

# Professional and Sailing Background

## Zack Clayton

### Educational Experience:

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse  
Bachelor of Science – Sport Management – 1998

Centenary College of Louisiana  
Post Graduate Studies – Athletic Administration and Exercise and Sport Science Education

### Employment Experiences:

#### 1998-1999

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Athletic Department – Administrative Staff – Game Management

#### 1999-2000

Centenary College of Louisiana  
Athletic Department – Head of Student-Athlete Academic Services

#### 2000-2008

Inland Sails/Quantum Sails – Pewaukee, WI  
Sailmaker/Salesman/Business Administrator

#### 2008-Present

DIMENSION-POLYANT, Inc – Putnam, CT  
Director of D4® Multi Panel™ - Membrane Production (2008-2010)  
Coordinator of DP Sri Lanka Customer Services for USA Market (2010-2013)  
Worldwide Windsurf Sales Manager (2014-current)  
North America Yacht Sail Sales Manager (2019-current)  
Worldwide Kite and Wing Sales Manager (2019-current)

### Sailing Experience:

I have been involved in sailing and racing sailboats from my early childhood by racing One-Design sailboats starting at age 10. My family lineage has sailboat racing dating back to the late 1800's, so my options were limited. I would race sailboats, or find a new family. After I had aged out of the youth level boats, I matriculated to the adult classes, in particular the C-Scow, a 20 foot inland lake racing yacht. During the summer months, I was a U.S. Sailing Certified Level 1 and 2 sailing instructor being both assistant and program director at several local inland lakes in my region.

During my time at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, I worked as a part-time sailmaker during the summer months with Inland Sails, Inc. During this period I was trained in all aspects of sailmaking and also began to campaign the One-Design classes that our loft supported and thus became part of the Inland Sails – Sales Team.

After a brief hiatus into the realm of Intercollegiate Athletics, I was offered a full time position by Inland Sails and I accepted the challenge.

From 1999 thru 2007, I was lucky enough to learn the industry from pounding grommets to selling sails and handling the accounting of a small sailloft that transitioned from an independent three man show to a larger loft that teamed up with Quantum Sails to become the main competition to North Sails in the scow market. During that time, I was lucky enough to have some great success, along with my own level of disappointments at regional and national level regattas. I raced primarily C-Scow and MC-Scow with time spent in the other classes such as M-16, Melges 17, Melges 24, E-Scow and A-Scow. Our loft also serviced racing and cruising sailboats 40 feet and under as well as some unique markets such as high performance iceboats, landsailors and had the privilege of working with several Olympians.

Some of my regatta highlights are below:

2000 MC-Scow Nationals – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 2000 MC-Scow Blue Chip – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 2001 MC-Scow Midwinter Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2001 MC-Scow Blue Chip – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2002 MC-Scow National Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2003 MC-Scow ILYA Championship – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2004 MC ILYA Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2004 C-Scow Wisconsin Yachting Association Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2004 C-Scow ILYA Invitational – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2004 MC-Scow National Championship – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2004 Awarded Pillsbury Trophy – Top ILYA Championship regatta performance  
 2005 C-Scow Wisconsin Yachting Association Championship – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2006 MC-Scow North Americans – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2006 MC-Scow ILYA Championship – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2006 C-Scow ILYA Invitational – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2007 C-Scow Blue Chip – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2007 MC-Scow Midwinter Championship – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 2007 MC-Scow National Championship – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 2007 MC-Scow Southeast Regional – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2010 C-Scow ILYA Championship – 10<sup>th</sup>  
 2011 MC-Scow ILYA Invitational – 1<sup>st</sup>  
 2011 MC-Scow Nationals – 4<sup>th</sup>  
 2014 MC-Scow Midwinter Championship – line cops 😊  
 2015 MC-Scow Midwinter Championship – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 2015 MC-Scow Nationals – 8<sup>th</sup>

Today along with my duties at DIMENSION-POLYANT and being a husband and father to three children, I do find some time to race the traditional classes I was involved with, as well as spending some time racing a Gunboat 62 Catamaran and occasional forays with our other DIMENSION-POLYANT, Inc Sales Team members.

Best regards,

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 DIMENSION-POLYANT, Inc.