

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2008

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

Guests: Dick Rose, Kirk Brown, Bruce Cook, Sandy Grosvener, Dan Nowlan, Robin Wallace and Serge Jorgensen

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:03 pm EDT.
2. Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
3. A **MOTION** to approve the Consent Calendar was made, seconded and approved.
 - Minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - Endorsement of the ISAF holding the ISAF Regional Nations' Cup event in the USA.
4. President's Report. President Capron met with the Racing Rules Committee to consider a possible US SAILING prescription to next year's rule 70.5(a) which has wording that is exactly as it appears in the current rule 70.4(a). This is the rule that allows organizers of ladder events to deny the right of appeal, because the event qualifies "a boat to compete in a later stage of an event or a subsequent event." US SAILING has not exercised its right to approve such events in the past but Capron said that a recent demand for arbitration at a US SAILING event that ultimately triggered USOC involvement demonstrates a need for us to take a more active approach. The Racing Rules Committee approved a draft prescription to require US SAILING approval for use of current rule 70.4(a) in the future, which denies sailors the right of appeal.

Capron does not see US SAILING taking on the task of appointing officials at events, or even approving who can serve at the event. However, the proposed prescription gives us the ability to "approve" with conditions. For example, US SAILING may require non-appealable events to appoint a PC which has a minimum of three members, two of which are certified judges. Capron also said that the USOC may require some actions, such as hearings involving misconduct, to be appealable at all times. The proposed prescription will allow us to create the conditions on which we grant approval for the use of rule 70.5(a).

Capron said that for financial reasons, US SAILING's ISAF Delegation for the 2009-2012 quad will be significantly smaller than it was for the 2005-2008 quad. Capron talked to most of the current delegation and many other volunteers, including three ISAF Vice Presidents, to get their views on who could best represent US SAILING at the ISAF meetings. To maintain our effectiveness within ISAF, US SAILING has nominated persons to more than one committee. Other MNAs are doing the same as the cost of travel in the future looks like it will rise significantly. Capron cautioned that while he discussed most of our nominations with the ISAF leadership, there is no guarantee that the nominations will be accepted. However, the end result will be an ISAF Delegation that includes about one third women on the delegation (well above the ISAF target of 20%) and that is approximately two thirds the size of the current delegation. Due to volunteers doubling up on committee assignments, Capron anticipates minimal reduction in representation at ISAF.

Capron noted that this has been a tough month at US SAILING for losing friends. The passing, first of George Fisher, and then most recently, Faye Bennett, has saddened our hearts. It has also spawned many memories of the great work these two tireless volunteers gave to US SAILING. They were both true leaders of this sport and they will be missed. President Capron asked the Board to take a Moment of Silence for all of our lost friends in the sport.

5. Executive Director Leighton reported that the business continues to move forward. He also took a moment to note how well our Treasurer, Leslie Keller, works with our CFO and her staff throughout the month, every month. Although the numbers are typically reported as a part of the Executive Director's Report, Leighton wanted the Board to be very clear in understanding that the Treasurer is providing the oversight and council the association needs and deserves. Also of note, Leighton had an opportunity this past month to chat with Terry Kohler about US SAILING, offshore racing and community sailing. Terry is appreciative that US SAILING is willing to approve his local community sailing center as a US SAILING Center. Terry has expressed his continued support of US SAILING continuing to be the owner of the VPP. Terry also believes that US SAILING should build up its corporate membership roles and is willing to assist the association in this effort!
6. Treasurer Keller noted that the association's Cash Flow is good. Keller also explained that the auditors had moved the \$145,000 expense associated with the Olympic Team Selection for the Women's Windsurfing event to FY2007 as the issue began in 2007 and so should be accrued to that year. FY2007 still remains a positive year in financial terms, while the actual payment of cash occurred mostly in FY2008.
7. Olympic Report. Chairman Brenner called in from China to participate in the meeting. Brenner reported that the athletes "feel supported!" In terms of performance, the team is experiencing many highs and lows from day-to-day, and Brenner is delighted to share how proud he is of the team, of their camaraderie and of their sportsmanship!
8. Old Business. Director Epstein shared that the Windsurfing Task Force continues to move forward and is in the process of developing an understanding of the needs and observations of the Olympic Sailing Committee.
9. US SAILING Nominations of Officials. A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved, to nominate the following individuals as:
 - a. International Judge Darryl Waskow
 - b. International Umpire Angelo Buscemi, Glenn Oliver and John Pratt
 - c. International Race Officer Jeff Boreland, Sandy Grosvener, Jeff Johnson and Hank Stuart
 - d. International Measurer Rudolph Ratsep -- LASER
Tim Winger – J/24

It was further agreed that the process and time-lines for nominating individuals for any of the above international roles will be discussed at the October meeting with the Race Administration Committee.

10. President Capron shared that after having discussions with the President of the Canadian Sailing Association regarding representation of Group P to the ISAF Council, it is reaffirmed that one Canadian and two USA sailors will be nominated. For the USA, President Capron intends to nominate Charley Cook and Cory Sertl, both of whom are currently serving as members of the ISAF Council. President Capron is also looking forward to seeing Dave Irish re-elected as one of the Vice Presidents of the ISAF.
11. Serge Jorgensen presented the two Submissions that US SAILING would like to make to the IFDS. Both involve the SKUD 18; in one, the roles of the TPA and TPB Rated Sailors are clarified; while in the other, the scope of who may qualify as a TPA Helmsman is broadened.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to submit both submissions to the ISAF.

Please see Appendix A for the specific submissions.

12. The prescription to RRS 70.5(a), as described in the President's Report (earlier in these Minutes) was discussed.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved, by a vote of 11-1-0, to approve in principle a prescription that "US SAILING prescribes that its approval is required." Final wording will be drafted by the Racing Rules Committee.

13. Old Business. Susan Epstein reminded the Board that a written report had been sent out prior to the meeting. Epstein shared that the Task Force is moving forward, step-by-step; the St. Francis YC has put in a bid to host the Windsurfing Youth World Championships; and that the Task Force is grappling with the question: what is the "right" board equipment for training our youth and placing them on the Olympic Path?
14. New Business. The question was raised as to when and where the Board's January in-person strategic meeting will be held this coming year. President Capron agreed that he would circulate some ideas prior to our next meeting of the Board in September.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Appendix A

Title: Eligibility and Role Definition for SKUD 18 Sailors

Subtitle: Clarify roles of TPA and TPB Rated Sailors and Intent Behind Classification of SKUD teams

A submission from the USA

Proposal:

- A. To add new Section 2.3 to state: "TPA must be an active part of sailing the boat, ie. helming the boat or trimming the sails."
- B. To add new Section 6 to state: Each SKUD team must declare a specified helmsperson and a specified trimmer. Once declared, that sailor shall function solely in that capacity except in an emergency situation, and then only for a brief period of time.

Current Position:

****Appendix K – Classification System for the Two-Person Keelboat**

- '1. The crew of the Two-Person Keelboat shall include a female.
2. One sailor shall be rated as TPA (Two-Person System Classification A), which is defined as follows:
either
2.1 The sailor is rated as FCS 1 on the FCS 2005 (IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005 – 2008
or
2.2 If scoring above FCS 1 on the FCS 2005, the sailor shall have an Upper Limb Functional Anatomical Rating in FCS 2005 (ULFA) of 80 points or less in both arms combined, together with a loss of 30 points in the better arm.
3. One sailor shall be rated as TPB (Two Person System Classification B), which is defined as having at least minimal disability.
4. Foot steering shall not be allowed unless as determined by the classification committee, the sailor has no other way to function in the boat or otherwise must use chin or sip and puff steering.
5. Adaptive aids shall be shown to the classification committee.'

Reason:

Current position and rule definition in the FCS 2005-08 provides a loophole where a sailor can both trim and drive a boat simultaneously while the second sailor becomes, in effect, a "rider" with minimal (if any) physical contribution to actively sailing the boat. The intent of the SKUD 18 discipline was to expand opportunity for severely disabled sailors in Paralympic competition, primarily in the capacity of helming through active participation. This loophole needs to be closed.

Declaring the dedicated position of helm and trimmer will insure that a SKUD team will demonstrate pairings of sailors that function as a "team" and be equal active participants in the sailing and performance of the boat.

Title: Classification Eligibility for SKUD 18 class

Subtitle: Broaden the scope of TPA Rating for Helmspersons

A submission from the USA

Proposal:

To change current Appendix K to the following: Section 2.1 definition of TPA rating in the FCS 2009-2012 system to include sailors that have been classified as FCS 1 and FCS 2.

Current Position:

****Appendix K – Classification System for the Two-Person Keelboat**

- '1. The crew of the Two-Person Keelboat shall include a female.
2. One sailor shall be rated as TPA (Two-Person System Classification A), which is defined as follows:
either
 - 2.1 The sailor is rated as FCS 1 on the FCS 2005 (IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005 – 2008
 - or
 - 2.2 If scoring above FCS 1 on the FCS 2005, the sailor shall have an Upper Limb Functional Anatomical Rating in FCS 2005 (ULFA) of 80 points or less in both arms combined, together with a loss of 30 points in the better arm.
3. One sailor shall be rated as TPB (Two Person System Classification B), which is defined as having at least minimal disability.
4. Foot steering shall not be allowed unless as determined by the classification committee, the sailor has no other way to function in the boat or otherwise must use chin or sip and puff steering.
5. Adaptive aids shall be shown to the classification committee.'

Reason:

By expanding TPA classification band to include FCS 2s particularly as helmspersons, the number of viable SKUD teams would undoubtedly increase. In the 2 ½ years since its inception, the number of active SKUD teams in training and competition has stagnated, mostly due to the limited number of skilled FCS 1s that are available to participate, particularly in the helm position. It is our belief that with the inclusion of FCS 2s in the TPA classification band the number of active, viable teams would markedly increase worldwide. This inclusion is reasonable and justifiable in that both FCS 1s and 2s are severely compromised in the areas core stability and mobility.