

U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Committee Meeting
October 24, 2011

Present: Liz Walker, Debra Frenkel, Kevin Wixom, Jeff Reinhold, Marc DeJong, Charlie Rosenfield, Sarah Everhart Skeels, Kerri Gruson, Shannon (US Sailing Sr. Race Official)

I. Welcome

II. Review of this year's championship - comments/suggestions/calendar conflicts

- KUDOS to Buttons Padin for running a great Championship at Larchmont Yacht Club.
- Biggest issues:
 - low attendance
 - event dates were too close to other regattas?
 - Very light wind
 - Race course length can be better adjusted to dying wind conditions?

III. Next Year's Championship - 2012 at Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego

- Southwestern is the 2nd largest yacht club in San Diego
- Brand new facility, very active with regattas, very active race fleet
- Challenge America is based at SW so there is access to that large volunteer group
- Focus for developing the regatta will be on:
 1. Choice of boats
 2. Attendance
 3. Volunteer recruitment
- Discussion regarding transport of boats from the east coast to the west coast
 - Probably 4 x 2.4 meters, maybe up to 8 in 1 container
 - Sailors will want to know the cost, shipment timing and return trip to FL
 - Deb will discuss with her contact
 - Kevin will discuss with his contact
- Please convey to Sandra and SWYC that we are very excited and looking forward to being there in October, 2012!

IV. Updates from US Sailing Championship Comm.

- Crew change policy – must register as a TEAM
- We must have a US Sailing-recognized Regional/National or Chief Judge at the event

V. New Committee Member suggestions - especially for Chair and Co-Chair for 2013 and beyond

- Members can serve 6 consecutive years (2 x 3 year terms)
- Jeff R, Deb F, Joe D, and Marc D terms are up in 2013
- Ideas for new members: Jody Hill, Nichole Ryder, Karen Mitchell, Bob Jones
 - Sarah to ask Jody Hill
 - Jeff to ask Bob Jones
 - Kerri to ask Karen Mitchell and Nichole Ryder

VI. Committee Member to seek host clubs for 2013 and 2014 and beyond

- Kevin W agreed to take on this responsibility
- Clubs to approach: Houston YC, Noroton YC, Southern YC, NYYC for 2014

VII. Other

Discussion regarding “Class Divisions of Boats” wording to read as follows with changes in red:

2. CLASS DIVISIONS OF BOATS

2.1 This event shall be held in at least one (or as many as three) division(s) (single, double and triple-handed) with preference being current Paralympic equipment but not excluding other locally available equipment if adequate P-class equipment is not available and a development division in a boat of the Organizing Committee’s (OC) choice that is suitable for sailors with any physical disability.

2.2 The OC may make available as many as 10 boats in the development class.

2.3 The development class will not be a championship class and sailors who wish to sail for the championship title should not apply to compete in the development class.

- KUDOS to Betsy Alison for her Induction into the Sailing Hall of Fame
- THANK YOU to Debra Frenkel for continuing her Chairwomanship of this Committee.

VIII. Next Meeting and Adjournment