



President's Report for March 25, 2024, Board Call

Our US Sailing Team is almost complete as the 49r FX teams finished the World Championship, one of the last two qualifying regattas. Our two FX teams finished with encouraging results and head to the final qualifier, The Trofeo Princess Sophia Mallorca a World Cup Series Regatta held by World Sailing March 29 to April 6. The combined results of the Worlds in Lanzarote and this upcoming regatta will determine the team that heads to Marseille this summer to represent the USA in Marseille.

I'd like to thank Tony Rey for his over two years of service on the Board of Directors. He has changed careers and he and his wife decided his full focus needed to be on that new challenge. He'll be missed but we have a good cadre of candidates to replace him.

We have received great news from the USOPC about the direction US Sailing is taking the Olympic Team. The leadership expressed faith in the tough decisions we had to make and have helped us in a number of ways recently.

Committee operational review – Under the leadership of volunteer Ed Huntsman, the task force building recommendations on our committee structure, composition and best practices is close to wrapping up and presenting its work to the board. You'll get an update on this during this meeting.

The National Sailing Programs Symposium was a rousing success, with record attendance and record sponsorship. The DeSoto in downtown Savannah was a perfect venue and the Savannah Yacht Club was a wonderful host for our on-water demo day and our spectacular Rolex Awards evening. Congratulations to Charlie Enright and Christina Wolfe, the Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the year. We had incredible keynotes from a Marine Captain to a Yachtsman of the Year to the first female USCG admiral. Breakout sessions were compelling, educational and inspiring.

Arrangements for our in-person meetings in Annapolis are coming together. Alan and I will hold a series of listening sessions with local sailing leaders on May 7, we will have a board working session followed by the Annual General Meeting on May 8 and a Stakeholders' Summit for the Mid-Atlantic Community on May 9

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Jepsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard Jepsen, Board President