



Change at the Helm of Sail Martha's Vineyard

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Andrew Nutton will replace John Kettlewell at the helm of Sail Martha's Vineyard (Sail MV) on April 1. Kettlewell, executive director since 2019, is retiring and will be moving off-island. Kettlewell has been working closely with Nutton and the Sail MV board to ensure a smooth transition. Nutton has been Sail MV's director of programs since 2017.

Nutton said, "I'm excited to take over from John. It has been a pleasure working with him and Sail MV is stronger than ever. We are well positioned to expand our core programs, including Sail Mobility."

In announcing his retirement from Sail MV at the January annual meeting, Kettlewell said, "It was a difficult decision to make, but I feel Sail MV is in a great place to move forward with improvement and expansion." Kettlewell noted that he and Nutton have been working on implementing Sail MV's Expanded Maritime Education Project grant received from MVYouth in December 2022.

Expanding the Sail MV crew, Nutton has hired a new office manager, Amelia Smith of West Tisbury.

Sail Martha's Vineyard is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and perpetuating our Island's maritime heritage, culture, skills, and the sea that surrounds us. We encourage all Island residents to be comfortable in and around the water through such programs as boat handling and sailing instruction for children, adult sailing instruction, Cornish Pilot Gig Rowing Club, and support for the high school sailing team for competitive sailors. We also established and conduct the Maritime Studies curriculum at the regional high school.

Information on Sail MV's programs may be found at www.sailmv.org.