



2021 Race Management and Advisory Board Team

Schelleen Rathkopf, Race Week PNW Event Producer



Schelleen Rathkopf has been the Producer of Race Week since 2014. A graduate from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon with a major in Art History, Schelleen is also a certified professional organizer through NAPO (National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals), and has participated in Race Week for over 20 years. Her media career in marketing and sales promotion spans 30 years, where she worked for the Seattle Times, KING TV, and Seattle Magazine, and most recently as the Managing Editor of Northwest Yachting magazine. Schelleen was also the Sponsor Coordinator for the world-renowned Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition on Mount Everest in 1999, where she handled sponsor procurement, and managed contract fulfillment on Mt. Everest for the duration of the expedition. Schelleen has raced on a variety of boats including J24s, SJ24s, C & C 32, Olson 30, Cookson 12M, and a Star, and has participated in many Puget Sound area events as both a racer and as a member of Race Committee. She has also done some cruising in the San Juan Islands and British Virgin Islands, and has owned and skippered her own boat, *Isaura*, a San Juan 28 for many years. In 2019, she participated in a delivery on board *Maiden*, the 58' ocean racing yacht made famous when Tracy Edwards raced her in the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World race with an all-female crew. Schelleen is a member of US Sailing, and also member of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle, WA, as well as a member of the Anacortes Yacht Club in Anacortes, WA.

Jeff Zarwell, Race Week PNW Principle Race Officer (PRO)



Jeff Zarwell is certified as a US Sailing National Race Officer. He has managed regional and national championship regattas, as well as world championships including the America's Cup World Series across the United States, Central America, Cuba and Europe. Jeff is also currently the Area G Race Officer for US Sailing, overseeing the development and training of current as well as aspiring race officers. Jeff began competitive one-design racing on San Francisco Bay in 1980. He later began managing the races for the Golden Gate Yacht Club in 1994. In 2002, he founded RegattaPRO while working with the west coast Farr 40 fleet, and eventually developed a winter training series for the fleet. What began as a simple one-fleet winter series has grown to become the only one-design keelboat winter series in Northern California.

Jared Hickman, Race Week PNW Chief Judge and Regional Umpire



Jared Hickman Credentials:

World Sailing International Judge
US Sailing National Judge
US Sailing Chief Judge
US Sailing Regional Umpire

Jared Hickman Career Highlights:

National Judge Hobie 16/Hobie 20 National Championships 2019
National Judge and Regional Umpire US Team Racing Championships (Hinman Cup) 2019
Regional Umpire US Match Race Championship 2019
Chief Judge Moore 24 National Championships 2019
Chief Judge Whidbey Island Race Week 2012-2019
Chief Judge San Juan 24 North Americans 2018
National Judge Melges 24 World Championship 2018
National Judge 6 Metre World Championship 2017
National Judge J24 National Championship 2017
National Judge Melges 24 National Championship 2017

Jared Hickman is a longtime member of Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle, WA and has been a passionate sailor since he was a kid. In 2013, he competed in the Melges 24 Worlds and also have enjoyed racing his International 14 and Star.

Craig Daniels, Race Week PNW Jury Lead and US Sailing Umpire



Craig has been a lifelong sailboat racer and has a decade of experience racing at Whidbey Island Race Week in addition to serving as the Chief Judge. Craig has raced Naples Sabots, Lasers, Lido 14s, Flying Juniors (FJs), Cal 20s, Melges 24s, Flying Tiger 33s, Cal 40's, and one of the original ULDBs, Ragtime. His racing experience also includes Transpacs, where he was responsible for the celestial navigation. His preferred positions have been skipper, foredeck and tactician. Craig is also the Regional Area Judge for US Sailing for area (L), a National Judge, Regional Umpire, and Club Race Officer and is a member of Willamette Sailing Club. With a specialization in Naval Architecture, Craig has a graduate degree in Ocean Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, in NJ, where he focused on sailboat design. With an MBA in Marketing and Finance, and 10 years in Marketing at Hewlett-Packard, Craig now works as an IT Consultant in addition to his race management ventures.

Craig Daniels Credentials:

Area L Regional Area Judge
US Sailing National Judge
Regional Umpire
Regional Race Officer

Craig Daniels Career Highlights:

Chief Judge Laser Pacific Coast Championship 2018
Chief Judge Thunderbird International Championship Regatta 2017
Chief Judge US National Moore 24 Championship 2016
Chief Judge San Juan 24 North Americans 2016
Chief Judge Hobie 18 and 20 North American Championship 2014

Craig Daniels Career Highlights as Judge and Umpiring:

High-School Doublehanded Championship 2019
USODA (Opti) Team Trials 2019
Laser Midwinters West 2019
Optimist Pacific Coast Championship 2018
Optimist West Coast Championship 2018
Melges 24 North American Championship 2017
Laser Masters US National Championship 2017
Laser North American Championship 2017
Laser Midwinters West 2017
NWISA Singlehanded Championships 2016
Laser North American Championship 2016
USODA Team Trials 2016
Melges 24 Nationals 2015
Whidbey Island Race Weeks (many years)
USMRC Qualifier- St. Francis YC 2019
Baldwin Cup 2019
Optimist Team Race Midwinter Championship 2019
U.S. Team Racing Championship 2018
USODA Team Race National Championship 2018

John Abel, International Race Officer, Victoria, BC

**John Abel Credentials:**

World Sailing International Race Officer
Sail Canada National Race Officer
Race Management Master Course Conductor
Club Judge
Member Sail Canada Race Management Sub-Committee
Championship Coordinator, International Melges 24 Class

John Abel Career Highlights:

Principle Race Officer Sperry Charleston Race Week 2019
Principle Race Officer Swiftsure International Race 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
Principle Race Officer VanIsle 360 Race 2019, 2017
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 World Championship 2018
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 Canadian Championship 2018
Principle Race Officer Sail Canada Youth Nationals 2017
Principle Race Officer Melges 24 US Nationals 2016
Principle Race Officer Australian Hobie National Championship 2014
Certified Race Officer Melbourne Sailing World Cup 2014

John Abel is a lifelong sailor and member of Royal Victoria Yacht Club. He has competed in numerous keelboat and dinghy classes including the Melges 24, J80, Star, Martin 242, and Soling. In addition to racing, John enjoys cruising on his Beneteau 49 which he recently sailed from Halifax, down the US east coast and through the Caribbean and Panama Canal.

Paul Evenden, National Race Officer (Vancouver, BC)**Paul Evenden Credentials:**

National Race Officer
Race Management Course Conductor

Paul Evenden Career Highlights:

Principle Race Officer Hobie 16 and Hobie 20 North American Championships 2019

Principle Race Officer BC Summer Games 2018, 2016
District Race Officer Laser North Americans 2017
Area Race Officer 6 Metre Worlds 2017
Principle Race Officer Hobie 16 Youth North Americans 2016

Paul Evenden is a member of the Cultus Lake Sailing Club and COSA (Central Okanagan Sailing Association). In addition to 15 years of race management experience, Paul has over 20 years of racing experience and achieved a 2nd place ranking in all of North America in the Hobie 18 class.

Charlie Macaulay, Race Week PNW Competitor, Chief Engineer, TÜV SÜD Global Risk Consultants



Charlie Macauley is a US Sailing Judge and Judge Instructor, a member of the PIYA Appeals Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for PHRF-NW. He has participated in every Whidbey Island Race Week except two as either skipper or crew, racing the first ten years on his Backyard 28, Katrinka Finklesplatt. Kat Fink was retired from Race Week competition following Race Week No. 25 in 2007 and replaced with, Absolutely, a G&S One Tonner. After years of racing the G&S, a new Farr 39 ML entered the picture, was named, Absolutely, and Charlie and his crew (that include daughters, Leigh and Shelagh, and his wife Kathy) continue to regularly take a place on the podium in most of the races that the Macauley's participate in. Charlie is also a longtime member of Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle.

Charlie Macaulay Credentials:

US Sailing Judge
US Sailing Judge Instructor
PIYA Appeals Committee
PHRF NW Board of Directors
Advisory Board, Whidbey Island Race Week

Joe Cline, Race Week PNW Competitor, Managing Editor, 48 Degrees North Magazine



The only thing Joe Cline is more enthusiastic about than racing boats is sharing (or being a part of) the stories of the PNW sailing community. He cut his teeth in the marine industry scrubbing boats and then managing Seattle Sailing Club, a job he

held from 2009 through 2014. It was during this time that he developed a passion for providing advancing sailors a pathway toward progression, whatever their sailing interest. Since then, he's been cheerfully working toward that end with the pages of a magazine and 48north.com as his vehicle. Though he learned to sail at summer camp in his native Minnesota, Joe will be the first to tell you that his love of sailing took flight in Seattle. Some of his first and most formative racing experiences took place at Whidbey Island Race Week. He has sailed at Race Week every year since 2010. You might now find Joe racing a variety of boats, from the TP 52 to the 505, and most things in between especially the Melges 24 and the J/80. In addition to being actively involved in the sailing scene via the magazine and his role on the Race Week PNW Advisory Board, Joe is also on the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Marine Trade Association, where he is the chair of the Grow Boating committee.

Joe Cline Credentials:

Board of Trustees, Northwest Marine Trade Association

Chair, Grow Boating Committee

Advisory Board, Race Week PNW

David Jackson, Race Week PNW Competitor, Overall Winner of Whidbey Island Race Week in 2018 and 2019



David Jackson has lived and raced in Point Roberts for 19 years and has a long history of sailboat racing since he was a young boy. He sailed sabot prams, lasers, fireballs and tornados before landing on his favorite big boat, Mad Dash – a Dash 34. Mad Dash has been in David's family since 1984 when his parents and his sister (who were all on Olympic sailing teams) wanted a boat that the entire family could race and cruise on. His parents have since retired from racing, but David and his kids have continued the family tradition and have enjoyed a lot of success on the podium. As a longtime Whidbey Island Race Week racer (and the Overall Winner at Whidbey Island Race Week in 2018), David has also participated in club races, J24 Worlds and Vic-Maui.

Larry Butchart, Race Week PNW Competitor, Sponsor, Salesman, Fisheries Supply



Larry Butchart began sailing with his family since he was 6 years old. He started out with an 8 foot pram and eventually moved to Hobie Cats while in high school. He bought his first keel boat in 1987 and raced it at Whidbey Island Race Week for 3 years beginning in 1988. Larry has crewed at Whidbey Island Race Week every year since then on various boats including an Olson 25, Hobie 33, Olson 30, J-35, and 1D35. Larry was also crew of a 2001 Lloyd Phoenix Cup/US Offshore Championship team and has cruised and raced in the Caribbean, the British Virgin Islands, and a boat delivery from Alaska.

He has worked for Fisheries Supply in Seattle, WA for 19 years, and has greeted racers at the Fisheries booth at Race Week for nearly two decades.

Cori Whitaker, Race Week PNW Event Staff and Sponsor



Cori Whitaker of Cori Whitaker Homes/Windermere has been helping people move since 2005. She is listed in the Top 100 in the NWMLS for volume of sales and is a Windermere Premier Properties Director. She has been participating in Race Week for the past 5 years in the role of Sponsor and on the Event Management Team. As a business consultant to Whidbey Island Race Week, she began serving on the Advisory Board in 2019.

TJ Ravensborg, Race Week PNW Event Staff



TJ Ravensborg discovered her passion for sailing in 1999 while studying Biomedical Ethics at the University of Washington. She joined the Washington Yacht Club (WYC) and quickly progressed to sailing instructor on Lasers and FJs and later served as WYC's Rear Commodore. While at U of W, TJ worked at the Seattle Yacht Club and spent her summers teaching youth sailing at Laurelhurst Beach Club, keelboat sailing at Kirkland Sailing Club and also driving a whaler on the Race Committee for Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) in Seattle. For six years, TJ was a mark set driver for Corinthian, a job she loved due to her love of sailing, comradery and the thrill of being involved in the regatta environment. She continues as a longtime member of both WYC and CYC. TJ has also raced in many regional events including Whidbey Island Race Week, Swiftsure, Round the County, PSSC, and Duck Dodge. In 2015, she purchased a 20' Stingray deck boat and when not sailing, she can be found trailering, launching, and captaining their deck boat throughout the interconnecting waters of Lake Washington and Puget Sound. TJ is married and lives on the Eastside with her two children.