

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
May 17, 2010
Teleconference

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, Walt Chamberlain, John Craig, John Dane, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor and non-voting Ex Officio members, Executive Director Charlie Leighton and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

Guests included Cory Sertl -- ISAF Council Member

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 8:02 pm ET.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Consent Calendar
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following is therefore approved:
 - a) Minutes from March 20, 2010
 - b) Genny Tulloch as a Member of the Review Board
- 4) President's Report – President Jobson shared that there is a lot going on every day. As of mid-May he has made 63 presentations across the country. US SAILING is generally getting good reviews. The Yacht Club Summit planning is progressing well and most speakers are accepting their invitations!
- 5) Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Leighton noted that we are \$100,000 in the “green.” Memberships are up 7% and net revenues are up 12%. Annual Fund is already at \$47,000 and we have Olympic Program Pledges of \$200,000 so far this year. We have had a smooth transition from Pat to Chris as the Race Administration Staff Director.

Leighton presented a Draft Revision to our Association's Mission Statement for consideration. It was Moved Seconded and after discussion, DEFERRED to the July 19, 2010 meeting of the Board:

To CHANGE our current Mission Statement from: “To provide leadership for the sport of sailing” to the following – “To provide leadership, integrity and advancement for the sport of sailing”
- 6) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Keller reported that the field work for the annual audit has been completed and that no major issues have been noted.
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner reported that things are generally good. The USOC is currently reviewing the proposed selection processes for the Olympic and Paralympic teams for the 2012 Games. The Board expressed its support of the OSC striving to find and use the best approach to selecting our Olympic and Paralympic teams. Brenner added that our Sponsorship levels have reached about \$750,000 annually in support of

our sailors. He also shared that the New York Yacht Club is going to host a July 31, 2010 fundraiser – the first mid-quad event!

- 8) ISAF Update – Cory Sertl noted that the mid-year meeting of the ISAF was held in early May in Hungary. The Olympic Commission Report has been released and comments from the MNA's are requested. The idea of Continental Qualification is gaining momentum. The commission believes that a Multi-hull in the Olympics is important a position shared by the USA. The commission agrees with the USA's position that there should be equal numbers of men and women and male and female events. The Commission emphasizes that the Games should be about an Athlete's Performance, not about the performance of the equipment. Interestingly, the commission is "open" to the concept of "mixed" rather than "open" events relative to gender. Finally, Kingston, Ontario is putting in a bid to host the 2014 Combined World Championships – a great opportunity for our sailors here in the USA!
- 9) Offshore Rating Systems – President Jobson reminded the Board that we are seeing a mild decline in Handicap Racing. Currently there are essentially 6 systems in use:
 - a) PHRF, local
 - b) Portsmouth Numbers
 - c) ORR
 - d) IRC
 - e) ORC
 - f) And, ORC Club

Jobson is considering convening a conference later in 2010 to look at how we could and if we should consolidate any of the rating rules US SAILING supports with staff efforts. It is certainly reasonable to expect that Portsmouth Numbers has a unique and important role to fulfill going forward. Similarly PHRF is the one rule at the low end of the range, which due to its empirical nature can rate all boats including boats with very slow features. ORR appears to fill the need for a middle level rule; it is secret, objective, and VPP-based, ", Due to its VPP, the ORR is capable of providing ratings for "one-way" offshore races that have mostly running or reaching conditions. IRC is also a middle rule, but has been pressed into use for Grand Prix events. IRC is secret, formula based with empirical elements, and uses one-number ratings which , work best on inshore races or races that include a mix of wind conditions. ORC has a vpp-based club rule and a vpp-based international rule that are not in widespread use in the US at this time.. The US does not currently have a Grand Prix rule. Such a rule would need to be open, completely-objective, based on a simple vpp or formula with no credit for slow features, and have a type forming overlay to encourage the boats that active owners want.

- 10)USOC Hearing Panel Update – Regulation 12.03, which implements the final parts of the agreement, was Moved, Seconded and APPROVED, to go into effect on September 1, 2010, see Appendix A.
- 11)The US Disabled Sailing Championships brought forward a proposal to allow any nationality of sailor to compete in this championship, with the proviso that only a US

Sailor or team may be awarded the trophies and the title. This proposal was Moved Seconded and DEFERRED to the July 19, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors. Further the Secretary was directed to send a series of questions to the Championships Committee for their comment and thought and to bring those answers to the Board prior to the July 19, 2010 meeting.

12) Race Officials Certification Systems. President Jobson requested that the "Race Simplification team of Directors Craig, Stump and Tichenor in cooperation with Staff Director Petracco, bring a report and recommendations to the Board at its July 19, 2010 Meeting.

13) Old Business – The Offshore community is looking at the potential of resurrecting the Admiral's Cup with the Brits. More to come at a later date.

14) New Business –

- a) House of Delegates Chairman Walsh provided a brief update on the activities of the House of Delegates. The initiative to increase and improve communication is working. A number of conference calls have been held, including one with the Area Directors that all found informative and helpful.

15) The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Appendix A

US SAILING

New Regulation 12.03 Protected Competitions Effective September 1, 2010 (per 10 above)

12.03 PROTECTED COMPETITIONS

12.03.01 **Definition.** For the purposes of this Regulation, a Protected Competition (ref. USOC Bylaw 1.3(u)(2)), is a competition held in the United States without an International Jury that US SAILING uses to select U.S. sailors to represent the United States in international competitions, qualify U.S. sailors to be a member of the US Sailing Team, or determine sailors who will receive funding from or through US SAILING. Specifically, an event that:

- A. selects U.S. sailors for the Olympics, Paralympics or Pan Am Games;
- B. selects U.S. sailors for the Youth Olympics;
- C. selects U.S. sailors for the ISAF World Championships for Youth, Team Racing and Match Racing (Women and Open), Offshore Sailing, or the Nations Cup;
- D. selects sailors for the US Sailing Team; or
- E. determines funding given or directed by US SAILING.

12.03.02 **Procedures for Protected Competitions.** US SAILING shall ensure that the Organizing Authority includes the following rules and procedures in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for a Protected Competition:

12.03.02.01 The US SAILING Prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall apply to a Protected Competition, except that the words "when practicable" in the first sentence of the prescription to rule 63.4 are deleted.

12.03.02.02 Protest committees shall include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 (except that the US SAILING member class referred to in SAC Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification).

12.03.02.03 The right of appeal will not be denied under rule 70.5 (a), (b), or (c), but an expedited appeal process may be used that balances the needs of the competitor for certainty with respect to berths in future competitions and sufficient time to prepare the arguments and evidence for the appeal.

12.03.02.04 Any boat that is a party to a redress hearing may be represented by up to two individuals.

12.03.02.05 If a hearing is scheduled after the event is concluded and after the sailors and officials have left the venue, it will be scheduled as soon as possible, and in a place and manner chosen with deference to the competitor's preferences or circumstances; and parties to the hearing have the right to be present telephonically or via video feed as appropriate, provided all participants can hear and speak to each other.