

Championship Committee Meeting

February 15, 2017

Austin, TX

Attendees: Shannon Bush, Chris Clement, Clinton Hayes, Ashley Enders, Sammy Hodges, Carolyn Russell, Erica Mattson Seigel, Ellen Donnelly, Malinda Crain, Dave Perry (proxy for Bruce Stone), John Pearce, Betsy Alison

All chairs provided an update on the status of their events. A complete listing of dates and locations can be found at <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/events/>

Venues for the US Singlehanded and US Adult Championship should be finalized by the end of the year.

Betsy Alison reviewed SafeSport and the revised Code of Conduct. USOC's SafeSport manages all aspects of misconduct and a Handbook for SafeSport is being developed for sailing. For any sexual misconduct, SafeSport will manage the investigation and discipline issues. Other misconduct will fall to US Sailing's established grievance procedures under the Regulations unless it's egregious, in which case we have the ability to ask for SafeSport's help. The SafeSport policy does not tie the hands of a jury; it does however provide sailors or others with an avenue to complain or to draw something to our attention. A question was raised with regard to international events like the International Women's Keelboat Championship, and what the implication for SafeSport is for those events. Betsy is to check with the legal contact for SafeSport. Mention was made of a possibility of the SafeSport code being added as a US prescription to the RRS. Should be raised with the Racing Rules committee. All US Sailing-provided coaches, private coaches, and the PRO will have to sign US Sailing's Code of Conduct and be familiar with SafeSport. This is expected to be finalized no later than April 1.

Dave Perry requested if the committee could have input on the Code of Conduct. It is currently undergoing legal review.

It was recommended by Cory Sertl that SafeSport be added to the RRS Prescriptions.

A Level 3 Coach Challenge course, developed by Betsy Alison, was approved by the Training Committee. This course will be offered to a limited number of elite coaches to help them obtain Level 3 certification in a more limited timeframe. Candidates will be accepted by application only and the course will be facilitated by the Master Instructor Trainers. A working party is currently being developed to finalize the details of the course, including launch date.

Dave Perry proposed that only protected events have a grievance process. This was agreed. The following championships are protected events: Youth, Adult, IWKC, Team (in even years), Match (odd years) and Women's Match (odd years). This means the jury must have a ratio of 20% Sailor Athlete.

Dave Perry proposed that the OA have discretion on acceptance deadlines. If a sailor is accepted, could the OA extend the registration period for this individual even if there was a waiting list? The model should be that there be a written request and written permission given. Should the waiting list be published? The committee agreed to waitlist by alphabetical order rather than ranking.

Shannon, John and Betsy reviewed Customer Connect. Betsy Alison is the Adult Department Director and will work with the Adult Championships. John is the Youth Department Director and has been working with the Junior Championships since August. Joint meetings of the two directors, the Championship Chair and the championship committee chairs will be held when there are common issues or concerns to be resolved.

A meeting has been scheduled for February 23 with Betsy Alison and the Adult Chairs to review the Adult Championship White Paper and to form working parties to tackle the issues brought to light in the analysis.