

2023 A2N What to Expect Seminar Series – Presenter Bios

Rigging, Sails & Sail Prep/Repair

Austin Powers – North Sails

Helmsman and trimmer on numerous offshore races, tactician on a myriad of podium-finishing boats during one design regattas. Focuses both on one design and offshore sailing, he has completed multiple Annapolis to Newport and Newport to Bermuda races with podium finishes. 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).

Ridgely MacKenzie – North Sails

Born in Annapolis, a third generation sailmaker. Ridgely has been sailmaking since 2012 and the Service Manager for North Sails' local loft since 2018. He is a lifelong sailor and has a passion for offshore sailing.

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.