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President's Report/ World Sailing Update

Dear Board Members,

### Highlights of my travels in the last month

- Racing the IC37 Nationals racing with my family and five terrific young just out of college sailors in Newport
- Racing with Meg Myles as the "mystery guest skipper" at the Champion of Champions regatta held at Stamford YC, CT. A great "signature" event that US Sailing runs. Stamford YC was an amazing host with a tremendous group of volunteers. The format of the event is fun and brings together sailors of all ages and from different communities of one design classes.
- Attending the Fales Committee Meeting at the US Naval Academy and a short visit to the Annapolis Boat Show
- Racing with Mary Brigden Snow at the International Masters Regatta in San Diego, along with friends, Jerelyn Biehl, SDYC Commodore and JJ Fetter. San Diego YC was hosting 24 High School teams for the Pacific Coast Invitational High School Girls regatta. Mary started this event 10 years ago! It was great to be invited to say a few words at the awards ceremony along with fellow role models, Mary and Jerelyn.

### World Sailing

- Delegation conference call: Preparation for the upcoming Annual Conference and meetings in Bermuda (October 26- November 3<sup>1</sup>) consist of digesting the submissions and going over the agenda items that will be discussed.
- Women in Sailing Survey-phone call with the representative from the World Sailing Trust introducing the information to be shared on Monday 28 October at a forum during the conference.
- Youth Events- consider replacing the RSX with the Bic Techno 293, effect of mixed events and making a recommendation for the events and equipment for the youth Olympic games
- We have 2 members on the Racing Rules Committee, Dick Rose and Jim Capron. Dick Rose devotes countless hours to keeping up with the changes confirmed each year with a master version of the new edition of the rule book for 2021-2024 that will be finalized at the end of November and ready for Member National Authorities such as US Sailing to distribute to members in 2020.





## International Excellence

Congratulations to Daniela Moroz for her gold medal performance in the Women's Kitefoil event at the ANOC World Beach Games in Doha, Qatar. Congratulations to San Diego's Jeff Johnson who served as a race Officer at that event and recently was named to the Race Management Team for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Tom Duggan will be the Principle Race Officer for the Olympics and has been busy this summer at the Test Event helping to identify and resolve issues in advance of next summer.

## Looking Ahead

The focus on the next few months become more strategic with some reflection on the past year and planning for opportunities both for 2020 and long term. Some items on this list I have had some involvement with over the last month include;

- Supporting fellow Board member Clerc Cooper with the Sailor Athlete Council.
- Working with Elizabeth Kratzig and staff team of John/Stu to design and plan the Women's Coaching Clinic in Miami Nov 30-Dec 2. This is a Women in Sailing Leadership project that focuses on the importance of developing more female role models for our young sailors.
- Long term planning for the Olympic Program- developing an effective committee and staff structure.
- Clarification of US Sailing Foundation long term vision and strategy and how USSF will work together with US Sailing.
- Future Events: Chicago USSF meeting, Annual meeting and Stakeholder Summit and Sailing Leadership Forum in San Diego in early February.

Sailing season is winding down in the Northeast and I reflect on the fun times sailing with friends and family over the last few months and already looking forward to the next opportunities.

Good Sailing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Sertl".

Cory Sertl  
President of US Sailing

