



Meet the Point Roberts Race Week 2020 Race Management and Advisory Board

The 2020 race management team is comprised of PRO John Abel (Victoria BC) RO Paul Evenden (Vancouver BC) and Chief Judge, Jared Hickman. Individually, they are the PROs, judges and umpires for many high-profile events including Charleston Race Week, Swiftsure International Yacht Race, VanIsle 360, Melges 24 World (and National) Championships, Moore 24 National Championships, San Juan 24 North Americans, J 24 National Championships, Hobie North Americans, and 6mR World Championships. ***And together, they'll be running the show in Point Roberts in 2020!***

Overall Event Principle Race Officer (PRO) / John Abel, Victoria BC



Credentials:

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

Career Highlights:

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

John Abel is a lifelong sailor and member of Royal Victoria Yacht Club. His credentials combined with his extensive race management experience makes him the perfect fit for Point Roberts Race Week. 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.

Race Officer (RO) / Paul Evenden, Vancouver BC



Credentials:

National Race Officer (NRO)

Race Management Course Conductor (RMCC)

Club Judge (CJ)

Career Highlights:

PRO - Hobie 16 and Hobie 20 North American Championships 2019

PRO - BC Summer Games 2018, 2016

DRO - Laser North Americans 2017

ARO - 6mR Worlds 2017

PRO - 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.

Jared Hickman / Seattle WA

Chief Judge and Regional Umpire, Point Roberts Race Week



Jared Hickman Credentials:

World Sailing certified International Judge (IJ)

US Sailing Certified National Judge (NJ)

US Sailing Certified Chief Judge (CJ)

US Sailing Certified Regional Umpire (RU)

Jared Hickman Career Highlights:

NJ – Hobie 16/Hobie 20 National Championships 2019

NJ / RU – US Team Racing Championships (Hinman Cup) 2019

RU – US Match Race Championship 2019

CJ – Moore 24 National Championships 2019

CJ – Whidbey Island Race Week 2012-2019

CJ – San Juan 24 North Americans 2018

NJ – Melges 24 World Championship 2018

NJ – 6 Metre World Championship 2017

NJ – J24 National Championship 2017

NJ – 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.

Schelleen Rathkopf / Seattle WA USA

Event Producer Whidbey Island Race Week

Event Producer Point Roberts Race Week

Event Producer SHE Regatta

Marketing Director, Northwest Yachting Magazine



Schelleen Rathkopf is Managing Editor of Northwest Yachting Magazine and a member of Corinthian Yacht Club in Seattle WA. She has been producing Race Week since 2014, and served on the Whidbey Island Race Week Race Committee as timer and scorekeeper since 2003. She has raced on a variety of boats including J24s, SJ24s, C & C 32, Olson 30, Cookson 12M, and a Star in many Puget Sound area races, including Swiftsure and Southern Straights. She has also done some cruising in the San Juan and British Virgin Islands and owned and skippered her own boat, Isaura, a San Juan 28 for several years. And in 2019, Schelleen crewed on Leg 6 of the Maiden Factor for the delivery from Vancouver BC to Seattle. A graduate from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, Schelleen majored in Art History and then pursued a career in marketing and promotions in Seattle area media houses including KING TV and Seattle Magazine for over 20 years. She served as the Sponsors Coordinator for the Mallory and Irvine Research Expedition on Mount Everest in 1999, where she worked on sponsor procurement and fulfillment on Mt. Everest. Schelleen is also the producer of a new regatta called SHE that features all women skippers, crew and race management officials. She is a certified professional organizer through NAPO (National Association of Productivity and Organizing Professionals).

Craig Daniels / Portland, OR USA

Point Roberts Race Week Jury Lead, US Sailing Certified 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.

Credentials:

Area L Regional Area Judge (RAJ)

US Sailing National Judge

Regional Empire

Club Race Officer,

Career Highlights as Chief Judge (CJ)

Laser Pacific Coast Championship 2018

Thunderbird International Championship Regatta 2017

US National Moore 24 Championship 2016

San Juan 24 North Americans 2016

Hobie 18 and 20 North American Championship 2014

Craig Daniels Career Highlights as Judge (J) and Umpiring (U)

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

Charlie Macaulay / Seattle WA USA

Charlie Macauley, 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.

Credentials:

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

Joe Cline / Seattle WA USA

Editor of 48 Degrees North Magazine



Joe Cline, Seattle, Washington Joe Cline is the Managing Editor of 48° North Magazine. The only thing he's 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. He's particularly excited about the first annual Cascadia Cruising Rally that 48°N is facilitating in August. 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 Whidbey Island Race Week 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 has varied interests including music, skiing, and his pup, Arlo and will be getting married in September of 2018.

Credentials:

Board of Trustees, Northwest Marine Trade Association

Chair, Grow Boating Committee

Advisory Board, Whidbey Island Race Week

David Jackson / Point Roberts WA USA

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.

Theresa Coe / Point Roberts WA USA

General Manager of Point Roberts Marina & Resort



Theresa Coe, General Manager of the Point Roberts Marina, has been a resident of Point Roberts since 2008. She brings extensive management experience, a diverse background and a passion for boating to her position. She has worked in air traffic control in both Canada and the US, is a licensed PADI Dive Master and has been a volunteer member with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary SAR team operating out of Point Roberts. She has a plethora of boating experience in both sail and power and bought her first boat at age 16 in Florida, where she taught herself how to sail. Theresa has raced lasers, catamarans, and a 50' Beneteau out of Davis Island Yacht Club in Florida and later raced a 31' Evetts in the Pacific Northwest with the Deep Cove Yacht Club and Point Roberts Yacht Club. Currently, she enjoys boating on DevOcean, her Bayliner 38 that she keeps at the Point Roberts Marina.

Larry Butchart / Seattle WA USA

Sales, 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 keep 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.

TJ Ravensborg / Seattle WA

Sponsorship Liason, Point Roberts Race Week



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. She is currently pursuing her official Captain's License and is also working on corporate sponsor procurement for Point Roberts Race Week.

Cori Whitaker / Seattle WA



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 to assist with the transition to Point Roberts.

Point Roberts Race Week / July 13-17, 2020

What happens when you combine a gorgeous destination, a full-service deep-water marina with rock star international and national race officers representing the best in the region? Ultimately, the largest sailboat racing event on the west coast of North America! And you're invited to join us!

Point Roberts Race Week / <https://youtu.be/6sPSvjnq1-8>

Sailing World Magazine / <https://www.sailingworld.com/adult-summer-camps-new-home/>

Northwest Yachting Magazine <https://www.nwyachting.com/2019/07/race-week-past-present-and-future/?fbclid=IwAR1MdKFEJwJg8XZszwuXg948W75w5gjA7xll13r7ScO-D45IW-y3KL81i4k>

Race Week 2019 Official Photos / <https://janpix.smugmug.com/Events/Whidbey-Island-Race-Week-2019/>



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