

# Meet the Competitors

2021 Annapolis Yacht Club  
Double Handed Distance Race



# Abientot

## Roger Lant & Michael Welin

Roger Lant and Michael Welin will be sailing the J35 *Abientot* in the ORC class, sail #42979. Returning this year from ORC Line Honors and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in 2019, and ORC 2nd Place Overall in 2020, *Abientot* is looking forward to competing in their 3rd AYC Double Handed event.

Roger grew up sailing in the North Sea on dinghies and benefitted from the RYA Youth development program before graduating to cruiser/racers including extensive Sigma 38 One Design Racing on the West Coast of Scotland and was a regular participant at Cork Week. Since moving to the US, Roger has raced Trip 26, 36.7, Farr 30, J80 and J35's.



Michael grew up on a liveaboard during his childhood and returned to sailing when moving to Washington DC in 2006. Since then he has crewed on the bay and completed the 2007 Annapolis to Newport, where he met Roger.



# Artemis

## Jeffrey Kennedy & Sloan Burns

Sloan Burns and Jeffrey Kennedy will be sailing on the Italia Yachts 13.98 *Artemis*, USA 21.

Jeff has been sailing and racing since the age of ten. As a St Mary's College sailor, Jeff competitively raced nationally in windsurfers, dinghies, and keelboat classes. Following graduation Jeff worked as a sailmaker and rigger in Annapolis, racing performance keel boats from J24s to offshore racers. Jeff transitioned into the software business and has since owned and raced on J105s and J120s and on large performance catamarans internationally.



Sloan started sailing in 2014 in his hometown of Dahlgren, VA. He quickly found a passion for the challenge and adventure of offshore racing. Sloan has since been on the class winning team for many offshore races including Annapolis to Newport 2017, Newport to Bermuda 2018, and the Miami to Havana 2018. Sloan is a lead mechanical engineer in the Test and Evaluation Division of Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division with expertise in structural dynamics and data analysis.

# Blaze Star

## Patrick & Amy Teeling

Pat and Amy Teeling are a husband and wife team and well-known local sailors. Amy and her sisters grew up racing on the family's Cal 36 while Pat's introduction to racing began with his older brother at the local dinghy club before moving on to larger boats. They will be sailing their Pearson Flyer, *Blaze Star*, in the ORC class, sail #83348. Pat and Amy have owned their boat for more than 20 years and have enjoyed double handing her locally and for multiple cruises to the Bahamas and other places. During the 46<sup>th</sup> annual St. Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup they finished first in PHRF B, beating the four fully crewed boats in their class that finished. Pat and Amy enjoy cruising and racing together without other crew and look forward to the Double Handed Distance Race, which is perfect for them. From the pictures it looks like Amy gets to do all the fun stuff and Pat does the hard work!



# *Diablo*

## **Greg Cutter & Carie Curry-Cutter**

The wife and husband sailing team of Carie Curry-Cutter and Greg Cutter will be sailing their Andrews 28 *Diablo* in the Double Hand Distance Race for the first time, but not their first doublehanded race. Their first series was at 2015 Block Island Race Week where they learned how much they didn't know about racing *Diablo* in a highly competitive fleet! But they've honed their doublehand skills in HYC's Down the Bay, small local events, cruising around the Delmarva, and sailing doublehanded in fully crewed races like this year's Cape Charles Cup where they won the CRCA spinnaker fleet overall.

Growing up in California Greg began sailing and racing in 1962 with his father and has done most of the west coast offshore races as well as those in San Francisco Bay in everything from dinghies to IOR monsters and ultralights. While an undergraduate and graduate student he paid the bills teaching sailing and being a charter skipper, but has been able to sail in Australia, Mexico, the Caribbean, and many other places in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Moving to Virginia in 1982 to become a Professor of Oceanography at Old Dominion University he discovered sailing in shallow water and light air was totally different.



In contrast, Carie grew up in west Texas where it is difficult enough to find water to drink let alone to sail on. So, moving to southeast Virginia was a revelation. She learned "how to race" on Greg's Elliott 770 *Gremlin* starting in 2008 and then learned "how to sail." Her sailing talents have expanded sailing in PHRF boats, one designs, and some dinghies. She has also contributed to the racing community by serving from 2018 to 2020 as the first woman commodore of CCV Racing (formerly Cruising Club of Virginia) that runs over half of the highly competitive races in the southern Chesapeake Bay.

After Greg and Carie married in 2011, she decided they needed a boat more appropriate for distance races - ideally shorthanded. After having the dry-sailed Elliott Greg still wanted to be able to go to away regattas at 65 mph, not 6. The trailerable Andrews 28 appealed to both and they purchased hull #4 in Connecticut and brought her to Hampton Yacht Club in 2013. *Diablo* has been optimized for short-handed offshore sailing, but the family budget hasn't been, so it's whatever local distance races they can do, or just cruising during the off weeks.

# Moondust

## Tim Zimmermann & Rich Hoyer

Tim Zimmermann and Rich Hoyer, both longtime cruising and racing sailors, teamed up to race doublehanded this season and have been having a great time learning how to sail better together, and how to push the boat faster. Tim is a writer who has been chronicling some of their adventures at his sailing newsletter, [Sailing Into The Anthropocene](#). Rich runs a consulting practice (often from aboard the Hylas 54, called *Rover*, he and his wife co-own with friends) specializing in helping clients manage their costs on public cloud computing services. Rich also writes about his sailing adventures on [Rover's Blog](#).

Tim and Rich have enjoyed all sorts of sailboat racing—Tim in one-design fleets like the J22 and Laser, and Rich in his J29 (which he skippered to first place in the 2001 North American Championships) as well as a variety of handicap boats. Both, however, are finding doublehanded racing to be an exciting, challenging, and humbling(!) way to enjoy sailing. On *Moondust* they benefit from the fact that they are interchangeable: each is equally capable of handling everything from



helping to trimming to navigating. And they also enjoy a free-flowing conversation about tactics and trim that keeps them both focused on getting *Moondust* around the course as fast as possible.

This is Tim's second AYC Double Handed Distance Race, and he hopes he learned some good lessons from the first. It is Rich's first, and he is looking forward to sailing in one of the best doublehanded events the Chesapeake Bay has to offer.

# *No Surrender*

## **Rick & Kyle Hanson**

The father and son team of Rick & Kyle Hanson will be racing their J120 *No Surrender* in the AYC Double Handed Distance Race for the first time. With a combined racing experience of over 80 years and countless races together Rick & Kyle are eager to add this race to their list of completed events.

Rick started racing with his dad in the '70s on the Great Lakes on an Aquarius 23. Kyle started racing with his parents as an infant and has grown up on the racecourse, including running his own Lightning program. Together Rick & Kyle have raced on their previous J Boats, a J24 *BOHICA*, a J27 *Time Bandit*, a J80 *Born2run*, a J109 *Rosalita* and now their J120 *No Surrender*.

Rick is retired and now lives in Lewes, DE and does primarily distance races, including this year's Annapolis to Newport. Kyle lives in West Chester, PA and continues to sail on *No Surrender* when time permits.

