



Brad Van Liew sailed across the Around Alone finish line in style aboard his patriotic Tommy Hilfiger Freedom America Open-50 racer on May 4, 2003. American victory was his intent for fourteen years, and finally his dream was realized in a performance that reeked of preparation, skill, determination and teamwork. On top of winning the Class II race by more than 21 days, Van Liew swept all five legs of the event, broke the 24 hour mileage record for a 50 foot monohull, and kept pace with several of the typically faster 60-footers. In a grueling solo race that puts one's endurance to the ultimate test, both physically and mentally, Van Liew proved that he has what it takes to be America's best solo sailor.

Brad Van Liew, 35, is the premier American offshore sailor specializing in extreme performance events. He competes in some of the world's toughest offshore ocean races, which require courage, grit, skill and teamwork. Brad's relentless determination, skill and fortitude in the Around Alone competition of 1998-1999, won him a 3rd place finish in the 50-foot class.

Offshore ocean racing demands expertise in a multitude of disciplines. Brad's sailing resume is diverse and expansive, including crewed Newport to Bermuda races at the young age of twelve, Carlsberg One -Two, a solo transpacific qualifier, and the EDS Atlantic Challenge crewed Open-60 regatta. From buoy races and offshore regattas to several Admiral's Cup qualifiers, Brad sailed in IOR race boats from one-tonners to maxis.

Brad is a graduate of the University of Southern California. Possessing the highest aeronautical license given by the Federal Aviation Agency, Brad retains single and multi engine airline transport ratings as well as single and multi instrument instructor l...

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