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SENIOR NAMED FIRST ALL-AMERICAN SAILOR

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Summary:
Captain David Hyer guided team to the best season in its 25-year history

Article:

Following the most successful season in the 25-year history of the Roger Williams University sailing program, the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association named senior captain David Hyer an honorable mention All-American coed sailor, making him the team's first All-American sailor ever.

“The success of the Roger Williams sailing team illustrates the huge strides our Athletics Department has made in recent years,” said University President Roy J. Nirschel. “And Mr. Hyer’s well-deserved selection culminates a remarkable season for our sailors.”

Mr. Hyer, a West Islip, N.Y., native who started sailing at age 8, decided to attend Roger Williams partly because of its up-and-coming sailing program. In his four years on the team—three of those as a captain—he helped lead the team to unprecedented success. The squad achieved its pinnacle last September when the Sailing World coaches poll ranked the Hawks fourth in the nation; in addition, a number of sailors represented the University at national championship events during the season.

Performing at an All-American level is something that Mr. Hyer has always strived for, but he knows he didn’t get there alone: “After the team’s achievements this year, I knew I had a real shot at being an All-American,” he said. “It’s a great accomplishment, and it shows how much the sailing team has progressed.”

“Dave’s achievement is the result of the time, effort, persistence and commitment that he and all the sailors devoted to the team,” said George Kolb, director of athletics at Roger Williams. “His award really shows how much we have grown.”

Mr. Hyer graduated in May with a degree in business management; he plans to teach sailing lessons this summer while he searches for a position in management. For more information or to arrange an interview, contact the Office of Public Affairs at (401) 254-3178

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