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President's Remarks for Strategic Sessions

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Welcome everyone! A few remarks to start the session:

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1. Results of our Listening Tour the day before – Alan and Rich - We met, individually and in small groups with over 15 local sailing leaders from Commodores to Executive Directors. Community Sailing, yacht clubs and regional sailing associations. We had a successful day, gathering a ton of feedback, both complimentary and constructive and shared our plans for service to the sport that landed very well on our audience. Follow up will occur on several of the questions asked and points made.
2. I've asked the Adult Department to collaborate with the Mallory (Adult US Sailing Champs) Committee to re-design the eligibility and recruitment process to make the event more relevant and popular enough to easily create a waiting list each year. More to follow in February.
3. After this event, the staff leaders and board officers will engage in an evaluation of how well the AGM/Stakeholder Summit model is working to meet our needs and to recommend changes to the board for future events. Right now, Los Angeles Yacht Club is eager to host our next fall event.
4. Welcome to the newest Board Members, Sheila Tolle, Independent Director, as well as new board member Marie Rogers and athlete rep Pam Healy; as well as congratulations to Charlie, Cory and Nominating Committee for doing such a great job and to Clerc and SAC for their hard work building a sustainable nomination and voting process
5. Marie, then Sheila, might you introduce yourselves?
6. We are waiting for the research into the causes and learnings from the fatality during the Race to Bermuda from Newport aboard the Martin of Marietta, requested by race officials of the CCA and Royal Bermuda YC. That will be available shortly. Thank you to Andrew Clouston, US Sailing Senior VP of Programs and Services, Matt Gallagher, Chair of Offshore and Commodore Greg Miarecki of Chicago YC who led the effort for US Sailing.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Jepsen
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