

## Dave Perry

Dave Perry grew up sailing on Long Island Sound. Learning to sail in Sunfish, Blue Jays and Lightnings from his parents and in the junior program at the Pequot Yacht Club in Southport, Connecticut, he won the Clinton M. Bell Trophy for the best junior record on L.I.S. in 1971. While at Yale (1973-77) he was captain of the National Championship Team in 1975, and was voted All-American in 1975 and 1977. Other racing accomplishments include: 1st, 1978 Tasar North Americans; 5th, 1979 Laser Worlds; 1st, 1979 Soling Olympic Pre-Trials (crew); 10th overall, 1981 SORC (crew); 3rd, 1982 Soling Worlds; 1st, 1982, 2006 and 2008 U.S. Match Racing Championship (POW); 1st, 1983 Star South American Championship (crew); 1st, 1983 and 1984 Congressional Cup; 2nd, 1984 Soling Olympic Trials; 6th, 1985 Transpac Race (crew); 1st, 1988 and 1992 Knickerbocker Match Race Cup; 1st, 1994, 1999 and 2003 Ideal 18 North American Championship, 1st, 2007 South American Match Racing Championship, and 1st 2009 Seawanhaka Cup.

Dave has been actively working for the sport since 1977. He has led hundreds of US SAILING instructional seminars in over 50 one-design classes; directed U.S. Olympic Yachting Committee Talent Development Clinics; coached the 1981 World Champion U.S. Youth Team; and given seminars in Japan, Australia, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil and Canada. He has been the Youth Representative on the US SAILING Board of Directors and the Chairman of the U.S. Youth Championship Committee, and has served on the following other US SAILING committees: Olympic, Training, Class Racing and O'Day Championship. He is currently the chairman of the US SAILING Appeals Committee and a US SAILING Senior Certified Judge. In 1992 he was voted into the Sailing World Hall of Fame; in 1994 he received an honorary Doctorate of Education from Piedmont College; in 1995 he became the first recipient of US SAILING's Captain Joe Prosser Award for exceptional contribution to sailing education; and in March 2001 Dave received the W. Van Alan Clarke, Jr. Trophy, US SAILING's national award for sportsmanship.

He was the Director of Athletics at Greens Farms Academy, a K-12 coed independent day school in Westport, Connecticut from 1986-2006; and served as the Rules Advisor to Victory Challenge in 2007 (the Swedish America's Cup challenger) and the U.S. Olympic Sailing Team in 2008. 2009 was filled with coaching the US Sailing Team Alphasgraphics women's match race team, and becoming the highest ranked U.S. match racer in the ISAF Open rankings.