



US MULTIHULL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER

	Multihull Championship Council	
ATTENDED	NAME	COMMENTS
YES	Levesque, Michael	MHC Chair
	Livingston, Jamie	MEMBER AT LARGE
YES	Lovell III, John	MEMBER AT LARGE
YES	Newberry, Sarah	Youth Multihull Championship Chair
YES	Rice, Bert	US Multihull Championship Committee (MCC) Chair
YES	Schneider, Mark	MEMBER AT LARGE
YES	Sullivan, Laura	USMHC Committee Secretary
YES	Walker, Liz	USSA Championships Director, MCC Liaison
YES	Witte, Eric	MEMBER AT LARGE
** Quorum required		Quorum achieved.
	Guests	
	Bradshaw, Chris	
YES	Bush, Shannon	Championships Chair
YES	Casey , John	
YES	Gardner, Annie	
YES	Green, Steve	
YES	Kohl, Jake	
	Krantz, Mike	
YES	Pitt, Nigel	
YES	Redja, Kevin	
	Smyth, Randy	



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Minutes Meeting - March 1st 2012

Agenda Items in black with Notes in blue

- Survey Results - do they reveal 'a Need' for the Hobie Championship Series?
 - Mike Levesque – looking at it for future events (2013 and beyond). There is definite interest in the event. A team has been formed to review the survey data. There is a need to move forward on the sailors' responses. Some of the survey results can help the 2012 event process (sailors are open to change, and willing to pay for charter boats).

- Establish Sub Committees for qualifying/selection, yearly equipment selection, site and schedule selection, and for ratings/measurement (ISAF)
 - Discussion tabled until it can be determined if there is going to be a 2012 Multihull Championship Event.
 - Discussion that this needs to be in place for future events.

- 2012 Regatta host bid - "To be or not to be?"
 - There is a current bid on the table for an open, BYOB event, to be run under Portsmouth handicap. No action was taken on the current bid.

 - Many questions were raised regarding the event. Discussion points noted below and no decisions made at this time, strictly asking question, sharing perspective, making comments and points of discussion. More information is needed; actions have been assigned and will be reported on in the follow-on meeting of March 8th.

 - Is this event a one design BYOB?



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- Is this a multiple One-Design event BYOB? If so, what classes are being proposed? (F16, F18, A-Cat?)
- Is this event open to anyone who wants to come, or will qualification be required?
- Since in 2011, the conditions for the Area Qualifiers identified the US Sailing Multihull Championship would provide the boats for the event. Changing this to a BYOB event would contradict the specified conditions.
- The conditions currently state that Area Qualifiers and a number of other “invitation” slots (past champion, national champions from multihull classes, manufacturer reps) are qualified. The only positions currently identified (to an individual) are the Area Qualifiers (and potentially, the past champion).
- The conditions were written in 2009 and apply to the 2012 event unless changed with or prior to publication of the NOR.
- Half of Championships are a combination of BYOB and charter, the other half are host-supplied boats.
- Teams that were pre-qualified in their Area Qualifiers should be provided a boat (or a reduced charter fee). Conversely, for the areas which did not hold a qualifier, the teams would have to provide their own boats (or pay a full charter fee).
- All teams should pay a charter fee. Since no fee or range of fees was known, and/or boat availability was unknown, an action item #2 was assigned. Team to make recommendation and present their findings at a follow on meeting to be held on March 8th. The survey indicates that sailors are willing to spend \$400-500 on charter fees. The most recent data is that for the past few years, the boats were provided at a cost of \$700 each; early indication from manufacturers is that this is likely to reach \$1000 in 2012.



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- Committee members and guests were asked to submit their questions in writing and PBYC will prepare answers for the next meeting.
- Schedule a follow-on telecon for March 8th 5:00 pm PST, 7:00pm CST, 8:00pm EST.
- A follow-on telecon will be penciled in for March 13th 5:00 pm PST, 7:00pm CST, 8:00pm EST.
- This telecon will only transpire if additional event proposal questions need to be responded to.
- Regatta proposal must be reviewed and approved on or before 3/15. E-mail vote may be taken in lieu of this meeting if the proposal is in a state with minor clarifications or corrections.
- Bid must be voted on or before March 15th.
- Brian Welsh must be contacted regarding any Sponsorship plans before any sign-off of sponsorship.
- The Viper F16 is being used for the equipment trials in Spain on 3/25. It appears to be the boat of choice and probably the training platform for a couple of years even if not selected as the equipment for the 2016 Games. This is being looked at to tie this into the Olympic Championships.
- There are 2 potential processes for acquiring boats. The first is that the USMHC Committee contacts the boat manufacturers and makes arrangements to provide the boats. The second choice, and what seemed to be the preferred method, was the sailors would be given the names of the manufacturers whereby they contact the manufacturer and deal directly with them. Nigel and John Casey will be making a recommendation at the next Multihull Championship Committee meeting.



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- Identify sailors pre-qualified for 2012 and list upcoming Alter semi finals by Area.
- Jake Kohl, Jamie Livingston, and Johnny Lovell will review the current conditions for eligibility and recommend amendments for 2012 and recommend changes for future years during this quad.

- Class Association membership to US Sailing
 - Various boat classes have not submitted their requests to include their boat as a US Sailing recognized class. Classes who are members can be identified through the Member Search feature of the US Sailing website. No action taken.

- Name Change to US Sailing National Catamaran Championship (I/O to meet by laws).
 - The title would be the United States Catamaran Championship.
 - Discussion tabled.

- Fiscal Responsibility - review the budget/accounting records for the Hoyt - Jolley Fund for the past three years.
 - Liz reported that \$2000 may be used every year (per the Hoyt – Jolley Fund’s original charter). Current balance is \$53,000. For the last few years \$7000 per year has been handed out. At the current spend rate, the fund will be depleted in 7 years. While the original charter allows additional funds to be withdrawn with US Sailing Board approval, the intent was to only spend the interest on the Hoyt – Jolley Fund. The Board has indicated that they are hesitant to approve additional withdrawals going forward; without a documented plan of how to rebuild the fund.

 - Bert indicated there were sponsors willing to donate to sailing events, such as BP, Subway, Rolex. Bert will coordinate his sponsorship efforts with Brian Welsh in the Marketing Department.



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Action Items

Item No.	Date Assigned	Est. Comp. Date	Assigned To	Action	Status
1	3/1/12	3/2/12	USMHCC	All questions pertaining to the 2012 USMHC event concerning the boat, availability of boats, cost of chartering, proposed process for assigning boats, team selection criteria, etc – must be e-mailed to Bert Rice ASAP.	
2	3/1/12	3/8/12	Casey, Lovell, Pitt	Survey availability and make a recommendation on what boat or boats might be available for charter, and at what cost.	
3	3/1/12	3/13/12	Rice, Brinkley, Davis, Redja, Newkirk	Create Notice Of Race (NOR) for the US Multihull Championship event.	
4	3/1/12	3/3/12	Levesque	E-mail area reps, requesting Area Qualifier results be submitted to Liz Walker immediately	
5	3/1/12	3/8/12	Casey, Pitt	Make a recommendation on a charter boat plan.	
6	3/1/12	3/8/12	Liz Walker	Provide Hoyt – Jolley Fund report to Bert Rice and Mike Levesque.	
7	3/1/12	3/13/12	Bert Rice	Finalize Championship budget and present at 3/13 meeting.	
8	3/1/12	3/8/12	Bert Rice	Obtain and submit Sponsorship Forms for the Championship event.	
9	3/1/12	3/8/12	Kohl	Review and make recommendations for the Team Selection criteria / process.	