



Conference Call to order: 7:30pm EST

In attendance: Board: President Bruce Burton, VP Cory Sertl, Sec. Martine Zurinskas, Tarasa Davis, Dave Perry, Jim Walsh, Russ Lucas, Treas. Steve Freitas, Clerc Cooper, Rich Jepsen, Ron White, Malcolm Page

Guests: 14 guests on call

1. Announcements
2. Consent Calendar: *Vote #1 Motion to approve, unanimously approved.*
January 31st Minutes
3. President's Report Bruce Burton
Full summary of the report: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/board-of-directors/presidents-reports/>
 - Sailing Leadership Forum – summary by Bruce, detailing his key takeaways.
 - Past Presidents Luncheon – summary of input from these leaders.
 - Olympic Sailing Committee – Revenue generating time.
 - Over the bow: CMO hire, Olympic Budget, Rolex Awards. West Coast Tour, Work on Committee Chair transitions.
4. Chief Executive Officer Report Bruce Burton for Jack
Full Association Report at this link: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/association-reports>
Summary of the meeting in St. Pete, thank you to the staff and team that helped make this event such a success. Much of February spent working on the Olympic budget implementing the same financial review that the Association budget went over. Look ahead to 2018 – optimize our organization, strengthen communications, build on our progress of customer services, improve inefficiencies, dial in our core programs and services, revitalize our membership activities. 2018 will also focus on Volunteer Connect where we have great opportunities. SafeSport – covered list finalized.
5. World Sailing Update Cory Sertl / Gary Jobson
Cory: Annual Meeting in Sarasota Oct. 27-Nov. 2 will be the highlight of 4th Quarter for World Sailing Activity. Very busy preparing for YOUTH WORLDS in Corpus Christi in July. FULL prep mode. Event committee with World Sailing busy with Youth Worlds bids reviews. Mid Year meeting in May will be a busy time for WS. Update on 2024 Events at next Board meeting.
Gary: Highlighted the strength of the US delegation and detailed out the WS for 5 Olympic event review. Detailed summary of the high level work of the WS Board and plans for 2018.
6. Treasurer's Report Steve Freitas/ Donna Kane
Olympic Budget still being reviewed. Association reports delayed because of Audit. Look for complete reports at March meeting.
7. Secretary's Report Martine Zurinskas
8. Olympic Report Malcolm Page/ Jim Campbell
Update from Malcolm on the progress with the team, training objectives and the evaluation of the athletes. World Sailing Miami review is going to happen in the next 2 months. Update on our Youth Athletes progress towards qualifying for the Youth Worlds and also ODP clinics gearing up around the country.
9. Old Business -

Schedule & Call in details: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/schedule-agenda>

Meeting Minutes: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meeting-minutes/>



US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2018
Conference Call

BAR20180130 Board Action Request – Safe Sport Covered Individuals Final - unanimously approved.

11. New Business –
BAR20180222 Team Oracle & Team Japan Base equipment - unanimously approved. Noted by the board to review contract by legal to address liability & protect US Sailing, specifically the titling of assets.
 12. Executive Session – none
 13. Motion to Adjourn, 9:05 pm
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2018 Covered Individuals for US Sailing under SafeSport policies include the following:

Group 1: US Sailing Leadership and Management

Mandatory SafeSport training to be successfully completed and Background Check required

- All US Sailing Staff and Interns
- Board of Directors
- Olympic Sailing Committee

Group 2: Staff and contractors who have frequent and direct contact with athletes and are associated with the following US Sailing programs: US Sailing Championships; Olympic Development Program and the US Sailing Team.

Mandatory SafeSport training to be successfully completed and Background Check required

- US Sailing coaches; Contract coaches; US Sailing Coach applicants
- Support persons, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, to include but not be limited to medical; therapeutic; boat wrights

Group 3: Other individuals agreed by the SafeSport Entity and an NGB to be within the SafeSport Entity's jurisdiction who may be in a position of authority over an athlete

Mandatory SafeSport training to be successfully completed and Background Checks required

- Master Instructor Trainers; Instructor Trainers for all US Sailing Training Programs: Small Boat, Keelboat, Powerboat, Race Officials, etc.

Mandatory SafeSport training to be successfully completed is required.

- All Instructor Candidates in 2018 *must successfully complete SafeSport training as a prerequisite for their course.*
- All Instructors recertifying Instructor certifications in 2018 *must successfully complete SafeSport training prior to renewal.*
- Any certified instructor whose certification is current 2018 *must successfully complete SafeSport training by December 31, 2018*
- US Sailing Certified Race Officials, such as PROs, umpires, judges and measurers, etc., invited to a US Sailing Championship and/or other event for which US Sailing is the Organizing Authority *must have successfully completed SafeSport training at the time of appointment to the Championship event.*
- US Sailing Race Official candidates upon applying in 2018 for initial Race Official certification *must have successfully completed SafeSport training upon application*
- All Race Officials who are renewing Race Official certifications in 2018, *must successfully complete SafeSport training prior to renewal.*



- Any certified US Sailing Race Official whose certification is current in 2018 must *successfully complete SafeSport training before December 31, 2018.*
- Committee Chairs that are responsible for a US Sailing Championship are *required to successfully complete SafeSport training by April 1, 2018.*
- ALL members of the US Sailing Team are *required to successfully complete SafeSport training by April 1, 2018 (for current team members) or within 4 weeks of making the team.*

Recommended SafeSport Training

- Other members of US Sailing Championship Committees are *Strongly Recommended to successfully complete SafeSport Training*
- Members of US Sailing are *encouraged to successfully complete SafeSport Training*

NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, these policies do not directly apply to US Sailing's organizational members; however, US Sailing strongly encourages its organizational members to adopt similar SafeSport programs and policies.



Action Request to the Board of Directors

Request No. **BAR20180222**

Date Submitted: February 6, 2018

Submitted By: Jack Gierhart and Malcolm Page

Subject: Acceptance of Oracle Base and SoftBank Team Japan Base Donations

Action Requested: Requesting authorization to formally accept the Oracle AC35 Base donation to locate it at FAST (Facility for Advanced Sailing and Technology, on Treasure Island) as part of establishing a West Coast U.S. Sailing Center. Additionally, requesting authorization to formally accept the SoftBank Team Japan AC35 Base donation, which will subsequently be loaned to Bella Mente Quantum Racing Association (BMQRAC36) for the duration of their campaign for the 36th America’s Cup.

Background: Both Oracle Team USA and SoftBank Team Japan have offered to donate their Bermudan AC35 Bases to US Sailing. US Sailing intends to place the Oracle Team USA Base at FAST (Facility for Advanced Sailing and Technology, on Treasure Island) as part of establishing a West Coast U.S. Sailing Center. FAST has agreed to cover all costs related to shipping, installation, and funding of base. The Base is currently in Oakland awaiting permission to deliver to Treasure Island. The Team Japan Base is to be loaned to Bella Mente Quantum Racing Association (BMQRAC36) for the duration of their campaign for the 36th America’s Cup. BMQRA36 will collect the base from Bermuda, rebrand it, maintain it, and, at the conclusion of the 36th America’s Cup, return it to US Sailing at a to-be-determined location. BMQRAC36 is responsible for all costs related to the Base until the Base is returned to US Sailing.

Member Impacts:

These are the positive impacts:

- Establish a West Coast home for the U.S. Sailing Team for training and hosting regattas. This has been identified as an important means to improve the quality of coaching and training opportunities for athletes.
- Accelerates our ability to set up a center with existing equipment and facilities.
- In partnership with Treasure Island Sailing Center (TISC), increase our community outreach by providing access and education in sailing and water safety to the San Francisco community.
- Partner with BMQRAC36 to identify, train and coach high-caliber, up-and-coming athletes in US Sailing’s pool of Olympic and other competitive sailors, raising the overall quality of American competitive sailing.
- Work together on a grass-roots level to reconnect the sailing base in the U.S. with the America’s Cup and expand US Sailing’s membership and reach.

Any perceived negative effects:

- At the conclusion of BMQRAC26’s America’s Cup campaign in 2021, the Base will be returned to US Sailing, and at present we do not have a home for it once returned. It is presumed that the Base will go to Los Angeles, CA in anticipating of training needs leading up to the 2028 Olympic Games, but without a confirmed location it is possible that we will need to pay for storage costs until a location is finalized.

Will this proposal bring in new members?

Yes, _____ Estimated Number No _____

Mission Impacts: Describe below how and why this creates value.

Positive impact (be specific):

- Establishing a U.S. Sailing Team Center in San Francisco is entirely consistent with the Olympic Strategy previously approved by US Sailing’s Board of Directors. By having US Sailing Team facilities, one in the East Coast/Miami which is ideal for November-March, and one on the West Coast/SF which is ideal for training April-October, we will be able to offer more regular and intensive training opportunities to US



- Team athletes as well as up and coming juniors through ODP programming.
- The partnership with BMQRAC36 will be two-way, using US Sailing's expertise to recruit athletes capable of competing at the America's Cup level, while working to develop and train a larger pool of athletes to raise the competitive bar in the United States. Both organizations will together work to reconnect to sailing base in the US with the America's Cup.
- BMQRAC36 will rebrand the SoftBank Team Japan Base to include US Sailing branding, advertising US Sailing for the duration of their campaign.

Financial Impacts: Describe below any expected financial impacts on US Sailing. Include figures.

1. **Short-Term:** Costs related to the Oracle Base will be fully covered by FAST, aside from nominal insurance costs. BMQRAC36 will cover all costs related to the SoftBank Team Japan base until the base is returned to US Sailing in 2021. As such, the short-term costs are minimal.
2. **Long-Term:** It is premature to identify the long-term costs of the SoftBank Team Japan base after returned to US Sailing by BMQRAC36. Further decisions about the permanent location of the Base will determine associated costs, and will be discussed at a time closer to the Base's return to US Sailing.

Summary:

In summary, we seek authorization to accept the donation of both Bases, so US Sailing can officially own both and move forward with final agreements with FAST and BMQRAC36.

I certify that this proposal has been checked. Governing Documents affected:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Terms of Reference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Championship Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Stephens Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | |

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