

Natalie Coleman Fuller. SMSA President, 2016–2018

Natalie Coleman-Fuller's love of the waters around Cape Cod can be traced back to her childhood of spending summer days racing Beetle Cats and Daysailers on Pleasant Bay. Later, she enjoyed cruising around Nantucket Sound, the Islands and Buzzards Bay with her husband, Rob, aboard the Grayling (Marshall 22, hull #1). In recent years, she has loved coaching/spectating at Opti and 420 youth sailing competitions around Southern Massachusetts.

Natalie has led by example to model female leadership in sailing and excellence in racing. She was one of the first (if not the first) female sailing masters at Nantucket Yacht Club in the 80s; she competed in a number of 'Mrs. Charles Frances Adams Cup' competitions held across the US, winning second place ('Mrs. Willis D. Wood trophy') in 2009; and she is an active competitor in Daysailers and C420s at the Chatham Yacht Club.

Natalie has served as commodore of Chatham Yacht Club, and is currently a board member of Pleasant Bay Community Boating (PBCB), where she helped usher the 2014 purchase of their permanent home on 3.1 acres of waterfront property spanning three towns (Harwich, Brewster and Orleans). At PBCB, she has been instrumental in building both sailing and marine science programs, including the Friday Friendly Races and Muddy Creek Explorers (find out more about PBCB at www.pbcbb.cc).

