



**US SAILING Executive Committee**  
**April 25, 2005**  
**Telephone Conference Call**  
**Minutes**

President Janet Baxter called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

Present were Janet C. Baxter, Dean Brenner, Ruth Creighton, Susan Epstein, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Patty Lawrence, Leslie Keller, Rich Jepsen, Bill Munster, Joni Palmer, Bill Sandberg and John Siegel. Jim Capron was absent. Also present were guest Directors Charlie Arms and Bruce Bingman, Marketing Director Jack Gierhart, representing Executive Director Charlie Leighton, and James Appel, Budget Chair.

**Action Items:** A motion to approve the Minutes, as corrected, of the Executive Committee meetings held at Newport, R.I., in sessions between March 31 and April 3, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of April 3, 2005, as corrected, was made, seconded and carried.

President Baxter reported on her recent visit to San Diego, where she visited with US SAILING members and clubs and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the San Diego/Ensenada Race. She noted that she will join Executive Director Charlie Leighton at a United States Olympic Committee Assembly next week in Phoenix, Az.

Jack Gierhart represented for the Executive Director, whose report had been distributed in advance. He noted that Dan Cooney had been selected as his successor in the Marketing Director position, and he reviewed progress made in developing sponsors for the US SAILING Team. He also discussed a new fund raising program that will begin in the next few weeks.

Treasurer Leslie Keller's report was distributed in advance. James Appel, Budget chair, noted that there were still problems associated with the preparation of timely financial reports, and said his committee would meet again in the next two weeks to continue its review of financial reporting issues.

**Action Item:** A Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the 2005 Rolex Osprey Cup as an ISAF Grade I Event. The event will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club from Oct. 27 to Nov. 1, 2005.

US SAILING Olympic Chair Dean Brenner noted that committee expenses are now being monitored as part of the US SAILING budget process and that year to date expenses are under budget. He also announced that an Olympic fund raising effort would begin this summer, designed to provide benefits to both individuals and yacht clubs. He

also noted that the IPC had approved a third Paralympic event for the Pan Am games. The boat is expected to be a Martin 16. An additional start for the Olympics will result from this addition, bringing to 14 the total number of selection trials for Olympic events to be conducted in 2007.

He also noted that in an effort to strengthen communications, Josh Adams of SAIL Magazine has agreed to serve as a member of the US SAILING Olympic Committee.

Offshore Committee Chair John Siegel and President Baxter will review candidates for her to appoint as delegates to the Offshore Racing Congress.

General Services Chair Ruth Creighton noted that membership focus groups held at various events point to the need for US SAILING membership to receive tangible benefits by joining. She led a general discussion on that subject.

Action Item: A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Presidents appointment of Jen French as Independence Cup Chair. She replaces Susan Johnson, who has resigned.

There was a general discussion of the need for Councils and Committees to begin the process of rewriting Bylaws to conform to the new US SAILING Bylaws, which are expected to be approved at the Annual General Meeting in October.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary