

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2010
Phoenix, AZ

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, John Craig, 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, Acting Executive Director Jack Gierhart and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 5:38 pm PT.
- 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 October 20, 2010
- 4) USSF Report – President Rosekrans reported that Planned Giving is growing, and \$31,000 was awarded by the Trustees to US Athletes in non-Olympic athletes and educational initiatives. To date, the USSF has awarded \$1,000,000 over its tenure.
- 5) House of Delegates Requests for Action –
 - a) The HOD recommends that the Board of Directors write a letter to the EPA and the Senators and Congressmen and women of the United States that requests a study of the effects of increasing the allowable ethanol content in marine fuels on marine engines and boating safety prior to allowing the ethanol content to be increased. This **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and APPROVED.
 - b) The HOD recommends that the Board of Directors support the initiative of the US SAILING Championships Committee in creating and enforcing a policy where single-use water bottles are eliminated to the extent practicable at all US SAILING Championship events. This **MOTION** was MADE, SECONDED and APPROVED.
 - c) The HOD recommends that the Board of Directors establish a Task Force for the Purpose of Reviewing the Results of the Reorganization of the Association and report its findings to the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

President Jobson noted that he had earlier in the weekend had appointed all of the Past-Presidents of the Association, with President Baxter as Chair, as a Task Force to study this very issue and report to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors 22 January 2011 Strategic Planning Meeting.

6) Council Requests for Action –

- a) The One Design Class Council presented changes to its Bylaws (see Attachment 1) for ratification by the Board of Directors. It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** to accept the updated Bylaws of the ODCC.
- b) The National Offshore Council presented changes to its Bylaws (see Attachment 2) for ratification by the Board of Directors. . It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** to accept the updated Bylaws of the NOC.

7) Committee Requests for Action –

- a) The Match Racing and the Race Administration Committees recommend that US SAILING vote NO relative to ISAF Submission 012-10.

After discussion it was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** that the USA Delegation to the ISAF Meetings is directed to protect the developmental interests of National Officials relative to ISAF Submission 012-10.

- b) The Olympic Sailing Committee recommends that the following positions be taken by the USA Delegation to the ISAF Meetings:

- i) Regarding Submission 096-10

(<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/09610ISAFolympicEventandEquipment-9360.pdf>),

- (1) US SAILING changes paragraph 16.1.2.9(d), deleting “clear one-step.”
- (2) US SAILING deletes paragraph 16.1.2(e) and replaces with “maximize the participation of the world’s best sailors, promote the “heroes” of sailing, and showcase the lifetime sport of sailing.”
- (3) US SAILING changes paragraph 16.1.8, deleting “clear, single-step.”

(See page 1 of the Submission.)

Commentary: US SAILING believes that the Olympics should continue to be the pinnacle event in our sport, and that the entire sport should promote the “heroes” of Olympic sailing as the “heroes” of the entire sport. Furthermore, US SAILING believes that a pathway from the Youth World Championship to the Olympic Games is good for the sport, but that a single-step pathway is too direct.

- ii) Regarding Submission 097-10

(<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/09710EventandEquipment2016Olympics-9390.pdf>), US SAILING supports “Vote 1” and moves to vote that slate for the 2016 Olympic Games. **(See page 3 of the Submission.)**

Commentary: US SAILING believes that these six events are core events in our sport and should be supported and “locked in” now.

- iii) Regarding Submission 097-10, US SAILING supports men's and women's keelboat and a mixed multi-hull class among the remaining 6 events in Vote 2. (**See page 4 of the Submission.**)

Commentary: US SAILING believes that all disciplines (board, dinghy, skiff, multi, and keel) should be represented at the Olympic Games, therefore supports keelboats and multi-hulls in this second vote.

- iv) Regarding Submission 110-10 ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11010SailingWorldCupHosts-\[9395\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11010SailingWorldCupHosts-[9395].pdf)), US SAILING continues to support the 3.5 Model for Sailing World Cup in 2013-2016.

Commentary: 110-10 is a US SAILING submission, and we continue to believe that this compromise is good for the sport of sailing and good for sailing in North America.

- v) Regarding Submission 113-10 ([http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11310OlympicClassWorldChampionships-\[9399\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/11310OlympicClassWorldChampionships-[9399].pdf)), US SAILING continues to support one final pinnacle event (either a world championship or a SWC Grand Final) each calendar year for each Olympic class, and prefers the class world championships over the SWC Grand Final.

Commentary: 113-10 is a US SAILING submission, and we continue to believe that the concept of a SWC Grand Final, while interesting in many ways, is still too vaguely designed and that the existing class world championships should continue to be the annual pinnacle events in each Olympic class, in the non-Olympic years.

It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** that the USA Delegation to the ISAF 2010 Annual Meeting utilize the above 5 positions as guidance as to the direction US SAILING wishes to see the Olympic event evolve.

- c) Commercial Sailing Committee – Chairman Greg Norwine reported on the status of his committee and of the Commercial Sailing Schools. There are now 56 schools and business this past year was flat (the new growth) with 4,400 + students. The Marketing Efforts of US SAILING are recognized and appreciated by the schools. In 2011, some growth is anticipated.
- d) Bylaws Committee – after providing members an opportunity to comment over the course of the weekend of meetings, the amendment to Regulation 15.02(e) was put forward for adoption. It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** to adopt the following change to Regulation 15.02(e):

“The Review Board shall promptly investigate any complaint, grievance, or report of misconduct. Within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the filing and supporting documentation, the Review Board shall determine whether the filing complies with the requirements for filing under these regulations and whether reasonable grounds exist to proceed with the complaint, grievance, or report of misconduct. Reasonable grounds to proceed shall be found to exist unless:

- i. the person or organization filing the complaint or report has not exhausted all remedies as prescribed in Section 15.02.A;
- ii. the filing is frivolous on its face;
- iii. the filing should more properly be addressed by a different organization or governing body; or
- iv. that prior proceedings regarding the complaint, grievance, or report of misconduct have adequately addressed the matter.

After making its determination, the Review Board shall promptly render a written decision indicating whether or not the filing complies with these regulations and whether or not reasonable grounds exist to proceed. If the Review Board determines that the filing complies with these regulations and that there are reasonable grounds to proceed then it shall:

- a) arrange for mediation in accordance with Section 15.03B, or
 - b) conduct a hearing as prescribed in Section 15.03.”
- 8) Nomination of Committee Chairs -- President Jobson nominated the Chairs for the 2010-2011 year (see Attachment 3). It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED**.
- 9) Old Business – It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** that US SAILING will take a position relative to the International Guidelines for Leisure Class Vessels that any vessel up to 24 Meters in length should be exempted.
- 10)New Business – NONE
- 11)The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Attachment 1

Approved Update to ODCC Bylaws

The Board of Directors approves the following change to the ODCC Bylaws that brings them into compliance with the March 2010 change to the US SAILING Bylaws that separated the Nominating and Governance Committees.

Article VII -- Elections

(e) US SAILING Nominating Committee. One Person shall be elected to serve on the US SAILING Nominating Committee as described in US SAILING Bylaw 525.

(f) US SAILING Governance Committee. One person shall be elected to serve on the US SAILING Governance Committee as described by US SAILING Bylaw 527.

Attachment 2

Approved Update to NOC Bylaws

The Board of Directors approves the following change to the NOC Bylaws, bringing them into compliance with the March 2010 US SAILING Bylaw Change separating the Nominating and Governance Committees, and making the Rating Rules Committee Chair and the Safety At Sea Committee Chair as members of the Executive Committee of the National Offshore Council.

Attachment 3

Approved List of Committee Chairs for the 2010-2011 Term

Administration Division Chair		Jim Muldoon
Budget		James Appel
Development		Sarah Alger
Government Relations		Jim Muldoon
Marketing and Communications		Sarah Alger
Membership		Bill Kirk
Risk Management		Means Davis
Site Selection		Joy Siegel
Technology	OPEN	
Web Liaison		Chris Luppens
Competition Division Chair		Jim Walsh
Inshore		
Match Racing		Dave Perry
Team Racing		Steve Wolf
Offshore		
ORR		Peter Reichelsdorfer
PHRF		Bruce Bingham
IRC		Jon Siegel
Portsmouth Yardstick		Carl Reigart
Offshore Teams	OPEN	
Safety-At-Sea		Gino Bottino
Championships		Steve Wrigley
Trophy		Tom Fendler
US Championship of Champions		Andrew Daugherty
International Women's Keelboat		Taran Teague
US Disabled Sailing		Debra Frankel
US Match Race		Bruce Cook
US Men's Sailing		Bob Counihan
US Multihull		David Ingram
US Offshore		Jon Siegel
US Singlehanded		Martine Rawlings Zurinkas
US Team Racing		Glenn Oliver
US Women's Match Racing		Suzy Leach
US Women's Sailing		Linda Epstein
US Junior Championships		Vicki Sodaro
US Junior Women's'		Carolyn Amarante
US Youth		Shannon Bush
US Youth Multihull		Jamie Livingston

Attachment 3

Approved List of Committee Chairs for the 2010-2011 Term (Continued)

Competition Division (continued)

Race Administration	Hank Stuart
Appeals	Dave Perry
Judges	Don Becker
Race Management	Robin Wallace
Rules	Rob Overton
Umpires	Bruce Cook
Classification	Jim Thweatt

Education Division Chair

Training	Rich Jepsen
Commercial Sailing	Greg Norwine
Sports Medicine	David Jones, MD
Sportsmanship	Clark Chapin

Olympic Division Chair

Olympic Sailing Committee	Dean Brenner
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Recreation Division Chair

Community Sailing Center Sanctioning and Exchange Committee	Morgan Collins
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Non-Divisional Committees

Audit	OPEN	
By-Laws		Clark Chapin
Legal Committee		Joe Melino
Compensation Committee		Tom Hubbell
Investment Oversight		Mason Chrisman
Review Board		Carol Barrow

The following Committee Chairs were extended beyond the normal 4 year Term-Limit by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors:

Budget	James Appel
Development	Sarah Alger
Government Relations	Jim Muldoon
Marketing and Communications	Sarah Alger
Web Liaison	Chris Luppens
Trophy Committee	Tom Fendler
Education Division Chair	Rich Jepsen
Training Committee	Rich Jepsen