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## **New England Science & Sailing (NESS) Hires Maeve Ryan as Director of Marketing & Major Gifts Officer**

STONINGTON, CT - New England Science & Sailing (NESS) welcomes Maeve Ryan of Middletown, Connecticut, as their new director of marketing and major gifts officer. Ryan is the former director of marketing at Suffield Academy in Suffield, CT, and previously worked as a marketing manager for Mount Holyoke College and as an instructional developer for the University of Connecticut.

Ryan has over 16 years of experience in the field of education. She attended Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT, received her B.A. from Bates College, M.A. from Middlebury College, and Ed.M. from Harvard University. She anticipates utilizing her knowledge of Spanish, educational technology, and marketing at NESS—an ocean adventure nonprofit foundation currently serving communities in southern New England.

“I’m grateful for the wide range of educational experiences and practices I gained while at Suffield Academy, Mount Holyoke College, and UCONN. I hope to implement some of these at NESS as we charge ahead to become a top resource for school systems and provide students with the means to get out on the water, build confidence, and become leaders in their communities,” commented Maeve.

NESS President Spike Lobdell added, “We are very excited to have Maeve join our team. She brings a breadth of skills and experience with an understanding of education that is well suited to help move NESS forward.”

*New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc. (NESS), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), provides year-round ocean adventure programs that engage students in experiential learning that builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Marine sciences (biology, oceanography, meteorology), adventure sports, and sailing are catalysts for teaching life skills, academic discipline, and respect and responsibility for the sea. NESS was named Outstanding Community Sailing Program in the nation for 2013. For more information, visit [www.nessf.org](http://www.nessf.org).*

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