



Alumni



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For three decades, Ed Baird has been a top level competitor and coach in the sport of sailing. In 2007, Ed was the winning helmsman of America's Cup 32 aboard *Alinghi*, providing a breathtaking display of nautical prowess and relentless fortitude. He was also named the

ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year in 2007. A 13-time world champion, Ed was an essential part of the 1995 America's Cup winner, Team New Zealand. Ed has raced in the Whitbread Round-the-World Race, won the 1995 Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, and is the only American ever to reach #1 on the ISAF World Match Racing rankings (1995-6 and 2004-5). And he is a three-time Match Racing World Champion (1995, 2003, 2004). This is just the *short* list of his sailing achievements!

A popular and engaging speaker, Ed delivered award-winning television commentary for the host broadcaster, Television New Zealand, while covering the 2003 Louis Vuitton Challenger Races and America's Cup.

Ed continues to race at the elite level throughout the world. At present, he is competing in two circuits in Europe and in multiple sailing events in the U.S. Additionally, Ed is coaching the U.S. Olympic Youth Development team. His current TP-52 team, Quantum Racing, is the most successful TP-52 team in history, winning four of the last six season championships – and three of the last four Worlds Championships.

A St. Petersburg native, Ed is a treasured homegrown sports hero. His sailing exploits are legendary and he brings honor and glory to our beautiful waterfront community. Ed and his charming wife Lisa are both valued USFSP graduates – and we'll enthusiastically welcome son Ty

when becomes a Bull at Bayboro in the 2015 fall term.

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