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President's report

Dear Board Members,

My recent activities on behalf of US Sailing include travel to Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center for Olympic Sailing discussions with representatives of the USOPC and to Miami. A few highlights below:

**National Coaching Symposium- Miami - 2 days of workshops and speakers**

Nearly 100 attendees, thank you to our host, Coral Reef Yacht Club, run by our staff team of Stu Gilfillen, John Pearce and Katie O. with participation from our 4 Siebel coaches.

**Women's Coaching Clinic** - led by Elizabeth Kratzig the day before. 14 women two days of on the water with the ODP program coaches followed by a day that I and others joined in that focused on the importance of female role models as coaches. Data was presented from the just-released World Sailing Trust, [Women in Sailing Strategic Review](#). Dr. Nicole La Voi, Director, [The Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport](#) was part of the roundtable discussion and presented her research on Women in College Coaching and gender stereotypes. She stimulated the discussion with the question: Do you feel Safe, Valued and Supported?

**Olympic Sailing Discussions** - Colorado Springs Meeting and OSC meeting in Miami-

- Future leadership structure, responsibilities of an NGB, One Team with shared resources
- Importance of Revenue generation- short term for Tokyo 2020 budget and to work on retention plan for athletes, coaches and staff team. Need to focus on the improvement, the journey toward excellence focusing ahead to 2028.
- Opportunity for alignment of US Sailing and USSF volunteer and staff team to build on messaging on improvement and striving toward excellence.

**Looking ahead**

SLF - show leadership, where we are going and how we are leading. Morning Board meetings

Board in-person meeting Bristol, RI March 28/29- Fri-Sun- Goal-strategic update- Review and prioritize our core responsibilities.





**Board working groups:**

*International Relations* - Gary Bodie, Gary Jobson, Charlie Arms. Task:

- To recommend future delegation and budget for international representatives of US Sailing.
- Examine recent history and effectiveness of our current World Sailing delegation, interview current delegates.
- Look into the expenses associated with attending World Sailing meetings and other international interactions.
- Focus on priorities for 2021-2024 and moving forward to LA 2028.
- Create a timeline for decisions
- Recommend volunteer, athlete (consider requirements of athlete representation) and staff representatives.

*Miami Olympic Regatta review* - Fred Hagedorn to lead

*Compensation and 360 CEO review* – Henry Brauer as chair, John Schoendorf and Rich Jepsen

*Sailor Athlete Council* - follow up on tasks:

- potential changes to Ted Stevens Act
- need reps on Nominating, OSC, Audit, Olympic CEO search
- Definition of athlete needs updating
- Registering more athletes and keeping track of them
- Bylaw changes
- Standard agenda items for their phone calls- strive for 4 times per year
- Athlete safety- involve sports medicine- mixed teams
- Connecting to resources from the USOPC

Next week- traveling to Bristol on Tuesday 17 December and will attend the US Sailing Holiday party.

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

Cory Sertl

President of US Sailing

