

USTRC Committee Meeting
July 25, 2012

The conference call meeting began on time (5 pm pdt/8 pm edt) with the following members in attendance: Bruce Cook, Ted Ferrarone, Danielle Richards, Frank Ustach, Joel Hanneman, Ed Padin, Jenn Lancaster, Andrew Low, and chair Glenn Oliver.

The previous meeting held on March 27, 2012 was called primarily to discuss the departure of LaserPerformance as a US Sailing sponsor. No actions were taken during the meeting. There were no minutes.

Ed (Buttons) Padin provided a status report on the plans for the 2012 USTRC at Larchmont YC. The event plans are going well; his team of Ted Ferrarone, Danny Pletsch, and Senet Bischoff are working to put together 3 fleets of evenly match boats and the task is going according to plan. A total of 18 teams applied for invitations to the championship; 16 of those are complete applications that the selection committee is working to pare down to the top 12 teams for the event. The selection process will be complete before the August 3rd deadline.

A bid was received from the Newport Harbor Yacht Club (NHYC) to host the 2013 in Newport Beach California. The club has chosen the FJ as the race boat and will have at least 3 fleets of boats for racing. The club will also house the competitors for the event. A budget was provided that was in line with recent championship events and current expectations. Buttons made a motion to accept the bid; Bruce Cook seconded the motion. The bid was unanimously accepted.

Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts, bid to host the 2014 USTRC. After discussion, and information that they too would host competitors, Buttons move to accept the bid; Ted seconded. The committee unanimously accepted EYCs bid for 2014.

Letters to the clubs with formal acceptance will be sent out.

Liz Walker presented information about an upcoming team racing clinic and umpire clinic in Nashville, Tennessee on September 29 and 30. She is trying to gather current information team racing tactics and umpiring. Tentative plans are for Christine Accetella, US Sailing Umpire Committee member, to support the umpiring part of the clinic. USTRC committee members will be individually passing on what information they have.

The next committee meeting will likely be in early September, as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40/8:40 pm.

Glenn Oliver

USTRC Chair