Championship Quarterly Update – December 2014

Logistics Update

Due to construction delays, last week Eastern Yacht Club withdrew as host of the 2015 Youth Champs. We are currently exploring other options but wish to stay in the Northeast as other major events that the sailors will be attending are also in the Northeast this year.

We have not had a response from the Laser class regarding teaming up for the Singlehanded Championship. There is a Plan B which we will have to implement next month if the response is not positive.

We are currently seeking a host for the U.S. Adult Championship in June 2015. We have interest for 2016 but once the selection format is approved, we will push forward harder for 2016.

Financial Variance

With the addition of one if not two new championships in 2015, if sponsorship funds remain static, funding will be less for almost all championships next year. This will most likely result in a rise in entry fees. Application fees (where applicable) would remain unchanged.

Changes in Championships: New regulations are being proposed for championships. These have been extensively reviewed by all concerned parties including legal.

The U.S. Adult Championship proposal has been reviewed by the RSA's and while there were some who were concerned about the changes, the comments were more open minded than closed. The one issue that needed reinforcing was that the RSA's have the responsibility and authority to determine how their proposed entry is selected, be it qualifier, selection event or resume selection. The ball is totally in their court.

Richard Feeny has agreed to remain as junior national coach for 2015 which provides valuable continuity for our junior championship program. Additionally, he has taken the lead on developing the Try It Out clinics over the winter.

Strategic Goals:

Championships has created a master calendar of events for sailors who wish to sail in high performance boats. Coaches, parents, sailors, and classes all can see the big picture – with one click. We are working to place Level2/3 courses just after existing events such as NSPS, the Club 420 Midwinters or the 29er Midwinters so that we can help make the best use of people's time.