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Personal and Professional Details:

Name: Eric Holden
Profession: Meteorologist, Professional Navigator/Strategist
Employment: Owner, Holden Meteorological Services
Education:
BSc in Atmospheric Science, University of British Columbia (2006)
Diploma in Operational Meteorology, Environment Canada (2007)
ISAF Sailor ID: CANEH1
ISAF Classification: 3 (Professional)
Citizenship: Canada and New Zealand
Year of Birth: 1980
Languages Spoken: English and French
Weight: 68kg/150lbs



Summary of Experience and Accomplishments:

Founder of Holden Meteorological Services, a company specializing in inshore and offshore yacht race forecasting that provides custom weather forecasting services to many top teams at major sailing events around the world. Eric holds degrees in Atmospheric Science and Operational Meteorology and is a CMOS Accredited Consulting Meteorologist. Eric is the team meteorologist for the Canadian Olympic Sailing Team. As a professional yacht racer with emphasis on navigation and strategy roles, Eric has extensive offshore experience, having raced across both the Atlantic (Maxi Transatlantic 2nd overall) and Pacific Oceans (Vic-Maui 1st overall), and circumnavigated Great Britain and Ireland. He had also competed in prestigious offshore races such as the Sydney Hobart (2nd Overall), Fastnet, Tour de France a la Voile (4th overall), Chicago Mackinac (2nd Div 1), Marblehead to Halifax Race (1st Overall). Inshore racing includes competing in World Championships in the Farr 30, Melges 24, Tornado, Byte (World Champion), Laser >> (9th), Laser Radial (15th), and is a 5 time member of the Canadian Sailing Team (4 Tornado, 1 470). He is a MCA Master 200gt and an RYA Ocean Yachtmaster with training in Medical and First Aid, Sea Survival, Radio Operation, Celestial Navigation, and Engine Maintenance. Dealer for Expedition navigation software. Eric most recently skippered the Clipper 70 Henri Lloyd to a first place finish in the Clipper Round the World Race.

Certifications:

Navigation: MCA Master 200gt Unlimited, RYA Ocean Yachtmaster with Cruising Instructor Endorsement
Safety: STCW Basic Safety Training, STCW Survival Craft, ISAF Offshore Sea Survival, MCA Approved Engine
Medical: STCW Proficiency in Medical First Aid and Medical Care, Red Cross First Responder
Radio: GMDSS GOC, LRC w/ Sat Comm Endorsement, Amateur Radio (HAM) VE1ESH, RYA Radar

Awards:

Sail Canada Offshore Sailor of the Year (2012, 2013)
Sail Canada Male Athlete of the Year (1999)
British Columbia Sailor of the Year (1999)

Chronological History of Sailing Experience and Accomplishments:

2013-2014

- Skipper of Clipper 70 Henri Lloyd, Winner of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race

2012

- **Weather forecaster for the Canadian Olympic Sailing Team - London Olympic and Paralympic Games**
- Sydney Hobart Race – Navigator, Farr55 Living Doll - Retired
- Chicago Mackinac Race – Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant - 3rd Sec 2
- Round Ireland Race – Navigator, Sigma 38 Persistence
- Newport Bermuda Race – Navigator, Morris 48 Barra - 2nd IRC Class 6
- Caribbean 600 – Navigator, 47.7 EH01 - 15th IRC/8th CSA
- Geelong Race Week – Navigator, Farr55 Living Doll - 4th IRC A

2011

- Weather forecaster for the Canadian Olympic Sailing Team
- **Sydney to Hobart Race – Navigator, Farr 55 Living Doll - 2nd Overall**
- **Marblehead to Halifax Race – Navigator, Tripp 78 Valkyrie – 1st Overall**
- Chicago Mackinac Race – Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant – 6th Sec 2
- Miami Olympic Classes Regatta – Skipper, 2.4m – 15th

2010

- Weather forecaster for the Canadian Olympic Sailing Team
- Round Ireland Race – Navigator, Sigma 38 Persistence - 1st Sigma 38 class
- Chicago Mackinac Race – Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant
- Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup – Navigator, Swan 78 Valkyrie – Retired

2009

- Weather forecaster for the Canadian Olympic Sailing Team
- **Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup – Navigator, Tripp 78 Valkyrie - 2nd Overall**
- Canadian Sailing Team member, 470 class
- Chicago Mackinac Race – Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant – 2nd Div 1
- Marblehead to Halifax Race – Navigator, A40RC Ciao! - 5th in class
- Newport Annual Regatta – Mainsail, A40RC Ciao! - 2nd in class

2008

- Rolex Sydney Hobart Race - Navigator, A 40 Broadsword - 9th IRC 3
- Lord Howe Island Race- Navigator, A 40 Broadsword - Retired
- Chicago Mackinac Race – Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant - 4th Div 1
- **Vic Maui Yacht Race - Navigator, Riptide 50 Strum - 1st Line Honors, 1st Overall**
- Annapolis NOOD Regatta - Tactician, Mumm 30 Kinetic IV
- Key West Race Week - Tactician, Mumm 30 Kinetic IV

2007

- Rolex Fastnet Race - Navigator, Beneteau 47.7 Global Yacht Racing - Retired
- Melges 24 European Championship - Bow, ITA 571 Fishdog
- J24 Canadian Championships - Tactician, J 24 Team BC
- Cadillac Van Isle 360 - Tactician, Mumm 30 Kinetic III

2006

- SevenStar Round Britain and Ireland Race - Navigator, Corby 45 Incisor - 5th Div 5
- Cowes Week - Tactician, Arcona 40 Global Yacht Racing
- Cowes to St. Malo - Navigator, Corby 45 Incisor
- China Sea Race, Hong Kong to Manila - Navigator, Beneteau 40.7 Barnstormer

2005

- Rolex Fastnet Race - Navigator, Farr 40 Cacharaza
- **Tour de France a la Voile, Met Specialist/Mainsail trim, Mumm 30 Region Ile de France - 4th**
- Mumm 30 World Championship - Trimmer, Mumm 30 Alpes Maritime
- Hong Kong to Hainan Island, China - Navigator, Beneteau 40.7 Barnstormer - 2nd Div 2
- China Coast Race Week - Tactician, Beneteau 40.7 Barnstormer

- Raja Muda, Malaysia - Trimmer, Warwick 55 Shahtoosh
- Port Huron to Mackinac Race - Tactician, N/M 43 Tyrant

2000-2004

- Olympic Campaign - Skipper, Tornado Catamaran CAN 1

1998-1999

- Byte World Championship - **World Champion**
- Melges 24 World Championship - Tactician
- Laser >> World Championship - Skipper 9th place
- Laser Radial World Championship - 15th place
- Canadian Youth Champion 1998 – 1st Laser Class

Client Successes

2014

J70 World Championship, Savasana - 3rd Overall

2012

Melges 32 World Championship, Hedgehog - 2nd Overall
 Chicago Mackinac Race, N/M 43 Tyrant - 3rd Sec 2
 Newport Bermuda Race, Morris 48 Barra - 2nd IRC Class 6
 Vic Maui, Kinetic - 1st Class B, 2nd Overall, Terramoto - 2nd Class A
 Down the Bay Race, IRIE - 1st in Division/2nd Overall
 Route Halifax St. Pierre Race, Glensk - 2nd PHR 2
 China Sea Race, Sell Side Dream - 3rd IRC 1
 Cabo Race, Pendragon VI - 1st ORR A and Line Honors
 Melges 32 Miami Championship, Hedgehog - 1st
 Geelong Race Week, Farr 55 Living Doll – 4th IRC A
 Key West Race Week, Farr 400 Meridian X – 3rd, Melges 32 Hedgehog – 4th

2011

Sydney Hobart, Farr 55 Living Doll - 2nd Overall
 Transatlantic Race, Baltic 46 Dawn Star – 1st Div 4
 Caribbean 600, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC 0, 2nd IRC Overall
 Pineapple Cup, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC 2
 Key West Race , Vela Veloce - 2nd IRC A
 Key West Race Week, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC 1
 International Rolex Regatta, Vela Veloce - 2nd IRC 1
 Marblehead to Halifax Race, Swan 78 Valkyrie – 1st Overall
 Lake Ontario 300, C&C115 Happy Puppy – 1st IRC
 Cabo Race TP 52 Mayhem -3rd Class B
 Transpac, Open 60 O Canada - 6th Div 1
 Rolex Fastnet Race, Class 40 Ross Field Yachting – 7th Class
 Border Run, Open 60 O Canada - 4th PHRF AA
 Islands Race, Open 60 O Canada - 11th ORR
 Annapolis to Newport race, J120 Irie – 2nd Class
 Down the Bay Race, J120 Irie – 1st Overall
 Solomon Island Race, J120 Irie – 1st Class
 San Fernando Race, Rubia/Surfdude - 6th IRC Racing
 Chicago Mackinac Race, N/M 43 Tyrant – 6th Sec 2

2010

Caribbean 600, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC Super 0, 2nd IRC Overall
 Newport Bermuda, Vela Veloce - 4th Class 9, High Noon - 5th Class 7
 Maxi Transatlantic, Valkyrie - Retired

Pacific Cup, TP 52 Mayhem - 3rd Div E
Vic Maui, Kinetic - 1st Overall
Chicago Mackinac, Tyrant - 12th Section 2
Round Ireland Race, Persistence - 1st Sigma 38 Class
Heineken Regatta, Vela Veloce - 2nd Div 1
Route Halifax St. Pierre, Ciao Bella - 2nd IRC 2, Sea Smoke 1st PHR-2
Block Island Race, High Noon - 6th IRC 50
Vineyard Race, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC 0
East Coast IRC Championships, Vela Veloce - 1st IRC TP53, 2nd IRC 1
Long Island IRC Championships, Vela Veloce - 3rd IRC 1