

### **Jim Praley**

Jim began sailing on the Chesapeake in his early teens but didn't venture offshore until his late 40's. Since then, he has enjoyed competing in multiple Annapolis to Newport, Newport-Bermuda, Marblehead to Halifax and Fort Lauderdale to Key West races, on his own boats as well as those of tolerant friends. He has experienced the pain of preparing two different boats for offshore racing – since 2009 a J/120 named *Shinnecock*. Jim is a member of the Storm Trysail Club and the Cruising Club of America and has served as Chair of the Organizing Committee for the 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023 Annapolis to Newport races.

Jim has sailed with a cast of characters over the years, some of whom he is related to including son Jimmy Praley who will be at the helm this year and brother Michael aka Uncle Mike. Jim and his wife Dr. Joan Gillece are longtime AYC Club members who over the years have supported adult and junior sailing as well as the AYC Foundation.

### **Jeffrey Kennedy**

Jeff has been sailing and racing boats since the age of ten, sailing and racing on the Chesapeake Bay and coastal passages with the family. He has sailed and raced on a everything from windsurfers, dinghies, most J/Boats at a national level and, raced large performance catamarans and keel boats in the USA and internationally. Jeff was a sailmaker and rigger in Annapolis before moving to the technology business. He has a passion for racing and cruising and is looking forward to competing this year on the latest incarnation of *Artemis*, an Italia 14.98 which just arrived from Europe in late April. Recent offshore races include the 2017 and 2021 A2N races. Jeff and spouse Sarah live in Middleburg, Va. Jeff and Sarah have two daughters and now a new granddaughter to the crew.