Royal Cork Yacht Club

1971 - 1973: Irish Sailing Association (ISA) Sailing Course – Stage #1 – 3 Passed

1975: ISA Sailing Instructor Course – Passed – Taught Summer Sailing Courses

1976 - 1977 : Taught ISA Sailing Courses in Summer Months

1977 - 1980: Sailing on various type dinghys, Mirror, National 18 & graduate to Cruisers

1981: Joined Yacht Moonduster and competed for Ireland in Admirals Cup Series

1982 - 1983: Sail on Moonduster for Ireland in Sardinia and Admirals Cup Series

1984: Sailed for Ireland in J24 Class World Championships

1994 -1998: Skippered Catalina 37 in Long Beach Race Weeks

1994 - 2000: Member of Pacific Yacht Charter Co. (Catalina 36 typical)

2014: Joined LAYC as a full regular member.

2018: Joined the Board of Directors of LAYC

2018 - 2020: Actively sailing, Race Committee Chair and member of the BOD.

2021: Rear Commodore of LAYC and active sailor. Also Chair of Race Committee.

2022 - 2023: Vice Commodore and remained Race Chair.

2024: Commodore of LAYC.

See link to an article in "Ireland Afloat" - the ISA Sailing Magazine - after Mr. Corry became Commodore of LAYC.

<https://afloat.ie/port-news/cork-harbour-news/item/62809-crosshaven-cadet-becomes-california-commodore>

Mr. Corry graduated in 1981 with a Diploma in Civil Engineering from the Munster Institute of Technology and began working in the construction field in Ireland. In 1985, an opportunity arose to emigrate to the US and Mr. Corry moved to Southern California. Since then he has been involved in the General Engineering sector of the construction

industry with an emphasis on wet utility installations and concrete structures. He is with his current employer for the last 23 Years and is looking forward to using his abilities to set up the facility for sailing team and community group usage.

Robert Kraak

Sailing Background

- Member of the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club (CBYC) since 2010, serving concurrently on several committees, including the Youth and Finance Committees as well as CBYC's Board of Directors.
- Boat owner, active sailor, and sailboat racer with a focus on long-distance offshore regattas in Southern California, such as Newport to Ensenada, Santa Barbara to King Harbor, The Islands Race, The Islands Series, Around Catalina to Dana Point, Spinnaker Cup, San Pedro Cup, and other major regattas
- Co-Chair of the ILCA Worlds Youth Championships 2025

Professional Background

Mr. Kraak holds a Diploma in Economics from the University of Bonn, Germany. He moved to the U.S. in 1995 to manage the U.S. subsidiary of Roder AG, a multinational German corporation and a leader in temporary event structures for large sporting events, concerts, shows, and exhibitions. In 2006, Mr. Kraak joined Classic Party Rentals as President of Classic's Temporary Tent Structure Division, Classic Tents. In his role, Mr. Kraak provided event solutions for some of the largest sporting events in the U.S., including the U.S. Open of Golf, PGA Championships, Ryder Cup, and Super Bowls. In 2015, Mr. Kraak founded Shelter Structures America Inc. The company manufactures and distributes temporary structures to event production companies in North America. As owner and president of Shelter Structures, Mr. Kraak oversees distribution centers in Valencia, CA, and Chicago, IL. The company maintains additional sales offices in Virginia and Florida.

Richard J. Maire, Jr.

Sailing Background

- Started sailing in grade school with a Sydney Sabot Dinghy
- For his 1972 Eagle Scout Project, through coordination with LA Unified School District and the Department of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Maire brought after school sailing programs to local middle schools
- Substitute Sailing Instructor, Department of Parks and Recreation 1974

- Stroke Oar, UCLA Heavyweight Eight, 1976-1980; Silver Medalist, Western Sprints, 1979; Bronze Medalist, Pacific 10 Conference Championships, 1980.
- Owner of numerous boats over the years, both power and sail. Currently owns and actively cruises *Insolent Minx*, a 43' Hunter Sailboat
- Member, California Yacht Club, since 2000
- Member, Los Angeles Yacht Club, since 2009; Staff Commodore, member of Board of Directors, and former Club Judge Advocate
- Frequent volunteer, and former Co-Chair, *Port of Los Angeles Harbor Cup Regatta*, a collegiate invitational regatta annually hosted by LAYC
- Active cruiser, including local waters, and frequent Catalina excursions (Mr. Maire is a mooring lessee at Howlands Landing, Catalina); international cruising in French Polynesia, Mexico and in the Adriatic, off Croatia

Other Relevant Background:

Mr. Maire is a long-time equity partner at the law firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in Los Angeles. His practice focuses on corporate finance, corporate transactions and governance. Manatt's Non-Profit Group is graciously providing legal services in connection with the organization of Pathway to Podium on a *pro-bono* basis.

Mr. Maire has extensive experience in managing non-profit corporations. In addition to his role as a Director at LAYC, he is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of Genesis LA, a non-profit Community Development Financial Institution, that provides low interest loans, New Market Tax Credits and advisory services to Los Angeles based non-profits and other community organizations in support of affordable housing developments and job-creating commercial developments. Mr. Maire is the former Chair of the Board of the Westchester YMCA, and current member of the Board. He has served on numerous other non-profit boards in the past.

Bill Schopp

Sailing Background

- Co-founder, President of Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Foundation,
- Staff Commodore Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club.
- Sailing/racing for 50 years, 5 pacific crossings (including 3 Transpac's),
- Cal 20 Class Champion,
- Finalist in the US Match racing championship,
- Finalist in the Governor's Cup youth match racing championship,
- Finalist in the Ficker Cup match racing championship,
- Captain of the Cal Maritime Sailing team,
- Racing in the following classes: 505, Cal 20, J80, J105, Express 37, Catalina 37, PHRF, IOR.

Professional Background

- Cal Maritime undergraduate degree
- Pepperdine MBA
- 3rd mate USCG license unlimited tonnage
- Lt. Commander US Naval reserve honorable discharge
- Staff Commodore Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club
- Currently serving on the following boards:
- President/co-founder Cabrillo Beach Youth Sailing Foundation
- LA/LB Marine Exchange
- Past board experience:
 - Propeller Club LA/LB
 - Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club
- Head of Maintenance and Engineering at TraPac
 - Previously - 35 years in all aspects of operations at TraPac

In 2004, Bill developed the concept of the "No Bunker Zone" which required all vessels to switch from bunkers to diesel within 24 miles of ports in California. After much research, interviews with Chief Engineers on ships, and convincing MOL (now ONE) to test it on one of their vessels, which proved successful, CARB adopted the concept and made it a state law. This reduces harmful vessel emissions by 75% and is now being adopted globally.

Jack Baric

Jack Baric is an Emmy Award–winning filmmaker and media entrepreneur based in the Los Angeles region, and the Co-Founder of GameChange, a media company that shares inspirational sports stories and educational content for its community, GameChangeNation. Through his work, Baric has demonstrated how storytelling can mobilize community engagement and philanthropy—most notably through the USC–UCLA rivalry documentary *A City Divided* and the related charity initiative that brought fans together in support of cancer research. His film credits include *Searching for a Storm* and *A City Divided*, and he is credited as a producer on the Emmy-recognized PBS documentary *Bloody Thursday*.

Mike Lansing

Mike Lansing is a longtime San Pedro community leader and the former Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor (BGCLAH). Over roughly three decades of leadership, he helped expand the organization's reach and impact across the Los Angeles Harbor area. Under his tenure, BGCLAH strengthened programs supporting academic achievement and workforce pathways, including initiatives such as College Bound and Career Bound. Lansing also previously served two terms on the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of

Education representing District 7. In 2024, BGCLAH announced a leadership transition naming Peter Settelmayer as CEO effective August 1, and Lansing has been publicly recognized for his impact and legacy.