Reineke Takes Gold in Enoshima as US Sailing Team Embraces 2020 Olympic Venue

US Sailing Team Laser Radial athlete Erika Reineke (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) won gold at the conclusion of a stormy Enoshima Olympic Week in late October, the first large multi-class regatta to be held at the site of the Tokyo 2020 sailing competition during this Olympic cycle. The three-time youth and U21 ILCA World Champion dominated the 51-boat Radial fleet, leading wire-to-wire and securing an 18-point margin of victory against many of the world’s best in Enoshima, which also hosted the 1964 Olympic regatta.

Reineke was joined in Japan by eight other national team athletes, as well as coaches and support staff. Other American results included a 4th in the 49erFX skiff by Steph Roble (East Troy, Wisc.) and Maggie Shea (Wilmette, Ill.); 10th in the 49erFX by Helena Scutt (Kirkland, Wash.), who sailed with fellow Washingtonian Kate Shaner (Kirkland, Wash.) in the FX to gain experience in Enoshima while Nacra 17 teammate Bora Gulari (Detroit, Mich.) recovers from an injury; 8th in the Men’s 470 by Stuart McNay (Providence, R.I.) and David Hughes (Miami, Fla.); 12th in the Men’s 49er by Judge Ryan (San Diego, Calif.) and Hans Henken (Coronado, Calif.); and 19th in the Men’s Laser by Chris Barnard (Newport Beach, Calif.).

“We came to Japan hoping to get mentally comfortable with Enoshima, to continue a long and thorough process of studying the 2020 sailing venue, and to get some high-quality racing in. I would say that all three goals of our trip have been met,” said Malcolm Page (Newport, R.I.), Chief of U.S. Olympic Sailing.

The next major regatta for the team will be the 2018 World Cup Series USA in Miami, Florida (January 21-28, 2018).
US Sailing Education Zone Makes Impact at Extreme Sailing Series™ San Diego

The Extreme Sailing Series™ returned to the United States for the first time since 2011 and the US Sailing Education Zone was on site in San Diego!

The Education Zone provided fun learning activities for youth patrons as part of the US Sailing Reach initiative for STEM education and sport outreach. Through interactive and hands-on activities, children had the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics through the sport of sailing. US Sailing partnered with Mission Bay Aquatic Center, Sailors for the Sea, and Harken to create the Education Zone experience.

US Sailing organized the “Reach Simple Machine Scavenger Hunt” supported by Harken. Hundreds of participating youth had a special opportunity to connect science and sailing through mechanical advantage by exploring the association between six simple machines: wheel and axle, lever, pulley, screw, wedge and inclined plane. The youth participating in the scavenger hunt were challenged to find examples of all six simple machines in the Extreme Sailing Series™ Race Village. Those who completed the challenge received their very own ‘simple machine’ to take home, a block key chain from Harken.

US Sailing’s “Navigation Challenge” featured a list of items with clues for students to locate using a compass. Students navigated their way throughout the Education Zone and Race Village to various locations for a final prize.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center, a US Sailing STEM Center of Excellence for the Southern California area, organized a “Design Your Own Sail Gutter Race” activity as well as a unique demonstration for kids to investigate how wind is generated around the globe making sailing possible for all of us.

Sailors for the Sea featured three different activities from their KELP (Kids Environmental Lesson Plans) program. All of these activities are focused on how humans impact the ocean and sea life with a specific focus on plastic pollution and marine debris. Participating youth learned how they can make a difference and become stewards of our waterways and ocean.

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Sailing Leadership Forum 2018 - The Schedule has been Released

Have you registered for Sailing Leadership Forum 2018? You can make a direct impact on the future of sailing in the U.S. by joining over 600 fellow sailors in St. Pete Beach, Florida on February 1-3 for the Sailing Leadership Forum 2018. The Forum features a lineup of insightful presentations led by industry experts that address many important topics in sailing. Attendees will participate in over 70 presentations covering a variety of subjects, lively social events, hands-on activities and much more.

The 2018 Schedule has been released. Many of these presentations focus on new topics and many expand on the presentations delivered at the 2016 Forum. Presentations will focus on participation in our sport, management best practices, what’s new in technology and innovation in connection to sailing, safety education, and outside the box approaches to modern challenges. This event is a unique opportunity to learn and network. All types of sailors will have takeaways from this event.

Register by December 31 to secure standard registration rates. We hope to see you in St. Pete Beach and please bring a friend!

Learn more and register at Sailingleadership.org

Welcome to the New US Sailing Headquarters

US Sailing’s new headquarters at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island has been designed to support our new staff structure and market strategy. We have a special opportunity now to invite the sailing world to Bristol, USA. This venue allows us to develop and drive more alignment within the sailing industry so we can work collaboratively to grow the sport we all love so much.

The University did an outstanding job at renovating this building to fit our specifications and provide us with a fresh start and an opportunity to usher in a new era at US Sailing.

The future is bright and we are excited to explore new opportunities, drive innovation and serve our members and sailing customers. Please come visit us!