

Venues Report for the September 21, 2015 U S Sailing Board Meeting

Community Sailing Committee

Mid-Year Report furnished by Jen Guimaraes

This February at NSPS the Community Sailing Committee outlined their goals for the year to develop The Mentoring Group, Community Sailing Resource Manual Group, The Accreditation Committee (a separate Committee at US Sailing that functions in partnership with the Community Sailing Committee), and the liaison to the Committee for Sailors with Disabilities.

The Mentoring group has developed a responsibilities guide for a mentor who would support new program directors in the industry. In addition, they have been identifying mentors in various regions to connect with and are working on a process for mentors to continue their relationships with their mentees.

The manual group is in the process of finalizing the Resource Guide. This book will be made available online through US Sailing as a tool for programs to reference when starting a new program from the ground up or for programs looking to expand upon their current operations.

Their liaison to the Committee for Sailors with Disabilities attends all their meetings and reports back to our committee so we can better identify ways to collaborate. There are many Community Sailing programs across the country that have adaptive programs and are looking for more support in developing them.

The Accreditation Committee has been reviewing applications for Accreditation. One application has been approved and two are pending. They have identified two new programs to mentor through the application process and are currently supporting three organizations that were denied the certification and need to resubmit.

The entire Committee updated the database for community sailing center in the country. This is an amazing resource that can be used by US Sailing and the Committee to continue to grow the programs across the nation.

College Sailing

Mitch Brindley

He supplies a separate report as to their status.

ISSA

ISSA has achieved 4 records this year: First, 502 schools registered. Second, 5000+ sailors participating in High School Sailing. Third, The Mid Atlantic District (MAISA) is now 100 schools. Fourth, 252 regattas over the 2014/2015 school year - with 3,943 teams competing in 32 weekends in the fall and spring. High school sailing is growing and provides the feeder group to college sailing and the pathway to the Olympic programs.

RSA

Report furnished by Harry Foote

Work continues on the Area redraw project. General feedback is that RSA should keep the Area concept as it allows for better coordination of training and other support services however consider doing away with the geographic boundaries and permit an RSA to change its Area if it chooses to do so. This is logical as the RSA's do not have specific boundaries and putting them as a group into an Area that has firm boundaries only serves to complicate the issue. In the same vein it allows the individual clubs to join the RSA of their choosing, for example, clubs in upstate New York (Central NY YRA closed) to move as they have requested. A second survey focusing on this Area concept is being drafted and hopefully it will be sent to all RSA representatives in the near future.

Second topic that arose fairly recently was the continuity of Area L and the PIYA. When Jan Visser passed away suddenly Michelle Ripple took her place, however Michelle had come to realize that Jan was the major if not sole source of information and administration for the Area and the PIYA. The business license lapsed and there was an issue with the nonprofit certification. She reached out to us for assistance and I was able to give her a name or two of folks that might be able to help. At our last conversation she said the things were being addressed and moving forward. I realize that a topic such as

this is best suited for Leadership Forums and such, however I am unaware if the information from the forums is stored and would be accessible to our members. If not then perhaps a section of our website could be put to that purpose.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Tichenor



September 2015 President's Report

As we start the 2015 Fall Semester, College Sailing continues to be strong and financially sound. Notable achievements and activity are listed below:

- Yale University swept the 2015 Spring Championships in Newport, RI winning the Sperry Women's College Sailing National Championship, the LaserPerformance Team Race National Championship, and the Gill Dinghy National Championship.
- ICSA released the All-America Team Announcement show on the collegesailing.org.
- The Gill College Sailing National Championships aired multiple times on ESPNU produced by Jobson Sailing.
- Partnering with Oakliff Sailing Center and the US Sailing Olympic Development Program, two very successful College Sailor High Performance Clinics were held this summer at Oakcliff in 49ers, 49er FX, and Nacras.
- College Sailing's website was redesigned and launched. See www.CollegeSailing.org.
- In late August LaserPerformance held the inaugural LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup at Yale University. Teams participating included Japan, Italy, Ireland, France, Oman, Canada, Yale, and ICSA All-Star Women. The ICSA All-Star Women's team won the event. See <http://www.laserperformancecollegiatecup.com/>. The 2016 event is scheduled for Italy.
- ICSA announced a partnership with Oracle Team USA and North Sails providing an internship for 5 women, 5 men and 3 coaches for 3 days training and observing the Americas Cup team sailors, coaches, designers, and engineers in Bermuda and 2 days at the North Sails 3DL production facility in Minden, NV.
- ICSA welcomes the collegiate sailors from the British University Sailing Association (BUSA) who are currently touring the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic competing in 3 weeks of Interconference regattas, practicing with host schools, and competing in several traditional trophy matches.
- The fall season is approaching our third week of competition with a total of 36 events on the Interconference Racing Schedule.



- The LaserPerformance College Sailing Singlehanded National Championships will be hosted by Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA November 6-8.
- The College Sailing Match Race National Championship will be hosted by College of Charleston November 20-22.
- College Sailing is greatly thankful for the tremendous support of volunteers. And we are particularly grateful to the US Sailing Judges and Umpire who support our events.

Respectfully Submitted,

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