

## TEAMWORK

*Sure, many things you can do alone.*

*Do you do things alone because you can do it better, faster, and more accurately than others?*

**Teamwork wins.** Be part of a team, enjoy the team, and see what a team can accomplish. In the end, a team can accomplish a lot more than one person doing it alone.

We were cruising in a sailboat for a week. We were a team. While we changed roles, we each did what we did best. Me, I was setting the sails, raising and lowering them with the winches. I set the sail positions based on the direction the captain was going and changed them as needed.

The boat worked best with a team. While one person, when necessary, could have done it all, as a team it was easier and the boat performed better. This is no different than life itself. Focus on what you do best and allow others to do what they do best. Together, you will accomplish more.

Teams work. Teams provide wonderful lasting relationships. Accept the others for their unique talents as they accept you for yours. Learn their talents and broaden your abilities. Watch each team member and see how they perform and how you can learn from them. A team member will assist you and watch you practice so that you can learn.

Teams win. In racing, as in life, a well trained team working together wins. Years ago I had a race team on my sailboat. By the second season we worked like a fine Swiss watch. Each knew his role and how it interacted with the others. We all just knew, and we all did our job. The boat went faster, and we won. We won not only the race, but we won in that we all enjoyed the whole process as well as one another.

Sure, team members have egos and have bad days. We all do. Accept them and move on realizing teams work.

Would you rather do it alone? Sometimes we all do. But, in the end, working with a team wins, is more fun, and you learn more.

Join a team. Work with and accept a team. You will see the value and the fun of it all. Teams get things done faster and better than you doing them alone. It is no wonder that teams win.

The wonder is why we are not on teams. Going it alone when you can be with a team is to do it the hard, slow, inefficient way. Plus, in the end, it is not as good.

Join a team. Be a team player. Try it. You'll surprise yourself.