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**SHEARWATER**

**MASON 43**

**6 MARION BERMUDA RACES**

**2009 CREW**

Dan Biemesderfer (Skipper)  
Bruce Stanton  
(Watch Captain)  
Rich Formica (Watch Captain)  
Dennis Driscoll (Navigator)  
Mark Kondracky (Tactician)  
Mark Pittenger (Crew)  
Taylor North (Crew)  
Dick Evarts (Crew)

**HOW DO YOU SELECT YOUR  
CREW?**

I've been fortunate to have gathered a group of very talented sailing friends over the years. New sailors seem to come to us by word-of-mouth.

**WHAT SETS MARION  
BERMUDA APART FROM  
OTHER OCEAN RACES?**

I think this Race is very well organized. I enjoy doing celestial navigation and hope this remains an option in the future.

**WHAT DO YOU MOST  
LOOK FORWARD TO  
WITH THE 2011 RACE?**

Winning,  
or at least finishing well.

**WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THE MARION BERMUDA RACE?**

There are a number of reasons I find this race rewarding. The first is that I just love ocean sailing. This is a great excuse to spend a few days sailing to Bermuda. The second, and probably just as important, is that I really enjoy the challenge of organizing and executing a racing campaign. This includes everything from organizing the crew, planning food, analyzing Gulf Stream and weather conditions, navigating (celestial), etc. This is true especially when we finish well. It's very satisfying. Another important appeal is being able to meet and become friends with the other competitors. Finally, Bermuda is a wonderful destination in every way.

**FAMILY TIME**

My wife, Gretchen always meets the boat in Bermuda and is part of the return crew. She has crewed in one race.



**Cockpit Crew  
Above**

(Left to Right):  
Bruce Stanton, Rich Formica, Mark Pittenger, Bob Dreyer (helm), Dan Biemesderfer, Dennis Driscoll

**Celebrations at Rosedon:** (Left to Right) - Alex Biemesderfer (son, sitting at table), Dennis Driscoll, Dan Biemesderfer, Bob Dreyer, Bruce Stanton, Dick Evarts, Rich Formica