

## 2021 A2N What to Expect Seminar Series – Presenter Bios

### Sails, Rigging and Electronics

#### **Austin Powers – North Sails**

Helmsman and trimmer on numerous offshore races, tactician on a myriad of podium-finishing boats during one design regattas. Fishing Bay Yacht Club Junior sailing coach (2014-2017); Ullman Sails: salesman, sail designer, service manager (2016-2019); CNU sailing assistant coach (2018-2019); North Sails: Salesman (2019-present).

#### **Steve Madden – M Yacht Services, LLC**

Steve moved to Annapolis 20 years ago from Durban, South Africa where he spent many years cruising and racing offshore in the Indian Ocean and along Transkei's notorious Wild Coast. His proven offshore experience allows him to anticipate and prevent some of the common rigging and system failures that can occur when conditions deteriorate. As co-owner of M Yacht Services, he heads up 'M Rigging' which specializes in the upgrade and refit of blue water sailboats. With 30 years of hands-on rigging experience and over 35,000 offshore cruising and racing miles, Steve can consult on all aspects of above deck maintenance and offshore preparedness.

#### **Mike Jones – Mid-Atlantic Marine Electronics**

Michael Jones is Co-Owner of Mid-Atlantic Marine Electronics located in Annapolis, Maryland. Mike has been working in the Marine Electronics field since 1997 and founded Mid-Atlantic Marine Electronics in May of 2016. During his career, Mike has served as an installer and service electrician to cruisers and grand prix racers as well as recreational fisherman to tournament fishing teams worldwide. He has sailed with and run the electronics department for two Americas Cup teams (America One & Oracle) as well as consulted with Volvo Ocean Race teams. Locally Mike has served as the instrumentation tech for the USCG Righting Moment Project for Tall Ships with the Pride of Baltimore maintaining and installing the multi-platform systems used for data collection. In addition, he is an active racer serving as navigator or strategist for various US based sailing programs.

#### **Mark Jeffries – Mid-Atlantic Marine Electronics**

With over 20 years in the marine industry, and a lifetime of boating experience Mark has developed a broad foundation boating knowledge, with a focus on marine electronics and electrical systems. His experience includes product development, sales, installation, and support of navigation systems for major manufacturers, national retailers, and as a hands-on craftsman. Mark also brings considerable racing experience, with a solid record ranging from one-design to gran-prix offshore sailing. In 2016 Mark founded Mid-Atlantic Marine Electronics with fellow navigator and electronics technician Mike Jones, where they offer high-performance systems and innovative solutions for the racing sailor.