

## President's Report December 4, 2023



As you all know by now, our search for a high-performance director has been hugely successful as we welcome Marcus Lynch who will start officially just after the first of the year. Thank you to the dozen plus senior staff and volunteers who served to bring this effort to fruition. And a personal, special thanks to Henry Brauer and Sarah Lihan for their hard work in oversight, Sally Barkow and Kate Drummey for the hard work keeping our athletes supported around the world and Pam Healy for her hard work leading the planning and execution of the Olympic Trials in January and February.

We have task forces working on several issues of import:

1. our regulation 12 and prescriptions surrounding protected competitions,
2. our committee and division structure
3. better guidance for the Review Board regarding complaints or grievances not directly tied to a competition
4. rejuvenating the effort to improve youth sailing to create more lifelong sailors

I spent a day last week in Los Angeles and in Long Beach meeting with Southern California leaders as we continue to work on our plan to support the US Sailing Team in both the run up to Marseille but, especially for Long Beach 2028. Talks on finding space for the team are proceeding.

Our Pan American Games Team was especially successful with 2 bronze, 3 silver and 4 gold medals! I personally thought that the support team was great and the communications from the games was exceptional. Congratulations to the staff and volunteers who participated.

Respectfully submitted, Board President

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

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