

Rob Hurd - Administrator.

I was born and bred in Southern Mass. In 1973, my father purchased the first fiberglass H-12 (Doughdish #001), sailed it across Buzzards Bay, joined the Quissett YC, and put me in sailing classes. That started a 45+ year love with sailing and the area. When I was old enough, I began to teach sailing, first at Quissett and then at a variety of clubs around the Cape & Islands. Upon graduating from college, I started my first job at Tabor Academy as a math teacher and a sailing coach under the guidance of high school legend Toby Baker. It was a job that I had planned to do for 2 years - three years tops - before getting a "real job." This month, I started my 31st year at Tabor.

This is my second go-around with SM Sailing. In the 1990s, I was the commissioner of team racing and an at large board member. It was during that time that Peter Durant and I first formulated the Grand Prix - on the back of a napkin one winter night in Plymouth following a SMYRA meeting. Eventually, I moved on to other things, but I was happy to cycle back in 2009, assuming the newly created position of Administrator. I enjoy the opportunity of working with all the SM Sailing clubs on areas of mutual benefit and to continue the traditions of the organization that date back to its inception in 1929.

