



# The High School View

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## MVRHS sailing team has the wind in their sails

BY JOSIE WELCH

Two weekends ago, the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) sailing team competed at the 2022 New England Schools Sailing Association (NESSA) O'Day Qualifiers at Connecticut College, placing 14th in New England out of 50 schools. The sailing team is mostly funded by Sail MV. NESSA, which is made up of all schools in New England, ranging from powerhouses like Tabor, St. George's, and Hotchkiss, to small public schools like MVRHS, invites the top 16 schools to compete in the O'Day Qualifiers at the end of each season. Junior team member An-

nabelle Brothers is proud of the hard work her team put forth to get to the top 16. "We have a very talented group," she said. "I think there's a range of skill sets that make our team, meaning anyone can learn from anyone." She also acknowledged the accomplishment of qualifying as such a small group, with many new sailors. "Considering the small size of our school, we're going up against other very competent sailors who have more experience, yet we still qualified," she said. Coach Andrew Nutton has been coaching sailing since 1997 in many countries, ranging from France, Italy, and Spain to Portugal, Holland, Germany, the U.K., and the Middle East. He



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believes that sailing brings a different dynamic than many other sports. "Sailing is more of a dark art than a sport, really. It requires far more than anyone really understands, unless you do it. There is no other sport that the medium you're competing in changes every second," he said. "It would be like an American football team attempting to play with the turf changing

every 15 to 10 seconds. You need to be educated in sailing to understand sailing." Coach Andrew Burr also finds sailing to be different from many other sports because it isn't as popular. "No one really knows what it's like to sail in 25 knots of breeze in 40° water, where not only is safety an issue, but being able to control the boat in a way that's involuntary. It becomes instinctual rather than a forced thing," he said. Although sailing is a spring sport at MVRHS, a club sailing team exists for students in the fall. "We normally have anywhere from 12 to 20 sailors ranging from freshmen to seniors [in spring]," Coach Nutton said. "In the autumn, we focus on fleet racing and team racing, and the Vineyard team hosts the Arnold Brown Regatta, which is a qualifier for a na-

tional sailing event." In addition to placing 14th in New England this year, there were other positive outcomes this sailing season. "For the most part [the season was] 90 percent positivity, which is one of the hardest things to do in [sailing] — to maintain character and sportsmanship, because sailing weighs on you, it beats you down," Coach Burr said. Even with all of their recent success, the team feels that their accomplishments haven't been well-acknowledged by the school community. However, junior Henry Kyburg-Abbot sees why. "Most people don't really understand what it takes to sail a boat," he said. "[Many people don't] understand what we do, and how amazing it is that we can do what we do," said Coach Burr. **HSV**

## A farewell from The High School View

This will be the final edition of The High School View for this school year. As the editors of The High School View, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank our readers, express our gratitude to the MV Times staff, and share some insight into the team that has produced the paper this school year.



KATE HENNIGAN

SARA CREATO:

I first joined The High School View during my freshman year. At that time, I was taking an intro to journalism course that piqued my interest. As a freshman on a staff made up of predominantly upperclassmen, I felt intimidated. However, my initial discomfort allowed me to grow as not only a writer but a more confident person with every interview I conducted and article published. During the onset of the

pandemic in my sophomore year, I lost a lot of my academic motivation. However, my passion for newspaper weathered the storm, and it was exciting for me to explore the various angles of COVID-19 to report on. During my junior year, I was promoted to assistant editor-in-chief before becoming the editor-in-chief this year. As editor-in-chief, I was introduced to new challenges, such as leading staff meetings and mentoring new writers. Newspaper was

a key part of my identity at MVRHS. From writing about students starring in a film to period poverty, The High School View sparked within me the desire to become a journalist. In the fall, I hope to take all the skills I've acquired from The High School View with me to Boston University as a journalism major. **HARDY EVILLE:** I found The High School View at the end of my sopho-

more year, right before COVID hit. I started out nervous and unsure whether I would stick with it, but when my baseball season was canceled due to COVID, I put all my energy into the newspaper, and it became an essential part of me. That year, I wrote articles on fundraisers, pandemic pets, and substance abuse. The next year I applied and became assistant editor-in-chief, continuing to write, edit and take photos. I slowly learned how to write different types of

articles: features, news, profiles, and more. Over time, The High School View grew to be the place where I felt most at home at MVRHS. Looking back, the long days editing articles and making layouts were some of the most intensive and rewarding parts of my high school experience. I do not know if journalism will follow me in the next stage of my life, but I plan to continue writing and learning at Yale University in the fall. This year, the editorial staff worked hard to diversify the subject matter that we covered through our stories of news, sports, and student and staff profiles. We tried to take on tougher topics, like teacher housing insecurity, political backlash, and mental health. This first year back in school after the uncertainty of the lockdowns of the COVID-19 pandemic was hard for everyone, but it fostered an increased sense of collaboration within The

High School View. We are excited about what we were able to accomplish this year, and even more excited about next publication year. The editors of The High School View would like to thank our staff for everything they contributed this year — from articles to photos, to masthead art. The editors and staff would also like to thank everyone at The MV Times for their continued support of student journalism and for their willingness to serve as educators and professional resources in the field. In particular, we would like to thank Nicole Jackson, who polished up our layout and design each week, Dave Plath, George Brennan, and Connie Berry. We'd also like to thank the many businesses and individuals who support us through advertisements every week. We couldn't do this without you. Sincerely, Sara Createo and Hardy Eville, editors-in-chief, 2021 – 22. **HSV**

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