

United States Sailing Association



April Board Meeting

Mon Apr 10, 2023 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

In Attendance: Rich Jepsen, Marie Rogers, John Schoendorf, Charlie Arms, Pam Healy, Stan Honey, Brian Keane, Sarah Lihan, Tony Rey, Judge Ryan, Justin Shaffer, Maggie Shea, Sheila Tolle & Alan Ostfield

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Excused: Russ Lucas

Guests: 40 including staff

a. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No conflict of interest were disclosed.

II. Announcements - President's Report

President's report stands as submitted. The report can be viewed, [HERE](#)

III. Consent Calendar

 Vote #1: Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

a. Minutes Approval

1. Feb 1, 2023

2. Feb 11, 2023

b. E-vote BAR 2023 0225 Championship Approval

IV. CEO Report

The Association Report stands as submitted. The full report can be viewed, [HERE](#).

Alan Ostfield, CEO, gave an update regarding recent changes to the Olympic Department. He shared that ongoing work is happening on a job description as well as identifying the search committee. He noted the process will be inclusive and comprehensive. Additionally, he provided updates regarding recent activity surrounding the Trials and opportunities that it can create. He noted the USOPC is providing 50k to help offset the cost. He shared there has been a lot of sponsor activity with the closing of 4 deals, and the business development team is working hard

to secure more. Lastly, he welcomed Blaine Pedlow as the newest member of US Sailing as SVP of Development.

V. CFO Report

Heather Monoson, CFO, presented the 2022 year-end financials and February year-to-date numbers. She noted the year-end financials show we are below budget for revenue, but that it is attributed to the Siebel funding miss as well as investment income loss. She noted we exceed the goals for Olympic fundraising and "where most needed". Additionally, she shared that expenses were under budget, and we remained conservative with spending. We ended 2022 better position than budgeted for cash flow. The annual audit will start at the beginning of May. For the February year-to-date financials, she noted we are ahead of the budget than expected but that we will remain conservative with spending.

a. Treasurer's Report

John Schoendorf, Treasurer, expressed confidence that all departments apart from the Olympics were on target to meet projection goals.

VI. Secretary Report

a. Committee Onboarding & Committee Member Approval - BAR 2023 0410

Charlie Arms, Secretary, noted that conflict of interests will need to be distributed to oversight committee members to meet USOPC requirements. Additionally, she share committee chair onboarding took place and slides will be circulated to chairs to share with their members.

 Vote #2: Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

b. Nominating Committee

Charlie shared a preview of the online board application that the Nominating Committee created. This application will be posted on the website and promoted in membership communications. She also reminded the Board the Nominating Committee members will be reaching out to conduct interviews in order to receive feedback.

c. Governance & Compliance

Justin Sterk, Staff Counsel & Compliance Manager, noted the USOPC Audit wrapped in early March. He noted this was our first audit from the USOPC. He noted across all 48 audit standards, we had 38 complaints, 8 needs improvement, 4 deficient, and 2 were non-applicable. He noted everything was minor and we have until June to rectify the findings. The Governance and Compliance committee met to begin planning for developing corrective action. Alan shared that kudos was given by Holly Schick at the USOPC.

d. May Meeting Logistics

Charlie shared brief overview of the May meeting logistic happening in Bristol, RI on May 11th and 12th.

VII. Old Business

a. World Sailing Report

Cory Sertl, Vice President of World Sailing, gave an overview of what is happening at World Sailing, including input from council members Stan Honey and Dina Kowalyszyn. She noted David Graham, CEO of World Sailing, is working to strengthen his staff team. She will continue sharing updates and information on LA2028 as we move forward. Cory noted the World Sailing Board is meeting tomorrow to discuss the participation of athletes from Russia. She did not expect any immediate change to follow.

VIII. New Business

a. Foundation

Brian Keane was introduced as the acting chair of the Foundation. Brian thanked Paul Cayard and Bill Ruh for their significant contributions to raising funds in 2021 and 2022. He noted we are currently facing a considerable situation to raise cash to meet the current needs with Kilroy and AmericaOne withdrawing their support as well as several additional large donors. He noted we are in a challenging situation but that he is confident we can rebuild confidence and refocus the discussion toward supporting the current and future athletes. He shared we are currently working to re-engage with American Magic and AmericaOne and having conversations with major donors to understand concerns. He noted while we need to raise funds for the current budget, we cannot lose sight on building the endowment. He is thrilled to have Blaine on board and to start working together to define what is a professional development organization. Brian noted that people still believe in Project Pinnacle and the McKinsey findings but improvement can be made with how we share and discuss our financials. John Schoendorf shared that the Schoonmaker Foundation's commitment to the endowment is solid.

b. Olympic Trials

Pam Healy shared an update regarding the ongoing work of the Trials. She noted they had a successful site visit to the Miami Yacht Club to discuss logistics and planning with the general manager and USOPC reps. She shared details regarding permit issues, courses/launching for specific classes, and an outline of the expected regatta schedule. She noted they expect the NOR to be posted by Aug 1st with a draft going to the selection committee by June 30th.

c. Regulation Changes

1. BAR 2023 0405 Regulation 8.09 Olympic Funding

Stan Honey expressed concerns regarding how the BAR is currently written in which not enough context is given. After discussion, Fred Hagedorn offered to help rewrite the BAR for the next meeting. It was decided BAR 2023 0405 would be tabled and corrected for the next board meeting.

2. BAR 2023 0406 Regulation 8.11 Deferred Revenue

 Vote #3: Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

d. US Women's Match Race Championship Conditions

 Vote#4: Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

IX. Executive Session

a. Financial Update

1. Budget status

b. Compensation Committee - BAR 2203 0409

 Vote#4: Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 pm ET.



Saturday, February 25, 2023

Action Request to the Board of Directors

Board Action Request Form

Request No. (Assigned by Secretary): BAR20230225

Staff committee liaison/contact: Nancy Mazzulli

Date of Submission (Today's Date) Saturday, February 25, 2023

Submitted By: Charlie Arms

Your email: sailchas@gmail.com

Subject

Championship Approval

Board Action Requested:

Approve these championships

Lightning 2023 Lightning NA Aug 5-11, 2023 Toms River Yacht Club 1464 Riviera Ave Toms River, NJ 08753

Lightning "2023
Lightning Women's, Junior and Masters North American Championships" Aug 1-4, 2023
Metedeconk River Yacht Club 42 Tilton Rd Brick Township, NJ 08723

Viper 640 Allstate Sugar Bowl 2003 Viper World Championship Southern Yacht Club 105 N. Roadway New Orleans, LA 70124 "Yes (verified) "

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Provide member service by insuring championships are in place

Mission Impacts

Provide championships run in our waters

Member Impacts

Ability to race

Will this proposal bring in new members? Unknown

Financial Impacts:

none

Implementation Strategy/Ownership:

Staff will notify the class representative and update spreadsheet.

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

Does not Apply



Board Action Request Form

Request No. 2023 0410

Date Submitted: 04/10/23

Submitted By: Charlie Arms

Subject: Committee Chair and Member Approval

Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts:

Allow committees to function fully staffed.

Will this proposal bring in new members?

Yes, _____ Estimated Number No X Unknown

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

Improve member involvement to assist with institutional efficiency.

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

None

Negative effects: None

Implementation Strategy: Describe the implementation for the actions/changes that will be initiated by approval of the BAR, including communication plans, process revisions, responsible parties, etc.

Summary:

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

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

Submitted by _____ **Charlie Arms** _____

2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
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Board OVERSIGHT/ Admin

Following Committees require 33.3% mandatory 10 & 10+ Athletes

Compensation	Heather Monoson	Chair	Henry Brauer Russ Lucas Katie Pettibone John Schoendorf Marie Rogers	10 year 10 year 10 year
Ethics 33.3 % 10/10+, at least half of those 10 yr	Justin Sterk	Chair SAC Chair	Tom Hubbell Clerc Cooper Mary Molello	Actively Engaged 10 year
Finance Committee 33.3 % 10/10+, at least half of those 10 yr	Heather Monoson	Chair - Treasurer Non- voting, Ex official	John Schoendorf Stan Honey Katie Pettibone Tarasa Davis Johnny Lovell Henry Brauer Sheila Tolle Lou Sandoval	10 year 10 year 10 year + 10 year + 10 year 10 year Actively Engaged
Governance and Compliance Committee Recommending body, not decision making Bylaw 514, need five members	Justin Sterk	Chair - Secretary	Charlie Arms Clark Chapin Mary Molello Rick Myers Tarasa Davis	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged 10 year + 10 year +
Intl Selection Committee 33.3 % 10/10+, at least half of those 10 yr	Kate Drummey	Chair	JJ Fetter Maggie Shea Judge Ryan Bri Provancha Sally Barkow Thomas Barrows Sarah Lihan Joe Morris	10 year + 10 year 10 year 10 year 10 year + 10 year 10 year 10 year
Nominating 33.3 % 10/10+, at least half of those 10 yr	Katie Alley	Chair Past President Member at Large 2yr Member at Large 3yr Sailor Athlete Representative Sailor Athlete Representative Sailor Athlete Representative	Charlie Arms Cory Sertl Martine Zurinkas Jeff Progelhof Elizabeth Kratzig Mike Easton Allie Belcher	Actively Engaged 10 year Actively Engaged 10 year 10 year 10 year + 10 year
Review Board 33.3 % 10/10+, at least half of those 10 yr 4	Justin Sterk	Chair	Jim Walsh Rick Doerr Peter Gerard Patricia Lawrence Dawn Riley Genny Tulloch Peter Kellogg Priscilla Gettus Ashley Tobin Sam Veilleux NEED 10 YR	Actively Engaged 10 year 10 year + 10 year +
Sailor Athlete Council	Sally Barkow	Chair	Clerc Cooper Mike Martin Dave Hughes Katie Pettibone Tony Rey Maggie Shea Judge Ryan	10 year 10 year 10 year 10 year 10 year + 10 year 10 year

Below committees require: 33.3% of any athlete unless exempt

Diversity Equity and Inclusion	Betsy Alison	Chair	Donald Lawson Lou Sandoval Preston Anderson Rhonda Mintz Rena Mintz Jay Baum Jamila Mayo Schragger Patrick Burks Debora Abrams-Wright	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
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2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
			Abigail Baker Alison Keenan	Actively Engaged
Government Relations Exemption Approved	Stu Gilfillen	Chair	Jim Muldoon Joanne Dorval	
Legal Committee	Justin Sterk	Chair	Michael Moradzadeh Erin Riley Lars Forsberg	10 year 10 year +
World Sailing Delegation Exemption Approved	Katie Alley	Chair	Fred Hagedorn Cory Sertl Kevin Hawkins Graham Biehl Stan Honey Dina Kowalyshyn Ashley Tobin Betsy Alison Dick Rose Jim Capron Elizabeth Kratzig T. David Pyron Sally Honey	Actively Engaged 10 year 10 year + 10 year 10 year + 10 year No Athlete Category 10 year 10 year +
Sportsmanship	Stu Gilfillen	Chair	Caroline Atwood Dave Perry Brad Read Mitch Brindley Molly Vandemoer	10 year 10 year Actively Engaged 10 year

Adult Division

Match Racing	Betsy Alison/Nancy Mazzi Chair		Pearson Potts Peter Bailey Dave Perry Bruce A Cook TBD Nicole Breault Bill Gladstone Alice Manard Leonard T. Dave Pyron Everett McLaughlin David Stotler Janel Zarkowsky Bruce Stone Peter Holz Bill Simon Karen Butler Ellis Tonissi Lexi Pline Rachel Perry Ray Groble IV Beka Schiff Bridget Groble Nicole Breault Rachel Perry Alice Manard Leonard Liz Baylis	10 year 10 year 10 year 10 year 10 year + 10 year + 10 year Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged 10 year 10 year + 10 year
Para Sailing Committee	Betsy Alison/Nancy Mazzi Chair		Spencer Raggio Sarah Everhart Skeels Kevin Wixom Peter Goldman Matt Chao William Lane Sandberg Tim Ripley Cristina Rubke Steven Edenson	Actively Engaged 10 year + Actively Engaged 10 year + Actively Engaged 10 year
Safety-At-Sea	Betsy Alison	Chair LBYC STC CYC CCA CCA USNA	Richard York Bruce Brown Rich DuMoulin Matt Gallagher Sheila McCurdy Stan Honey Renee Mehl	Actively Engaged 10 year + Actively Engaged 10 year 10 year +

2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
		NCORC	Andy Newell	Actively Engaged
		PCYC	Michael Moradzadeh	10 year
		TPYC	Dan Nowlan	
		Member at Large	James Phyfe	Actively Engaged
		PIYA	Chris Tutmark	Actively Engaged
		Member at Large	Sally Honey	10 year +
		USNA	Jon Wright	Actively Engaged
		Member at Large	Paul Cunningham	
		Member at Large	Chuck Hawley	
		Member at Large	John Winder	
		Member at Large	Gino Bottino	
		Member at Large	Jack (John) Cumiskey	10 year
		Member at Large	Ed Huntsman	No Athlete Category
		Member at Large	John Robinson	
		Member at Large	Karen Prioleau	
		Member at Large	Margaret Pommert	Actively Engaged
		Member at Large	Kerry Deaver	
		Member at Large	Mark Richard Lenci	
Champions of Champions	Mazzulli	Chair, D	Shannon Bush	10 year
		At Large	Terence Fraser	
		At Large	Mark Foster	10 year
		At Large	Mathew Sessions	
		At Large	Ray Peters	
Match Racing Championships	Betsy Alison/Nancy	Chair	Karen Butler	
		At Large	Dave Perry	10 year
		At Large	Patrick Burks	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Ryan Davidson	10 year
		At Large	Rebekah Schiff	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Bruce Stone	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Janel Zarkowsky	10 year
		At Large	David Stotler	10 year +
		At Large	Raymond Groble	
		At Large	Nancy Glover	Actively Engaged
Adult Championship	Betsy Alison/Nancy	Chair	Sam Vasquez	
		At Large	Shannon Bush	10 year
		At Large	Andrew Eagan	10 year +
		At Large	David Bolyard	Actively Engaged
U.S. Multihull Championship	Betsy Alison/Nancy	Chair	John Nekus	Actively Engaged
		MH Council	Michael R Levesque	
		At Large	John S Hoag	
		At Large	Raul Hevia	
		At Large	Jane Sherrod	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Benjamin S Hall	
		Past Chair	Ashley Enders	
		At Large	Jim West	
U.S. Offshore Championship	Betsy Alison/Nancy	Chair	Bruce Bingman	10 year +
		At Large	Ted Jones	
		At Large	Bruce Kuryla	
		At Large	Bill Stump	
		Ex Officio	Jahn Tihansky	10 year
		Past Chair	Chris Clement	
		At Large	Mark Foster	10 year
		at Large	Jeanne Herman	
U.S. Singlehanded Champs	Betsy Alison/Nancy	Chair	Mitch Brindley	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Brian Hawboldt	
		At Large	Christine C Shope	
		At Large	Jeff Jacobi	
		At Large	Adolph Mares	
		At Large	Leo Boucher	
		At Large	Morgan Collins	Actively Engaged
Team Racing Committee	Betsy Alison/Nancy Mazzi	Chair	Clinton Hayes	10 year
		At Large	Justin Law	10 year
		At Large	Johnny Norfleet	Should be 10, won USTR 16
		At Large	Charles Higgins	
		At Large	Alex Curtiss	
		At Large	Rebecca McElvain	10 year
		At Large	Miranda Bakos	10 year

2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
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Offshore Division

US Offshore	Jim Teeters	Chair	Matt Gallagher	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Robert Declercq	Actively Engaged
		At Large	John Brim	
		Vice Chair	Brian Geraghty	Actively Engaged
		ORC Representative	Tom Rinda	
			Steve Benjamin	
			Alan Andrews	10 year
			Dan Nolan	
			Stan Honey	10 year
		Safety At Sea SubCommittee	Rick York	
		Universal Measurement System	TBD	

YOUTH Division

Championships Division co-chair YOUTH				
U.S. Junior Championships	John Pearce	Champs Co-Chair	Malinda Crain	
		Chair, E Jr Champs	Steven Hochart	
		A	Open to be Filled	
		B	Bob Whittredge	
		C	Susan Proko	
		D	Marissa Burrier	
		E	Jamie Jones	Actively Engaged
		F	Jeff Brock	Actively Engaged
		G	Dan Brandt	
		H	Steven Hochart	
		J	Nicholas Kaschak	
		K	Will Howard	
		L	Kaitlyn Van Nostrand	
		Youths		
		Jr. Women	Alana O'Reilly Marks	10 year
At Large	Richard Arms Feeny	10 year		
Champs Committee Chair	Malinda Crane			

U.S. Junior Women's Championships	John Pearce	Chair	Alana O'Reilly Marks	10 year +
		Youths Championships Chair	Open to be Filled	
		At Large	Richard Arms Feeny	10 year
		Champs Committee Chair	Malinda Crain	
		At Large	Clemmie Everett	10 year
		At Large	Mary Pierce	
		At Large	Lucy Kupersmith	
		Juniors	Steven Hochart	
At Large	Kaitlyn Baab			
At Large	Dana Lihan			

U.S. Youth Championship	John Pearce	Chair	Open to be Filled	
		At Large	Fred Hagedorn	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Forest Gay	10 year +
		Ex Officio	Leandro Spina	
		At Large	Richard Arms Feeny	10 year
		Junior Women's Champs	Alana O'Reilly Marks	10 year +
		Junior Championships	Steven Hochart	
At Large	Brendan Shanahan			
At Large	Brian Swingly			

Instructors / Coaches Committee	John Pearce	Chair	Jessica Haverstock	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Joakim Karlsen	
		At Large	Justin Ahearn	Actively Engaged
		At Large	Nick Ewenson	
		At Large	Matthew Peter	

RACE ADMINISTRATION Division

Race Administration Committee Exemption Approved	Matt Hill	Chair	Sandy Grosvenor	10 year +	
		Chair, Appeals	David M. Perry	10 year	
		Chair, Racing Rules	Peter Wilson	10 year +	
		Chair, Classifiers	Barbara Caplan		
		Chair, Race Management	Taran Teague		
		Chair, Umpire Committee	T. David Pyron		
		Chair, Judges Committee	Wayne Balsiger	Actively Engaged	
		Chair, Measurers and Equipmen	Dina Horwitz Kowalyshyn	10 year +	
Appeals	Matt Hill	Chair	Dave Perry	10 year	
		At Large	John Pratt		

2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
		At Large At Large At Large Secretary	Dick Rose Steve Shepstone Cliff Black Joy Shipman	10 year + 10 year +
Judges	Matt Hill	Chair Area A Area B Area C Area D Area E Area F Area G Area H Area J Area K Area L Chair, Judges Training and Testir Chair, Umpire Committee Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large	Wayne Balsiger Mary Pierce Bruce Cook Jim Walsh Edith Collins Nancy Zangerle Chris Luppens Donald Weineke Tom Pochereva Steve Schupak John Porter Craig Daniels Bill Simon T. David Pyron Bruce Martinson Nancy Glover Sarah Ashton	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged 10 year + Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Race Mgmt	Matt Hill	Chair RO Training & Certification Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Chair, Area Race Officers Workir	Taran Teague Jeff H. Johnson Thomas Duggan Bill Stump Becky Lynn Ashburn Lynn M. Lynch Mary Ellen DeFrias Jerry Thompson Charles Rathkopf Wayne Coulon Cynthia Parthemos	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Area Race Officer Working Group Exemption Approved	Matt Hill	Chair Vice Chair Area A Area B Area C Area D Area E Area F Area G Area H Area J Area K Area L Chair, Race Management	Cynthia Parthemos Mary Ellen DeFrias Susie Schneider Greg Gilmartin Sharon Hadsell J D Rosser Jamie Jones Jack Yoes Jeffrey Zarwell Bruce Ladeira Steven Kuritz Russ Sobotta Eric Rimkus Taran Teague	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Race Officer Training & Certification WG	Matt Hill	Chair Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Chair, Race Management	Jeff Johnson Mary Ellen Defrias Becky Lynn Ashburn Lynn M. Lynch Matthew Paul Bounds Taran Teague	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Judge Testing & Working Party	Matt Hill	Chair Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large	Bill Simon Bruce Martinson Nancy Glover Ric Crabbe Steve Wrigley Bruce Cook	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Racing Rules Committee	Matt Hill	Chair Secretary Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large	Peter Wilson Dick Rose Arthur Engel David Dellenbaugh Kevin Hawkins Jim Capron Rob Overton Robert Long	10 year + 10 year Actively Engaged
Umpire Committee	Matt Hill	Chair Chair Member at Large Chair, Judges Committee	T. David Pyron Steve Schupak - NEW Lance Smotherman Wayne Balsiger	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged

2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
		Member at Large Member at Large	Craig Daniels Karen Butler	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Classification	Matt Hill	Chair Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large	Barbara C Caplan Jim Thweatt Roger Strube Betsy Alison Edward Carwile LeRoy	10 year + 10 year
Measurers & Event Inspectors	Matt Hill	Chair Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large Member at Large	Dina Horwitz Kowalyszyn Timothy M. Winger Eric Baittinger Nathan Titcomb Daniel Nowlan Christopher E. Howell Carla Schiefer	10 year + Actively Engaged

Education Division

Education	Stu Gilfilen	Chair Vice Chair Vice Chair	Larry Ledgerwood Kim Hapgood Sheila McCurdy Kevin Broome Steve Maddox John O'Flaherty Chuck Hawley Juan Watson Karen Prioleau Margaret Pommert Spencer Raggio Zac Oppenheim	10 year + 10 year + 10 year + 10 year Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
Sports Medicine 4	Stu Gilfillen	Chair, MD Past Chair MD MD MD MD MD MD MD	Anne Allen David Jones Edwin "Garry" Fischer Andrew Nathanson Gino Bottino Chris Ellis David Jones Steven Shapiro Carolyn Kienstra Laura Goldberg John Batson	Actively Engaged Actively Engaged

Community Sailing Committee Exemption Approved	Jen Guimaraes	Chair Vice Chair of Committee (head c Secretary	Matt Thompson Paul Lang Jamie Jones Don Rotzien Emily Taylor Bryce Griffith Diana Weidenbacker Matt Berger Michael McAlister Emily Zugnoni Jacob Raymond Whitney Kent Stephanie Webb Nora Gallogly	10 year Actively Engaged Actively Engaged Actively Engaged
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Member Engagement Division

Regional Sailing Associations Committee Exemption Approved	Andrew Clouston	Chair RSAC Vice Chairman RSAC Secretary RSAC Past Chairman Area A Coordinator Area A MASS BAY SA Area A Narragansett Bay YRA Area A South Mass SA Area B Coordinator Area B E. Conn. SA Area B E. Long Isl. SA Area B Great S. Bay YRA Area B Hudson River YRA Area B YRA of L.I. Sound Area B Virgin Islands SA	Peggy Lidster Helen Horton Gino Bottino Stephanie Helms Doug Ryan Chip Hawkins John Field Gino Bottino Anne Hannan Helen Horton Doug Shaw Mike Colucci Gino Bottino Bill Canfield	10 year
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2023 US Sailing Committee Chair and Members

Committee	Staff Liaison	Position	Nominees	Sailor Athlete Categorization
		Area C Coordinator	Franz Schneider	
		Area C Barnegat Bay YRA	Harry Foote	
		Area C Ches. Bay YRA	Bruce Bingman	10 year +
		Area C Mid-Atlantic YRA	John Groskoph	
		Area C N. Jersey YRA	Georgi Munger	
		Area C Deep Creek YRA	Marty Hill	
		Area D Coordinator	Sam Vasquez	
		Area D Dixie Inland YRA	Edith Collins	
		Area D Florida SA	Donna Sue Marks	
		Area D Gulf YA	Holly Murray	
		Area D South Atlantic YRA	Treez Decker	Actively Engaged
		Area E Coordinator	Bob Sheppard	
		Area E Detroit Reg.YA	Brian Geraghty	Actively Engaged
		Area E Inter-LakeYA	Michael Fishbaugh	
		Area E Lake Huron YA	Bob Porter	
		Area E Lake YRA	Jon Paul Flowerday	
		Area F Coordinator	Jeff Progelhof	10 year
		Area F Cent.States SA	Duncan McBride	
		Area F SA of Inter Mt. Lakes	Brandon Kass	
		Area F Texas SA	Jeff Progelhof	10 year
		Area G Coordinator	Peggy Lidster	
		Area G YRA of San Fransico Bay	Charles Hodgkins	
		Area H Coordinator	Richard Osborne	
		Area J Coordinator	Rod Woods	
		Area J So. Calif.YA	Mark Hanson	
		Area J YRU of So.Calif.	Rod Woods	
		Area K Coordinator	Gordon Julius	
		Area K Inland Lake YA	Rick Trester	
		Area K Lake Michigan SRF	Jordon Owen	
		Area K Lake Superior YA	Chris Wells	
		Area K Twin City RSA	Jeff Cameron	
		Area K Midwest SA	Doug Bronson	
		Area L Coordinator	Christa Bassett Ross	
One Design Class Committee	Betsy Alison/Nancy Mazzi Chair		Chris Snow	10 year +
Exemption Approved		Vice Chairman	Debbie Probst	10 year
		Cttee Advisor (non cttee membe	Clark Chapin	Actively Engaged
		Cttee Advisor (non cttee membe	Dave Rosecranz	
			James Crabtree	Actively Engaged
			Fred Roy	
			Abby Ruhlman	10 year
			Evan Hoffman	



Board Action Request Form

Request No. 2203 0406

Date Submitted: 03/30/23

Submitted By: John J. Schoendorf

Subject: Deferred Revenue

Action Requested

Be it resolved that section 8.11 of the US Sailing Regulations (see below) be eliminated.

8.11 DEFERRED REVENUE

A portion of the deferred revenue account may be utilized as a line-of-credit if US Sailing will benefit from the difference between the interest that would be paid relative to the interest that would have been earned.

Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts

This regulation is no longer relevant or applicable as it was written off as a balance sheet item years ago by our auditors and has remained an unrestricted general fund.

Any perceived positive effects:

Use of these funds will be used to supplement the shortfall cash available for Olympic program operations.

Any perceived negative effects:

None.

Will this proposal bring in new members?

Yes, _____ Estimated Number

No

Unknown

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

Positive impact: Funds will be used to provide needed support to US Sailing Team members.

No impact (be specific):

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

Positive effects: Approximately \$21,000 of funds will be released for use in the Olympic program.

Negative effects: None



Implementation Strategy: Describe the implementation for the actions/changes that will be initiated by approval of the BAR, including communication plans, process revisions, responsible parties, etc.

Selected operational expenses previously budgeted will not have to be reduced due to other underlying factors.

Any perceived negative impact: None.

Summary:

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 Stevens Act |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulations | |

Submitted by _____



Action Request Form

Request No. _____BAR20230407

Date Submitted: 04/06/2023 Submitted

By: Betsy Alison, Adult Dept Director; Karen Butler, Chair of USWMRC Cttee

Subject: Conditions for US Women's Match Racing Championship (an Adult National Championship)

Action Requested (word this in resolution form):

Highlighted Changes are housekeeping to clean up the Championship Conditions for the event and be in line with the current qualification process for the championship event.

Below is a Summary of the Changes:

1. **Section 1.3:** Changed "USMRCC Invitation Committee" to "USWMRC Invitation Committee."
1. **Section 5.1:** Changed "USMRC website" to "USWMRC website."

This was a correction so that the correct website would be looked at for the women's qualifiers.

1. **Section 5.2, a.:** Changed the minimum number of entrants required to make the event an "official qualifier" from six (6) to five (5).

Since the USWMRC Qualifiers have been having trouble getting entrants host clubs are concerned that the events will not fulfill the requirements to be a USWMRC Qualifier; as a result it is the hope that by lowering the required number of entrants to five (5) it will make it easier for an event to meet the requirements to be a USWMRC Qualifier. That this will encourage more host clubs to be willing to host women's qualifier events.

1. **Section 6.1, b.:** Changed wording from "The top placing two skippers not already qualified for the Championship will be invited to the Championship Finals event." to the following wording "The top placing skipper not already qualified for or invited to the Championship will be invited to the Championship Finals event."

It was decided that the number of skippers at each women's qualifier that would receive an invitation to the USWMRC should be reduced from "two" to "one" so that we could start inviting skippers earlier and only have to reserve two spots into late June.

We decided that by inviting skippers sooner we would have a better chance of filling the USWMRC by an earlier date. The last two years we have had ten entrants but that has occurred during the last 10 to 14 days prior to the Championship.

The wording was also change to add "or invited to" so that if a skipper who received a resume based invitation wins a qualifier, it will allow the second placed skipper to receive an invitation.

1. **Section 6.1, c.:** The first sentence was changed from "USWMRCC Invitation Committee" to the correct "USWMRC Invitation Committee".

The last sentence near the end was changed from "... by emailing the Chairperson of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee for consideration by the USMRCC Invitation Committee" to the correct "by emailing the Chairperson of the U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee for consideration by the USWMRC Invitation Committee."

As mentioned regarding 1.3 above it should have referenced the "USWMRC Invitation Committee" instead of "USMRCC Invitation Committee"

Also the period in "U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee" were added in US.



Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts (i.e. Will it be seen as a member benefit or not? Explain)

Any perceived positive effects:

Changes make it clear on who can receive qualification invitations to the event from a qualification series, and the make consistent the language referencing the event to be in line with all of our championships.

Any perceived negative effects: None.

Will this proposal bring in new members? Not necessarily, but we believe that it will encourage sailors to apply for the event and the qualification series.

Yes, _____ Estimated Number No Unknown

Membership is required to compete in any Adult Championship

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

Positive impact (be specific):

1. Supports a positive pathway for qualification to the national championship.
2. Qualification events provide opportunities for female sailors to try match racing and learn from those events on their way to a more elite level of competition.

No impact (be specific):

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

Positive effects

None directly, but it will encourage more participation at a local level.

Negative effects: None

Summary:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Championship Conditions (attached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Stephens Act |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | |

Submitted by __Betsy Alison on behalf of Karen Butler, USWMR Committee Chair

Conditions for the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship (USWMRC)

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 US Sailing is the Organizing Authority (OA) for all levels of the U.S. Woman's Match Racing Championship (hereafter referred to as the USWMRC or Championship). This includes the Qualifier events and the Championship Finals event.

1.2 The U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee (hereafter referred to as the USMRCC) is delegated the responsibility and authority to organize all levels of the Championship.

1.3 The USMRCC Invitation Committee shall be appointed by the USMRCC Chair to fill all slots of the Championship and qualifiers if there are any.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP DOCUMENTS

2.1 The Championship is governed by the US Sailing Championship Conditions (hereinafter referred to as the Championship Conditions).

2.2 The US Sailing Championship Conditions are amended by these Conditions for the U.S. Woman's Match Racing Championship (hereafter referred to as the USWMRC Conditions). The USWMRC Conditions shall apply at all levels of the Championship.

2.3 There shall be no departure from the USWMRC Conditions without the approval of the USMRCC Chair.

2.4 A Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions based on the current World Sailing match racing templates shall be used at all levels of the Championship.

2.5 The USWMRC Conditions, Notice of Race, and Entry procedure for the Championship will be posted on the USWMRC webpage on US Sailing: <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/championships/>

3. US SAILING REGULATIONS

The US Sailing Regulations must be followed at all levels of the Championship. Regulations 2, 4.02, 10, 13 and 14 as currently amended are specific to the Championship.

4. ELIGIBILITY

There is no citizenship or club/association membership requirement for this event; however, each member of a team shall be an individual member of US Sailing or a member of their home country's Member National Authority. (see US Sailing Regulation 10.02(A)).

5. QUALIFYING EVENTS

5.1 Information on the Qualifying events will be posted on the USMRC webpage on or before February 1 of each year.

5.2 To be a Qualifying event, an event shall

- a.** have a minimum of six (6) entrants, and
- b.** comply with the Race Management Standards.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/resources/hosting-a-us-sailing-championship/race-management-requirements/>

5.3 The entry criteria for the Qualifying events will be indicated in the Notice of Race for each event.

6. INVITATIONS TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS EVENT

6.1 Participation in the Championship Finals event is only by invitation issued by the USMRCC Invitation Committee as follows:

a. Past year's Winner: The winning skipper from the previous year's Championship Finals event will receive an automatic invitation to the Championship Finals event.

b. Qualifying Events: The top placing two skippers not already qualified for the Championship will be invited to the Championship Finals event.

c. Committee Choice: The USWMRCC Invitation Committee will create an ordered list of skippers to fill any open slot in the Championship Finals event. Skippers included on that list will be selected, and placed in an order, in the sole discretion of the Invitation Committee, based upon criteria of its choice (including, but not limited to, match racing experience, placement in a Qualifying event or other event, ranking, or sailing experience). Invitations will be issued to skippers on this list in order as needed to fill open spots in the Championship Finals event. Skippers wishing to be included on this list may submit their name and any requested information as per the Notice of Race or if there are no instructions there by emailing the Chairperson of the US Sailing Match Racing Committee for consideration by the USMRCC Invitation Committee.

6.2 Invited skippers shall confirm acceptance of their invitation within the time period stated in the invitation by complying with the instructions in the letter of invitation.

7. ALTERNATES AND SUBSTITUTES When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event or a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, substitutions will follow the procedure under the Championship Conditions (section 4).

8. INSURANCE, LIABILITY AND DAMAGE

8.1 Host clubs shall have appropriate insurance coverage for the events hosted to include insurance coverage for the club, for the boats used, and a minimum of \$1,000,000 for the race officials participating in the event. The USMRCC recommends the insurance programs available from the Gowrie Group. For more information: <https://www.ussailing.org/membership/become-a-member/#membership-benefits-discounts>

8.2 Competitors (and their parents/guardians where minors are involved) are encouraged to consult their insurance advisors regarding personal liability coverage for themselves.

8.3 Damage, no matter how slight, or loss of any equipment must be reported to the host club at the completion of the race in which it occurs. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the race or the event (at the discretion of the protest committee). Only the Race Committee or Umpires may protest for a failure to report damage or loss of equipment.

8.4 Responsibility for damage to boats or other property will be determined by the protest committee and all entrants will be bound by its decision.

8.5 Damage deposits from each entrant shall be required. Usually, an amount equal to the insurance deductible is used. That amount is to be noted in the Notice of Race as is the manner of payment: check, cash and/or credit card. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to his/her boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. When damage occurs, the cost will be paid from the deposit of the entrant responsible for the damage and the entrant shall restore the damage deposit before being permitted to continue in the event. Damage not attributable to a team will be deducted proportionally from all of the entrants' damage deposits before returning the balances. A detailed accounting of charges to an entrant's damage deposit will be supplied to each entrant that did not receive the full amount of its deposit back. Sailing Instructions will also specify damage deposit requirements.

8.6 US Sailing does not require the use of liability waiver forms and prescribes against the use of 'hold harmless' and 'indemnification' agreements (RRS 82). US Sailing strongly recommends that host clubs seek local legal advice on the question and carry adequate insurance coverage.

9. CONDUCT OF SERIES

9.1 Each event shall use one or more of the following systems:

a. Round-Robins: In cases where complete round-robins cannot be completed, the series will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix C.

b. Knock-out Series: After a single or double round-robin, the OA may provide for a knock-out quarter finals and/or a semifinals and finals. For a quarter finals, semifinals and finals, it is recommended that the winner of each pair be the first to win at least three points. For a petit-finals, it is recommended that the winner of each pair be the first to win at least two points.

c. Groups: Competitors may be divided into groups. In such case, the [US Sailing](#) representative responsible for the event will determine the number of rounds and the system to be used to complete the regatta within the time available for the event.

9.2 Should wind, weather or other conditions make it unlikely to complete the scheduled number of races within the time schedule, the event format may be terminated, shortened or altered in order to declare a Champion. A one race knockout series will be avoided if at all possible. The [US Sailing Representative](#) in conjunction with the Race Committee [and Chief Umpire](#) shall determine actions and decisions to be taken regarding results when not resolved by RRS Appendix C.

9.3 Courses at all levels of the Championship will be windward / leeward courses with starboard roundings, unless impractical. Starting lines should be approx. 25 seconds long. Leeward gates set 2.5-3 lengths in width are preferred. Two laps are preferred, but the course may be shortened as needed. Courses will be diagrammed in the sailing instructions.

9.4 The [RC](#) in conjunction with the [US Sailing Representative](#) shall have the right to abandon a race in progress when the wind strength for the race is not considered by them to be suitable for the Championship Finals irrespective of World Sailing guidelines: minimum, average wind strength of four (4) knots is a guideline. This decision shall not be grounds for redress.

10. BOATS & EQUIPMENT

10.1 Boats used in qualifying events should, when possible, be similar to those to be used in the Championship. However, it must be understood that the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship is a test of teamwork and tactical racing skills regardless of the type of boat sailed.

10.2 Unless the USMRCC representative responsible for an event otherwise prescribes, equalization of boats shall be carried out as follows:

a. Host club will take all reasonable steps to equalize the boats to be used in the regatta.

b. Competitors will draw boats for the boats to be sailed in the first race.

c. Boats will be rotated at the discretion of the OA and race committee.

10.3 RRS 62 will be modified in the event documents to provide that variations between boats will not be grounds for redress.

10.4 The host club shall familiarize all competitors with the waters in which the races are to be held with emphasis on obstructions, if any, tidal conditions and probable location of marks.

10.5 The host club shall supply each entrant with a Code flag "Y", a red protest flag, a breakdown flag, a yellow flag and a blue flag.

11. ENTRY FORMS AND FEES

11.1 The entry fee for the Qualifying events will be indicated in the Notice of Race for the Qualifying events.

11.2 Teams/skippers receiving invitations to participate in the Championship will be asked to complete entry forms online as directed in the invitation.

11.3 The entry fee and payment instructions for the Championship will be stated in the Notice of Race. Additional fees may be assessed to cover the damage deposit, insurance, meals and other expenses.

12. PRIZES

12.1 Prizes for Qualifying events may be selected by the host club and shall be stated in the respective NoRs.

12.2 For the Championship Finals, US Sailing medals will be presented to the competitors placing first through third and a prize for fourth place may be given. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to the first and second placing competitors: the Allegra Knapp Mertz Trophy, emblematic of winning the U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship; and the Mrs. Charles Francis Adams Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Runner-up position. Perpetual trophies are to be held at US Sailing.

12.3 Winners of a US Sailing perpetual trophy shall receive a framed photograph of the trophy, with a similar framed copy to go to the winner's club or association.

12.4 Only a team that is composed of 100% US citizens or resident aliens throughout the Championship Final event may be declared U.S. National Champion.

12.5 A "US citizen" is a person who has, or is eligible to have, a US passport. A "resident alien" is a person who does not have a US passport but who has a Permanent Resident Card ("Green Card").

13. ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE NATIONS CUP

13.1 [World Sailing requires that US Sailing select teams of athletes to represent the United States in the Nations Cup event. Therefore, US Sailing's International Selection Committee \(ISC\) determines the process by which athletes are selected to represent the United States at the Nations Cup as per US Sailing Regulation 12.01.](#)

13.2 [In a timely manner, the USMRCC shall recommend to the ISC for their approval a system for selecting the US Teams for the Nations Cup that is fair and equitable for all entrants. The approved system shall then be published on the USMRC webpage.](#)

13.3 [When the U.S. Match Racing Championship \(USMRC\) or U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship \(USWMRC\) is used to directly select the skipper\(s\) representing the U.S. in the Nations Cup event, the Championship Final event \(but not the Championship Qualifier events\) is a "Protected Competition" \(see US Sailing Regulation 12.03 and US Sailing's Protected Competition Guide\).](#)

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