



# MIT Alpine Skiing

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## News from the Hill



The team takes a photo break at the Waterville Valley race.

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Freshman Chyleigh Harmon destroys a slalom gate at Wildcat

### Captains' Corner

Dear members of the MIT Skiing Community,

It is with great pride that I present to you the new captains of the MIT Ski Team. Sarah Laderman ('12) and Jason Pier ('13) will be taking over responsibility of the team for the 2012 season. I have enjoyed my two year tenure as captain, and have tried my best to lead the team into its new venture as a club sport. I now look towards the future and am excited to help out the team from the alumni side as so many of you have. I am confident that our new captains will continue the ski team legacy and make the skiing experience better than ever before. Please join me in welcoming Jason and Sarah to their new positions and thank you all for helping me throughout the past two years.

-Jillian Reddy, Outgoing Captain



Jillian gets pre-race tips from Coach Ben at Gunstock

### Team Meeting

The 2011 season rocked! We left Boston on January 3rd to stay at our house in Rumney for the whole month. Training consisted of skiing four days a week at Waterville Valley and working on technique through freeskiing, drills, and gate training under the direction of our dedicated alumni coaches Ben Stewart ('07) and Ian Wolfe ('10). The team raced four men and five women which was a big improvement over last season. Team members Jenny Hawkin (CME), Josh Walker (CME), Jon Allen ('14), and Alix de Monts ('13) completed their first season of ski racing and showed remarkable improvements throughout the season while veteran racers Jason Pier ('13, incoming captain) and Mike Yurkerwich ('11) had another great season, with Mike coming extremely close to going to regionals. Chyleigh Harmon ('14) competed in her first season of college racing with great results. The team looks forward to seeing what she can do next year as a sophomore. Jillian Reddy finished her senior year strong, finally conquering the slalom discipline, although she was disappointed when the final race of her career, a GS at Wildcat, was cancelled due to heavy winds. Sarah Laderman skied well again this year and took initiative in taking over some captainly duties. You can read about our race results in more detail here (<http://tinyurl.com/4g6gh27>), thanks to alumnae Alexis Dale's ('09) weekly Tech updates.

Of course, none of this season would have been possible without the help of generous alumni like you,

### Alumni Tracks: Spotlight on the MIT Alpine Ski Team 2011



**Michael Yurkerwich:** Senior, Course III and XV, Connecticut, 4th year on the team



**Jillian Reddy (Captain):** Senior, Course XVI, Massachusetts, 4th year on the team



**Joshua Walker:** CME Student, Veterinary Sciences, England, 1st year on the team



**Sarah Laderman:** Junior, Course XXII, California, 3rd year on the team



**Jason Pier:** Sophomore, Course II, Maine, 2nd year on the team



**Jennifer Hawkin:** CME Student, Mechanical Engineering, England, 1st year on the team



**Jonathan Allen:** Freshman, Course XVI, California, 1st year on the team



**Chyleigh Harmon:** Freshman, Course II, New York, 1st year on the team

Want to be the featured alum in an upcoming issue? Email [alpinecaptains@mit.edu](mailto:alpinecaptains@mit.edu) and tell us about yourself!



**Alix de Monts:** Sophomore, Course II, California, 1st year on the team

### Fundraising

Want to help the MIT Ski Team plan for a great 2012 season? Click here: <http://tinyurl.com/4p7rwgl> ! 100% of your tax deductible donation goes directly to funding the team's training and competition season. Thanks

**"Go that way, really fast. If something gets in your way, turn."** Charles de Mar on ski racing, "Better Off Dead"

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