

Edgartown Race Weekend

Team Spotlight & Race Insights

Cam Tougas, owner and skipper of the DP 34 Kanga



Kanga's History at ERW

Team Kanga is once again very excited to participate in this years "Around The Island Race". This will be our 5th year as an entrant, and are very much looking forward to the 2021 event. 2020 was a challenging year due to Covid19, but The Edgartown Yacht Club did an outstanding job running last year's event!

Race Preparation

This is an event that Team Kanga takes very seriously. It is a relatively long course, which has many obstacles. Safety is our number one priority. We make sure the boat and crew are equipped with all necessary safety requirements and equipment. PFD's are a must during this distance race. All of our crew is required to wear them at all times. Before leaving Edgartown, we discuss Man Overboard protocol and all of our safety procedures.

"As a Team, we are very much looking forward to this year's event and the great competition it provides."
**Cam Tougas,
Kanga**

Race Insights

Once we start the race, it is game on! Our number one focus is Work Ethic! Going around MV provides many different wind directions and velocities. We sail with a full complement of Sails. The crew must be ready for multiple sail changes and willing to perform these tasks many times. We never allow ourselves to slip into "cruising mode". Work hard start to finish!

The current going around MV is very important and a huge variable. There are many different currents you will encounter, during this race. We do our best to prepare and forecast these currents, with our Eldridge is our best friend. We have found these currents are not always predictable and we must be ready to adapt, depending on the day, at any moment. Our game plan is always fluid, depending on current and wind. Every leg of this race offers a different wind and current direction. Doing your homework is key, but you also must be able to adjust.

