## **Jamie Coates**

Hello, my name is Josiah (Jamie) Coates, and I am the father of David Mateo Coates. I am very pleased to apply for a board position with USODA.

About myself: I am an engineer with two engineering degrees and an MBA from Duke University. I have spent many years in high-level contract negotiations and managing major capital projects. I would love to help setting up regattas and with engaging IODA, or to help with anything else that may be needed by the team.

My interest in helping with USODA is to help ensure a continuation of proper management and leadership for all families who invest heavily in this sport, and to hopefully assist in encouraging more sailors to excel in optis and successfully transition to new boat classes. I would love to spend time helping sailors understand how to transition to new boat classes, if this is at all possible. Having been an opti dad for five years, I would be grateful for the opportunity to begin to give back to this community that has been so beneficial for our son, and to hopefully mentor new families entering the sport.