



US SAILING Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting

Friday, April 1, 2005, 8 a.m.

Newport, R.I.

MINUTES

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present were: John Amos, Charlie Arms, James, Janet Baxter, Faye Bennet, Stan Betts, Jerelyn Biehl, Bruce Bingman, Terry Bischoff, Dean Brenner, Mitch Brindley, Craig Brown, Larry Bulman, Jim Capron, Bob Counihan, Ruth Creighton, Norton Brooker, Means Davis, Peter Durant, Bruce Eissner, Susan Epstein, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Charles Ivey, Rich Jepsen, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, John Lovell, Dan Mangus, Clay Mock, Ken Morrison, Bill Munster, Greg Norwine, Joni Palmer, Jack Rudy, Nat Siddall, John Siegel, Bill Stump, Jan Visser, Scott West, and Charlie Zeckel.. Absent were: Joey Harris, Tom Roberts, Bill Sandberg, Betty Sue Sherman, Hannah Swett, and Adam Werblow.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of departed sailors.

President Baxter welcomed all members and visitors, and individuals attending their first US SAILING meeting were recognized and introduced themselves.

General Services Chair Ruth Creighton and Membership Director Mary Weaver reported on successes realized through the Event Visibility Program which utilizes trained US SAILING members to represent the organization at regattas and other sailing events throughout the country.

President Baxter's report stressed the impact that US SAILING has had on the sport in the past year. The power point presentation will be available for viewing on the US SAILING website, and stresses accomplishments. It notes, for example, that the organization last year trained 1300 new small boat instructors and that 65,000 new sailors attended sponsored sailing classes.

Gary Jobson narrated a special presentation of the 2004 Olympics in Greece, featuring each of the US participants. He noted that the Olympic sailing attracts the top sailors and is a source of national pride, and also improves the level of sailing nationwide. He suggested that US SAILING Olympic develop a Symposium for US Yacht Clubs to encourage Olympic sailing support at the local level.

Olympic Sailing Chair Dean Brenner discussed both long and short term committee goals which will be implemented by initiating a campaign to create permanent funding, establish partnerships with Yacht Clubs, control costs and recruit and encourage young sailors to the Olympic path.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton, in a report of his first 60 days, emphasized the need to create real value for our present and future members. He promised to review and evaluate all programs and services to determine that they benefit members, attract new members, and are financially viable to the Association.

Treasurer Leslie Keller reviewed accounting and budgeting procedures used in US SAILING. The financial report will be presented at our next meeting.

A motion to delay ratification of Executive Committee actions pending a review by the Offshore and Legal Committees of an agreement with the Offshore Racing Association to administer Americap, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve a proclamation recognizing and thanking past Executive Director Nick Crow for his services to US SAILING was made, seconded and carried. The proclamation will be presented at the banquet on Saturday.

Carter Gowrie, president of Gowrie, Barden & Brett, presented details of a new insurance program that provides comprehensive worldwide coverage for big boats, and reviewed other boat insurance programs available for members through US SAILING.

Vice President Tom Hubbell led a presentation of the proposed new Bylaws which described how the proposals had been developed and revised over the past two years. A special discussion session on the Bylaw changes will be held on Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Dick Hanneman,
Secretary