

Erik Haaland

Erik has been sailing and racing boats since a young age on the Hudson River in New York before moving to Annapolis at eight years old. He has raced J/70's, Melges' and Farr Yacht to custom 60 footers, plus numerous offshore deliveries. A high passion for boating, Erik worked for several years at West Marine as a store manager prior to becoming a yacht broker with David Walters Yachts. In recent years Erik has taken on the role of Sales Director for Italia Yachts in the Americas. Erik has competed in several major events as navigator including inaugural AYC 24 Hour Double-Handed also as co-skipper (1st Overall), 2021 SORC Wirth Munroe (1st Overall), 2021 A2N (3rd in Class), 2022 Chicago-Mackinac (1st in Section).

In this year's A2N Erik will be aboard 'Artemis', the newly delivered Italia 14.98. Erik is a member of AYC and lives in Annapolis and Fort Lauderdale.

Sloan Burns

Sloan grew up on the water but did not discover sailing until after college. After his first regatta he was immediately hooked by the mental and physical challenge of the sport. He quickly found a passion for the challenge and adventure of offshore racing. Having an introduction to the sport later in life, he focused his studies on becoming a navigator. Sloan has since been on the podium finishing team for many offshore races including Annapolis to Newport, Newport to Bermuda, Marblehead to Halifax and the Miami to Havana. Sloan is a lead mechanical engineer in the Test and Evaluation Division of Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division with expertise in structural dynamics, instrumentation, and data analysis. He brings his passion for data driven decision making and teamwork to his role as a navigator. Sloan will be competing in this year's Annapolis to Newport race aboard the new Italia 14.98, Artemis. He has previously competed offshore with the Nanuq and Querencia sailing teams and lives in Richmond, Virginia.