

Offshore Championship Committee

October 1, 2013 Meeting Report

1900 hrs conference call in.

1. Those present: Bob Thomas, Bruce Bingman, Jim Tichenor, Liz Walker and Shannon Bush(Championships Chair)
2. Report of the 2013 event held on September 26 - 29, 2013 at Navy.
 - a. Nine entries
 - b. Areas represented: 2-B, 2-C, 2-D,E,F and L.
 - c. Very close racing with leader changes each day
 - d. Total 7 races with one long distance race with a finish after sunset.
 - e. Taran Teague was PRO and Means Davis Chief Judge.
 - f. Light winds prevented the second distance race.
 - g. Mandatory check out sail on Thursday afternoon made the event run smoother.
 - h. Jahn Tihansky was the event chair and was well organized.
 - i. We set up a way for this year's entrants to respond to a questionnaire and tell us what they liked and disliked to make our next event even better. The survey results will be posted on line before the AGM.
3. We discussed what can be done to increase participation
 - a. Earlier cut off mentioned by an entry drop out and from some of those that raced this year. Pros and Cons?
 - b. If we start too soon some areas will not have raced enough races together to determine their crew.
 - c. If we use last year's events, the same crew may not be together.
 - d. Moving the acceptance date forward does not mean we have exclusive dates for our event. Others may schedule on top of us creating opportunities for crew to go elsewhere.
4. Committee membership
 - a. Bob Thomas terms out after serving 6 consecutive years. We thanked him for his service.
 - b. Proposed new members - Steve Travis, Area L, 2013 winner and Bruce Kuryla, Area B winner in 2009 and 2011
5. New Business
 - a. We discussed other possible venues and other class boats that might be available so we could hold the event each year. More work needed in this area.
6. Adjourn at 1954 hrs.

Report submitted by Jim Tichenor, Offshore Championship Chairirman