

Small Boat Division

September 2015

One-Design, Chris Fargas

- Quote from an e-mail from Chris:
 - “While the members have been active, as a committee we have not been. Probably best if we find a new chairman as my work and racing is increasingly in Europe.”
- This is the most we've heard from Chris in at least the past year. A new One-Design Chair is needed.

Team Racing, No Chair or Committee

- Recommend removing this Committee from the Division (Bylaws and Regulations also). There is active team racing in high-school and college (governed by their respective Venues Committees) but little team racing activity otherwise.

Cruising, George Day

- The Cruising Committee has not met during the summer and has no activity to report until we have a phone get together later in the fall. Our agenda continues to be to find ways to attract new members from the cruising community through out reach at boat shows and through the media. And we stand ready to work with the Grow Sailing Initiative as appropriate.
- It is with sadness that I report the death of Cruising Committee member Bill Mosher who died suddenly last month. Bill was a huge supporter of Milwaukee Community Boating and a leader in grass roots efforts to grow sailing. He was the marketing manager for Forespar. He is sorely missed by his friends and peers.

US Windsurfing, Jerome Samson

- Organized US Nationals across four fleets (formula, slalom, kona, freestyle) in Cabrillo Beach, CA;
- Organized a month-long West Coast Tour (Seattle area, Gorge, San Francisco Bay, LA, San Diego) with the Kona Class to introduce / re-introduce sailors to longboard windsurfing and racing basics;
- Provided logistical support to racing series in Maui and national slalom ranking system;
- Welcomed Division II Class back into the US Windsurfing family;
- Promoted existing and new events throughout the summer;
- Techno and RS:X North Americans took place in Kingston mid-August, and we had a few kids attend European and World Championships in those classes as well this summer.

US Kiteboarding, Robbie Dean

- Highlight events this summer included: 1. Shelter Island YC (NY), Hydrofoil regatta 2. Kite Foil Gold Cup Regatta San Francisco StFYC 3. Vineyard Cup Regatta in MV, Vineyard

Haven YC. Both Vineyard Cup and SF Gold Cup had 10k prize money. All events had international attendance. Happy to see Shelter Island YC and Vineyard Haven YC stepping up to host major events.

- Hydrofoil racing remains most popular fleet among kite racers.
- 2018 Youth Olympic Games will feature kiteboard racing. Formula Raceboard will be the equipment used
- Freestyle and Slalom events are resurgent in North America. Special note: These events are governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Multihull, Mike Levesque

- A very successful US Sailing Try it Out clinic was held at the West River Sailing Club in MD. Sixteen youth, including four girls, attended the Formula 16 Catamaran clinic and were coached by US Sailing coaches. One goal of these programs is to identify future Olympic prospects for the various classes.
- In August, the US Multihull Championship for the Hobie Alter Trophy was held at the Buzzard's Bay Regatta in MA, and raced on Formula 18 catamarans. Mike Easton and Tipp Burd dominated the fleet. This was a great event, despite turnout that was significantly lower than anticipated. One of the crews was reportedly the product of a prior Try it Out clinic!
- Many of our classes have already completed North American championships for 2015. Most significantly for the future of our sport, the Hobie Class Association held two Youth North Americans this year. Will Nelson won the Hobie Wave Youth NAs (24 boats, Seattle, WA). Ben Brown and Casey Larson won the Hobie 16 Youth NAs (12 boats, Lake Quinault, WA).
- Matt Struble won the A Class NAs (41 boats, Panama City, FL). Mark Modderman was the top finishing US sailor (2nd overall) at the Hobie 14 NAs (15 boats, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada). Phil Collins won another Hobie 17 NAs (24 boats, Clear Lake, IA). Ken Marshack and Valerie Proszac won the Hobie 18 NAs (20 boats, Avila Beach, CA). John Holmberg and Teri McKenna won the Hobie 20 NAs (8 boats, also at Avila Beach, CA).
- Fueled by US Sailing-provided coaching, Mark and (daughter) Grace Modderman earned a silver medal in the Hobie 16 class at the PanAm Games (5 boats, Toronto, Ontario, Canada). US sailors finished well at the Formula 18 Worlds and several Nacra 17 international events.
- Upcoming major events include the Formula 16 US Nationals and Formula 18 Americas. Registration for the Hobie 16 North Americans is approaching 100 boats!
- We continue to work on documents and programs regarding safety training and recommendations, youth events and seminars; and are always looking for new volunteers.
- Note from Brian – Mike has been in this position for a number of years. Recommend finding a successor. Work with Mike to identify and train them in.

Match Racing, Dave Perry

- Helped organize the inaugural U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup
- Continued the publication of its new e-newsletter *The Dial Up*
- Revitalized the women's match racing working party
- Supported the US teams at the ISAF Nations Cup
- Supported the organization for the US team at the ISAF Youth Match Racing Worlds
- Note from Brian – Dave has done wonders here. Recommend identifying an individual to work with Dave to eventually take over as Chair so that Dave can move on to other things.

Sailors with Disabilities, Sarah Everhart

- We had a successful 4-regatta circuit with high participation from veterans injured in combat and those involved with Warrior Sailing.
- Pioneer Grant recipients implemented their grant programming and more people with disabilities are sailing as a result!
- We are helping with organizing the first ever US Sailing Adaptive Sailing Stakeholders meeting in October, 2015.
- Along with the American Canoe Association, American Rowing Association and the Clagett Regatta, US Sailing is helping with research regarding safe and appropriate life jackets for sailors with disabilities.
- Note from Brian – Similar to Match Racing, Sarah has served as Chair for a number of years and we may want to identify another individual to train in to eventually relieve Sarah when she's ready.