

2008 Nantucket Race Week IOD Celebrity Invitational Pro- Sailors



Chuck Allen is a two-time collegiate All-American and an experienced and accomplished one-design sailor who has worked in the marine industry since graduating from the University of Rhode Island (URI) in 1991. After working for West Marine for six years in Newport, RI and Sausalito, CA, North Sails president Gary Weisman (San Diego, CA) recruited Allen in 1999 to manage Cruising Direct, a subsidiary of North Sails. Allen started his sailing career racing in the Narragansett Bay Yachting Association (NBYA) when he was a teenager, and went on to place in the top five at three high school national championships in the 420 class. In the late 1980's he sailed in the 420 world championships and eventually moved into larger boats like the Melges 24, J/24 and Shields. "Sailing has always been in my blood," said Allen, who now lives in his hometown of Wickford, RI. An avid Shields sailor, Allen placed second at the 29-boat 2004 Shields Nationals.



John Gladstone is the North American Sales Director for the North Sails Group. Gladstone grew up sailing on Western LI Sound out of Manhasset Bay Yacht Club in the Junior Program on Blue Jays and Lightnings. He raced and cruised his family's assortment of boats in CCA and early IOR distance events around the sound and New England. Gladstone attended Northeastern University, in Boston. While in college, he campaigned 470 with Bruce Nelson.

Gladstone moved to San Diego in 1973 to work for Gerry Driscoll as a rigger on Intrepid for the 1974 America's Cup. He finished his education at San Diego State University. Gladstone worked as a rigger and boat builder through 1979, until he was hired by Lowell North to work as a sailmaker in the San Diego facility in May of 1980. In 2002, Gladstone became the Sales Director and Trainer for the North American sales offices. Gladstone is married to his wife Patricia Anne. He has two daughters, Heather Arlene and Kelly Anne, and a son, Michael Charles. His championships include Etchells Worlds, Etchells 2001

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Marblehead Race Week NOOD 1st, Swan Americans, 2002 Swan Worlds, 2003 - 2007 Caribbean Circuit Race, and 1st 2005 Antigua Race Week.



Thomas A. Whidden joined North Sails in 1986 and became President/CEO of North Marine Group when it was established ten years later. A graduate of Colby College in Waterville, Maine, Whidden has earned many accolades throughout his sailing career including the "Carl Nelson" Award from Colby College for Athletic Achievement After College in 1989 and the University Club "Man of the Year" award in 1987. Two years ago, Tom received the prestigious "A Life for Sailing" Award at the Trofeo Zegna Regatta in Portofino, Italy, which is given

biannually to a person who has devoted their life and career to sailing.

Whidden's leadership in the design and manufacturing of superb, technologically advanced sails at North Sails is significant. Since Whidden became president, the art and science of sailmaking has advanced so completely that every Volvo Ocean Race competitor in the upcoming around-the-world race are currently using North sails and eleven out of 12 America's Cup teams in 2006-07 raced with North sails.

Whidden, who began sailing at age ten at the Cedar Point Yacht Club in Westport, Connecticut, is one of the most experienced America's Cup sailors in the world. "When I was 16 my dream was to become a sailmaker and race in the America's Cup," said Whidden of his years as a junior sailor on Long Island Sound. He has sailed with Dennis Conner in a total of eight America's Cup campaigns, beginning in 1979 as Conner's trial horse skipper. He has raced as tactician in five America's Cup series races and has won the America's Cup three times (1980, 1987 and 1988.) Along with Conner, Whidden was given a key to New York City from Mayor Ed Koch in 1987 after bringing the America's Cup back to the United States from Australia. Whidden was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame in 2004.

Whidden has also achieved much success outside of the America's Cup arena. He has won the Bermuda Race (Class A) five times and has won his class at SORC five times and twice overall. Along with being an accomplished sailor, he is the publisher and co-author of two books: *The Art & Science of Sails* and *Championship Tactics*.

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Tom and his wife Betsy live in Essex, Connecticut.



Bill Widnall is a long time competitor in the International One Design Class, winning the world championship nine times. He is six time winner of the King Edward VII Gold Cup match racing trophy, from 1978 through 1983 in Bermuda. Widnall has won Bermuda International Race Week several times in the IOD class, most recently in 2004 and 2007. A regular competitor in Marblehead waters, he has won in the IOD class many times at Marblehead Race Week and the season championship. Widnall was captain of the very successful M.I.T. sailing team that won

the Intercollegiate National Championship in 1958. He was elected into the Intercollegiate Hall of Fame. Widnall also enjoys competing in triathlons, and in 2005 was the New England champion for his age group for the Olympic distance. Bill is retired from aerospace engineering and teaching at M.I.T. He and his wife Sheila, a M.I.T. professor and former Secretary of the U.S. Air Force, live in Lexington Massachusetts. Their grown children and grandchildren live in San Francisco.



David Dellenbaugh is the publisher, editor and author of Speed & Smarts newsletter. He was the tactician and starting helmsman on America3 during her successful defense of the America's Cup in 1992 and sailed in three other America's Cup campaigns. David is a Lightning world champion, two-time Congressional Cup winner, six-time Thistle national champion, two-time winner of the Canada's Cup, two-time Prince of Wales U.S. match racing champion and past winner of the U.S. team racing championship for the Hinman Trophy. As the former director of marketing for North Sails, he produced the North U. Fast, Smart, One-Design and Cruising courses. David also wrote and narrated the Learn The Racing Rules DVD set and is currently the

chairman of the US Sailing Racing Rules Committee. You don't want to mess with him.

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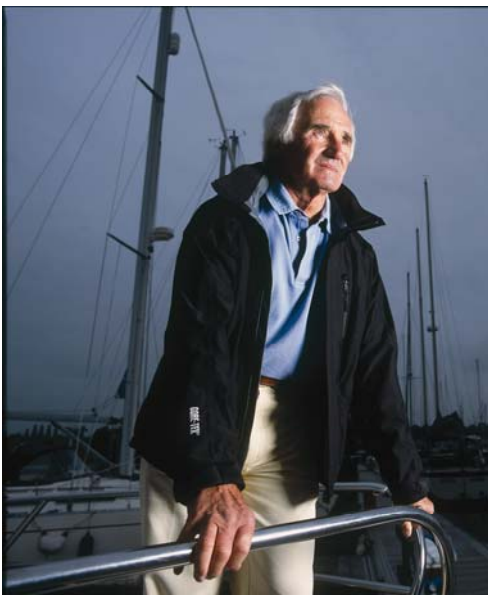


Chris Snow grew up learning to sail on Cape Cod at Orleans Yacht Club in Widgeons, Daysailers and Turnabouts. Competed in collegiate sailing on the Univ of RI Sailing Team and shortly after that started working as a sailmaker for Ulmer Sails in Annapolis, Maryland. He and his father ran that business for a number of years. In 1989 Chris moved to San Diego, CA and started working for North Sails One Design where he is involved in managing the business. Over the years he has sailed every imaginable type of one design sailboat; he makes sails for over 100 classes of small sailboats including the IOD's in this event. The past two years he has also been the head of the Junior Activities Committee at San Diego Yacht Club.

Some highlights of Chris' racing:

5-time J/24 U.S. National Champion (Skipper)
2 Time J/24 North American Champion (Once as Skipper, Once as Tactician)
Cal 20 National Champion (Tactician)
3rd, 5th and 7th at J/24 World Championships
Southern California Lipton Cup 1st (Skipper)

Keith Musto



Given his legendary status, Keith describes himself with a great measure of humbleness: "I am a simple sailor. Won National Championships in five different classes. Won two European Championships in two different classes. Came second in the Flying Dutchman class in the 1964 Olympics. Coached sailing to National Teams in six different countries. Formed Musto Ltd in 1971 producing sailing clothing, followed by country and casual clothing. Now enjoy motor boating around Europe!"

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Keith may be modest in describing his accomplishments, but his experience is unparalleled ... and could help the winning team win the trophy for the IOD Celebrity Invitational!

Jim Allsopp

Jim Allsopp has been at North Sails for 27 years, and is head of Marketing in Chesapeake. Jim is a prior Star World Champion and Star European Champion. He's been a sail trimmer and helmsman for America's Cup trials, and navigator for *Eagle* during the America's Cup in Perth. In 1998 he co-skipped the first leg of the Whitbread Race on *Chessie*, and has since been sail trimmer and tactician for *Chessie* in many races. Most recently he was helmsman for *Titan*, a RP 76. He has been a tactician on several SORCs, including *Running Tide*. He has sailed in four America's Cup campaigns.

Will Welles



The up-and-coming Will Welles has been a member of the North Sails One Design team since January of 2007, although in total he sports more than eleven years of experience in the industry, including a six-year apprenticeship at the North Sails loft in Salem, Mass. Born in Southwest Harbor, Maine, Welles first tasted victory as a 9-year old sailing a 15-foot Cape Cod Bullseye with his father in the Northeast Harbor Fleet. "Winning," says Welles, "fueled my passion for sailboat racing and I have been driven to win ever since."

Welles, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, lives with his wife Katie in Newport, RI, where he owns and skippers his J/24 *Panther*. At North he is dedicated to becoming an innovator in One Design sail making. In addition to J/24's he is involved with Shields and Interclubs.

With a foundation of multiple regional titles to build on, clearly Welles remains intent on adding to a growing list of achievements—2007 saw a strong showing at J/24 Worlds in Mexico and in 2006 he won the East Coast Championships. He is a fixture at the top of the leader board at just about every major J/24 regatta around and has established himself as a force to be reckoned with. Welles sailed for the first time with his twin sister when they were just one week old—surely for his age his experience is unmatched!

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Tim Healy



Tim Healy is one of the most decorated One Design racers in North America. A winner of over 15 National and Continental championships, he may be new to the Quantum Sails One Design team but he is no stranger to sail-making. At Quantum he will be involved in both J/24's and Lightning's, the two classes with which he is most familiar. I grew up sailing these classes and have been involved with them ever since. "I love the boats, the people, and the high level of competition."

Tim began his competitive sailing on Bluejays in the early 80's. On his way to three-time All-American honors he won the Collegiate Sloop National Championships his Junior year, and since then he has simply kept on winning. In addition to those 15 National and Contental championships split between Lightning's and J/24's, he won Gold in J/24's at the 2003 Pan American Games.

Charlie Van Voorhis

Racing out of Fisher's Island, Charlie Van Voorhis is one of the top International One Design sailors in the world. The lack of information out there is a testament to his remarkable success. While he is not a professional sailor in the literal sense, we assure you he is very good—two time (2007, 2004) IOD World Champion good.