

## Minutes from the US Disabled Championship Committee Meeting

March 16, 2016

Attendees: Charles Rosenfield, Kevin Wixom, Tim Ripley, Roger Strube, Sarah Skeels, Magnus Liljedahl

Missing: Steven Patrick Edenson, Ryan Levinson

### Discussion of need to include a development fleet

- Puts additional pressure on the hosts, do not want to make it an undue burden
- Equally it provides more attention to the event and provides opportunity for sailors
- Decision: should be an option but not a requirement

### Classification

- Certain boats we might use in disabled sailing do not have classification requirements example the Martin 16
- Discussion on need for classification in the development fleet
  - Want to encourage sailors not create barriers
  - Consider Physical and/or psychological barriers
    - Self reporting?
    - Report from the VA or physician?
- Decision: Continue to require classification in 2016 in the Paralympic boats and require that they sail in at least one previous disabled regatta in the calendar year.
  - 2.4m
  - Sonar
- Classification will not be required in the doublehanded fleet (if sailed) but it will not be a championship fleet

### Action Items

- Charlie and Magnus to determine what the doublehanded boat will be and develop the NOR
- Committee to revisit classification for 2017
  - Request for classifier committee to determine what they might provide for psychological disabilities
  - Create a system like they use at the Robie Pierce
- Topic of next meeting: Consider pairing with other major regattas vs a stand-alone championship.
  - Identify Pros
  - Identify Cons