

Speaker Bios: Fathom 2019



Austin Powers is a sail maker for Ullman Sails Virginia and a part-time assistant coach for the Christopher Newport University sailing team. He has been competing and working in the sailing industry since he completed his undergraduate degree in business. Powers recently won the VX One Design Class at Charleston Race Week, is a top contender in the foiling Waszp class and is also writing articles on cruising. He will work with Fathom sailors in a hands-on workshop on how to build a sail at the Ullman Sails Deltaville loft.



Mark Wheeler is a retired navy fighter pilot and has logged thousands of performance offshore miles as a well-respected navigator and helmsmen. Wheeler sails in the Viper class and is a member of Team Meridian, based out of Hampton, Virginia. In 2017, Meridian competed in the Chicago Yacht Club's Race to Mackinac where Wheeler fell overboard and went through a harrowing recovery and has been the subject of a recent U.S. Coast Guard film. He will speak about offshore navigation and safety.