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Highlights & Events

Maggie Knight, Director of Finance

We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Director of Finance, Maggie Knight. Maggie grew up in a sailing family, racing every Sunday and cruising to Nantucket, Block Island and Martha's Vineyard whenever possible. As such, she's well suited to The Landing School. In her own words, "The Landing School allows me the opportunity to be a part of the academic world. I have always enjoyed learning and I am happy to be part of an organization that teaches others to expand their minds and pursue their dreams. This combined with my love of sailing makes The Landing School the perfect place for me to be."

She's also qualified, beyond boats, having received a Bachelors in Accounting and a Masters in Business from the University of Southern Maine. Her career began as the Controller of Resorts Sports Network in Portland, Maine and then went on to business and accounting consulting for many years, up and down the east coast. Those years spent consulting gives Maggie a depth of experience in both business and accounting. We are excited to have her aboard!



Alumni Gathering

Join us after the Maine Boatbuilders Show for light food, drinks and good conversation.

Saturday, March 21st @ 4:30pm





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Faculty Profile

Cristian Macovei, in his own words...

My mentor, an ex-naval officer, at my previous job planted the seed and showed me the opportunities and possibilities if I was to follow a career in the composite industry, but I knew that I needed to go back to school in order to really progress. At the time, I was looking at IYRS in Rhode Island for their composites program, but I discovered The Landing School through further research. Didn't know much about the school in regards to its history, but I'd heard they had a good composites program and that they are well known for their graduates working in the industry. I called, talked with admissions and setup a tour. My tour happened to be on the same day as the job fair. I was impressed and nervous at the same time to step into the world of composites, not to mention a new school...but I did and I have no regrets!



I grew up in the middle of the eastern Carpathians in Romania. Mining and logging were the main source of income, given the resource and geographical positioning. Encounters with water were either swimming in the big river that crosses through my town or casual rides in a tourist boat in lakes, and visiting the south east coast of Romania to the Black Sea. When I arrived in Maine, it was a different story. I had friend who would take me fishing and sailing, and I'd also help out my wife's uncle in maintaining his lobster boat, which was modified and suited for Coast Guard auxiliary missions.

I planned to do both the Composites program as well as Marine Systems. I decided to take composites first and that led to being the program assistant during the following year. As a PA I learned a lot and dived into the technicalities of composite materials and processes, as well as life lessons: organization, time management, administration, project management, etc.

Now, as an instructor, I pride myself on my ability to organize and listen to the class, while still helping them achieve THEIR goals within the program. I'm excited about the future of this program and The Landing School as a whole.

Feature Article

Lobster Lads



Students at the Landing School come from many different backgrounds, so its rare when we get two as similar as Eliot Erickson and Zachaios Fitts. Both are recent graduates of Cape Elizabeth High School, with Eliot coming directly to TLS and Zac having a freshman year at a Plymouth State, NH. Both are keen lobstermen and both are here for a Marine Systems diploma.

As with many that head from high school to a traditional four year college, Zac was “undeclared” and not sure what his future held. He did learn that the four year college experience was not suited to his style of learning. What would work for him, and what he should “declare” (at least to himself) that he wanted to do, wasn’t clear.

Eliot, on the other hand, has been on a mission for some time – he’s a lobsterman and **will** be working on the water. He has his student license, which enables him to fish with up to 150 traps. He is short of logging 1000 hours for his full commercial license...although he has probably done the time,

just not kept the records! His boat is a 19’ Seaway “pointer” powered by an Evinrude, which he has operated...and kept going. For the last three years Zac has been his sternman....

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In the News

Maine Boat Builders Show

Come see us March 20th-22nd at the Maine Boatbuilders Show in Portland.

(<http://www.portlandcompany.com/boatShow/>)

Apart from normal show festivities, there will be an electrical (DC) troubleshooting competition among area high school students (find out more about PATHS Marine Systems Program [here](#)). This year, The Landing School will award a \$500 scholarship to the winner. We'll also have an alumni event on Saturday, March 21st at 4:30 @ The Stock House Restaurant and Sports Pub ...see you at the show!



Fisherman's Forum

For the first time in recent history, The Landing School will take part in the Maine Fisherman's Forum (<https://mainefishermensforum.org/>). With increased student interest, including two lobstermen in our Marine Systems program this year, we are excited to be included in a forum celebrating this deep-rooted Maine tradition. Come see us at our booth on March 6th &7th. This event is free to the public.



Notes from the Shop Floor



Workboats Need Work Too

One of the three project boats the Marine Systems students are working on during the second semester is a little out of the ordinary for The Landing School. Traditionally, the sail and powerboats we bring in for the winter, for everything from re-wiring to re-powering, are recreational vessels. This year we have a 25' BHM lobsterboat....not a pleasure craft like the Sisu 30' we are also working on, but a real commercial boat. While the fundamentals of the systems are the same, there are enough differences to make it really interesting. For starters the customer has a different perspective on what's important and that in itself is a great lesson for the students – listen to the customer...

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