



**John Craig**  
**Principal Race Officer**  
**America's Cup Race Management**

Hailing from Canada and now a resident of San Francisco, John is responsible for conducting the races of the America's Cup World Series, the Louis Vuitton Cup - America's Cup Challenger Series, and the America's Cup Finals.

A board member of US Sailing, Craig has been the race manager at San Francisco's St. Francis Yacht Club for over 10 years, running everything from Optimist regattas to World Championships for the Star and Melges 32 class. He has run approximately 300 regattas on San Francisco Bay.

Before joining the St Francis Yacht Club, John he was the coach of the Canadian Olympic team for approximately 10 years and has worked closely with many of the top sailors in the world throughout his career.

"I've always wanted to be involved in the America's Cup," Craig said. "I've lived in the Bay Area with my wife and children for 11 years and to have this opportunity come to my doorstep is very fortunate.

"Having had the privilege of running two of the ACWS events in Cascais and Plymouth the skill of the sailors and the attributes of the AC45 catamaran has exceeded what I anticipated. The ACWS will continue to grow and showcase these amazing yachts and crews making the road to the AC34 just that much more exciting.

"As the ACWS moves around the planet I have been fortunate to see the inner workings of many venues and harbors, each of which presents a different challenge to the running of these events. The complexity and inner workings with Local Organizing Authorities on and off the water has been 10 times what I expected when I first stepped on board. The amazing part is how excited people are about these events and how much they desire to help.

"The team that Regatta Director Iain Murray has surrounded himself with is second to none. I feel very honored to have the opportunity to be part of it and know that the 34<sup>th</sup> America's Cup will be an amazing success due in no small part to the team."