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President's Report

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Welcome everyone! Tonight, we have a robust agenda so I will keep my following remarks brief:

1. Just finished the Rolex Big Boat Series and was quite impressed and proud to see Jim Teeters there, supporting the handicap divisions. I raced one design, but I got the sense that his presence was appreciated by the ORC competitors. Please pass on my thanks to the Offshore Department.
2. Sad news, Will Jeffers, who we just approved as an international measurer, died suddenly, leaving behind his loving wife Laura, who is the Ex. Dir. Of the Lightning Class. I offer a moment of silence from the board out of respect for his contributions to the sport.
3. Lots of great news imbedded in our agenda; I really think we are on a roll. Finances, structural improvements, new staff, lots of corporate partnership activity and opportunities; very exciting!
4. I made a presentation to the Los Angeles Yacht Club based on their viewing of a talk I did at my own yacht club. That went well and led to great conversations with them about their planned community sailing center in partnership with the Port of LA. Will be an incredible addition to our stable of public access programs.
5. And, speaking of the public access sailing community – 9 new keelboat schools and several new or planned community sailing centers, two of which are in California, SF and LA – so, sounds like public access is also on a bit of a roll.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Jepsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rich Jepsen

Board President

