

### **John Field - 1st Vice President**

John Field is SMSA 1st VP, and an Architect based in New York City. John grew up sailing in Maine where his non-sailing parents bought him and his brothers a Cape Cod Mercury and set them adrift. He washed ashore to Barnstable many years later where he now summers with his wife Kristen Bearse and their children Helen (UVM '21) and Thomas (10th Grade).

John first sailed on the Cape after building a Cape Cod Frosty in his apartment while in college, and today still frosts with the Mamaroneck Frostbite Association in NY.

Many will recognize him as the former coordinator of the Barnstable Yacht Club Green Fleet Opti regatta, one of the positive and fun introductory events for many of our youngest sailors. He is now Vice Commodore there and races his Rhodes 18 and Beetlecat along with other people's boats whenever he can.

As a lifelong sailor, John recognizes the need to broaden sailing experiences and seamanship opportunities to keep children involved and develop beyond youth racing into a lifetime sport.

He challenges our membership to become active participants with SMSA and your respective clubs and share your love of the water in support of this goal for our children.

