

United States Sailing Association



April Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

I. Call to Order and Attendance

Board President Henry Brauer called the meeting to order at 5:03pm ET

Board members in attendance via Zoom:

Henry Brauer, John Schoendorf, Matt Gallagher, Mike Van Dyke, Stan Honey, Bob Kottler, Sarah Lihan, Luke Muller, Marie Rogers, Sheila Tolle, and Molly Vandemoer

Board members not in attendance: Laura Grondin, Chris Barnard, Pam Healy, Brian Keane

a. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Matt Gallagher expressed a conflict with BAR 2025 0211 and abstained from the vote.

II. Consent Calendar

a. February 5 Meeting Minutes

Passed, unopposed.

b. BAR approvals

1. BAR 2025 0211 ORC Congress renewal

Passed, unopposed.

2. BAR 2025 0221 Approve award of Hanson Medal to Eva Paschke and crew of J-105 being sailed by Marquette University Sailing Team

Passed, unopposed.

3. BAR 2025 0407-002 Approve award of Hansen Medal for Cross Sound Challenge Rescue (Vessel Sinking) and the Possession Point (Center Sound Series) MOB Rescue

Passed, unopposed.

4. **BAR 2025 0225 Community Sailing Committee - Member Approval**
Passed, unopposed.
5. **BAR 2025 0404 Approve Nominating Committee per Bylaw 515**
Passed, unopposed, one abstention
6. **BAR 2025 0304 MNA endorsements for World Sailing international official candidates**
Passed, unopposed.
7. **BAR 2025 0317 Request to Approve World or Continental Championship**
Passed, unopposed.
8. **BAR 2025 0403 Request Approval to Host a World or North American Championship - ILCA at ABYC 2025**
Passed, unopposed.
9. **BAR 2025 0407-001 Request to Approve World or North American Championship**
Passed, unopposed.

III. Reports

a. President's Report

President Henry Brauer gave an overview of the topics included in his published President's Report. [President's-Report-4.8.25](#)

b. Association Report

SVP of Development, Blaine Pedlow, delivered the Association Report and highlighted several topics included here: [April 2025 Association Report](#)

c. Financial Report

Treasurer John Schoendorf delivered the Financial Report and shared information about non taxing of athletes per IRS regs. Mentioned USOPC stipends and a meeting with them to discuss the concept of not taxing athletes - potentially contributing to a new policy at USOPC level. Mr. Schoendorf commented that the 2025 budget had 20 versions but has been finalized. He reviewed the Budget – Actuals for January. Positive variance for the month.

It was noted that US Sailing overperformed in most categories – but that it was hard to tell if timing was an issue and that January can be a difficult month to judge. Mr. Schoendorf thinks that expenses will level out in February and March financials.

d. **High Performance Report**

Mr. Marcus Lynch, High Performance Director, provided insight into the current of the high performance departments, which included the 2025 Budget and prioritizing the largest impact. He highlighted the Sailing Team and ODP and results from the Princesa Sophia Palma. The HP staff is working on discipline plans for ODP athletes to help guide how we support each athlete and looking at each discipline for long term planning. Finally, Mr. Lunch noted that we are waiting for official venue confirmation for LA 2028 games. Currently ABYC is hosting the team on site with space for containers.

e. **Development Report**

SVP of Development, Blaine Pedlow, provided an overview of fundraising activity through Q1. Mr. Pedlow also reviewed the current focus on fundraising for the high-performance space and various initiatives that benefit a larger group of athletes. He also highlighted a current Proposal on the table for the Women's Coaching Initiative.

Mr. Pedlow also announced the new Development Committee that includes various Board members and new volunteers.

IV. **Old Business**

Mike Van Dyke thanked Betsy Alison for her service and the BAR write up's

V. **New Business**

a. **Report from Race Management Committee**

Mr. Tom Duggan, Race Management Committee Chair, reviewed the reason for a current campaign around the rules regarding sail numbers, sails, and the difficulty of seeing numbers on sails. The committee intends to start enforcement of rules around sail numbering and will be making announcements next week. Will be in Scuttlebutt, talking with sail manufacturers, etc.

VI. **Executive session**

a. **With Senior leadership**

b. **Board only**

VII. **Adjourn**

Closed Session adjourned at 7:05pm ET