

Meet Team Iowa



What's better than an experienced Race Official? A TEAM of experienced award-winning Race Officials!

"Team Iowa," as they are known, consists of Dean Drevlow, Dick Leaders, Craig Johnson, and Fields Gunsett. These guys are not only very active in their own club, Saylorville Yacht Club near Des Moines, IA, but are regularly called on to run regattas far out of their venue. These include Wayzata YC in Lake Minnetonka, MN, Lake Vermillion,

SD, and Bayfield Race Week on Lake Superior. They are also regulars at the Columbia YC and Chicago YC in Chicago. They regularly travel as much as 400 miles to help out.

It is remarkable for well-established clubs such as Columbia, Chicago, Wayzata and others to place their trust in Team Iowa to run their events. They are a complete team: Dean, a Regional Race Officer, serves as PRO, Craig organizes the signal boat and is a master scribe, Dick, a Club Race Officer, is a highly skilled mark setter and/or signal boat crew, while Fields is often called away from his Regional Race Officer work to serve in his role as a respected National Judge.

This summer Wayzata Yacht Club awarded Team Iowa the prestigious Doc Sam Award. The award is presented annually in memory of Doctor Sam Solhaug, an original member of the Wayzata Yacht Club, to the sailor selected by the WYC race committee who has demonstrated Doc Sam's love of sailing and racing, and in particular his persistence and "never quit" attitude during races. The "Doc Sam" is the highest honor and lifetime service award for Team Iowa's many years of exemplary work at Apostle Islands/Bayfield Race Week, the largest regatta on Lake Superior.

The Area Race Officers are pleased to recognize their high level of performance, esprit de corps, and dedication to the sport.

Submitted by Russ Sobotta, Area Race Officer for Area K

