



May 11, 2023

## President's Report

I attended the Sail GP finals in San Francisco. Australia was dominant and very few boats could stay with her. The boats are exciting, even with lower than usual breeze on The Bay. This follows a 10-day charter in the BVI with five other boatloads of friends and clients. Again, lighter than usual breeze, but still Paradise.

### DEI Committee Update

With the help of Captain Donald Lawson and Renee Wetterland, I was able to have an acting chair for the committee chosen by the committee to stand in for Donald while he is on his adventure to attempt to sail around the world alone, non-stop. Renae Mintz, a member of the committee for two years and an engineer, will keep things rolling well while Donald is less available.

### Improvements to instructor training and certification

Charlie Arms, Andrew Clouston, Youth, Adult and Education and I are collaborating to solve a problem that has arisen due to the problematic implementation of our go to market strategy several years ago. This has been causing serious bottlenecks in getting instructor trainers and instructors and coaches certified, resulting in lack of capacity problems for local sailing organizations. We have finally identified that the problem was how the strategy was implemented a few years ago. We hope to have a partial solution in the next few months and will work on a more complete adjustment to operations in training and certification to ensure we can serve our training organizations with the proper personnel.

### National Sailing Hall of Fame

NSHOF continues to buzz with activity and has had good visitor numbers as well as stable revenue in their first year of having The Sailing Museum open. I encourage every US Sailing member to look for an opportunity to visit. I believe you'll be glad you did.

### Bristol Listening Session

On Wednesday, May 10, Alan and I will host over a dozen local sailing leaders and volunteers to listen to their needs, desires and feedback. I'm in contact with several others who heard about the sessions, can't make them and would like a remote listening session. I'll make an oral report on the results of those sessions during our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Jepsen".

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