

United States Sailing Association



July Board Meeting Tuesday, July 29, 2025

I. Call to Order and Attendance

Board President Henry Brauer called the meeting to order at 5:01pm ET

Henry spoke briefly about the recent sailing tragedy in Miami. Henry and Charlie have reached out to the area Club and are coordinating with Dick York with Safety at Sea. Standing by to assist in any way with investigation.

A moment of silence was held.

Board members in attendance via Zoom: Henry Brauer, Laura Grondin, John Schoendorf, Matt Gallagher, Chris Barnard, Charlie Enright, Pam Healy, Stan Honey, Brian Keane, Bob Kottler, Sarah Lihan, Luke Muller, Marie Rogers, Sheila Tolle, Mike Van Dyke, Molly Vandemoer

Staff Leadership in attendance: Andrew Couston, Marcus Lynch, Monika Miller, Blaine Pedlow

a. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No conflicts of interest reported.

II. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of May 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Passed, unopposed

III. BAR approvals

a. 2025 0505 Request to Approve World or North American Championship

International One-Design World Championship 6/6-12/2025

b. 2025 0604 Request to Approve World or North American Championship

2026 VX One North Americans 9/15-19/2026

2025 VX One North Americans 10/16-18/2025

c. 2025 0625-001 Request to Approve World or North American Championship

2026 Star Western Hemisphere Championship 5/20-24/2026

2026 Star North Americans 10/14-19/2026

2026 Star World Championship 11/12-21/2026

All championships Passed, Unopposed

d. 2025 0705 Appeal to be submitted to World Sailing

Passed, Unopposed

e. 2025 0708 MNA Endorsement to World Sailing

BAR requesting MNA endorsement for Todd Fedyszyn for International Race Officer

Passed, Unopposed

f. 2025 0602 Initiate an amendment to Bylaw 311 - Secretary's Summary

Passed, Unopposed

g. 2025 0515 Ratify temporary measures regarding member suspensions

Ratify e-vote of temporary measures regarding member suspensions

Passed, Unopposed

h. 2025 0527 Ratify Appointment of members to US Sailing Foundation Board

Passed, Unopposed

i. 2025 0625-002 Ratify e-vote to approve Hanson Rescue Medal - Meyer

For the rescue performed by Louis Meyer during the Bermuda 1-2 Race

j. 2025 0626 Ratify e-vote to approve Hanson Rescue Medal - Simon

For the rescue performed by Chris Simon during the Round the Island Race for Block Island Race Week.

Both Hanson Rescue Medals Passed, Unopposed

IV. Reports

a. President's Report

President Henry Brauer reviewed his published [President's Report](#) and highlighted key points.

b. CEO Report

CEO Charlie Enright provided an overview of his recent activities, including meetings with various stakeholders and progress on building relationships. Mr. Enright also highlighted key

items from the [July Association Report](#) and touched on new hires for the organization including the new Director of Communications, Sarah Hawkins, and Senior Accountant, Amanda Clarke.

c. Financial Report

Opening comments by Treasurer John Schoendorf, who reported strong financial performance, with membership up year-to-date and positive returns on investments. CFO Monika Miller had no comments to add.

d. Development Report

SVP of Development Blaine Pedlow presented the Development report and highlighted recent donor events with Charlie in Long Beach and Harbor Springs. Mr. Pedlow asked the board to consider their own areas and where it might be beneficial to host a donor event.

Mr. Pedlow also noted upcoming fundraising appeals – Charlie’s Critical Initiatives Appeal, an Offshore oriented appeal, Youth Performance, Women’s Coaching Pathway, and noted support for Jr. Women’s Championships (Ida and Leiter).

e. High Performance Report

High Performance Director Marcus Lynch reported on successful training camps in June and July, with positive feedback from athletes and coaches. He noted that while some Olympic classes had low attendance at the OCR due to scheduling conflicts, returning athletes Daniela Moroz and Marcus Edegran made a strong return in the Formula Kite discipline. Mr. Lynch also discussed the implementation of Teamworks, a new communication platform launching in September, and recent investments in a coach boat. Mr. Lynch reviewed the recently announced locations of the LA 28 Games sailing venues and mentioned that the USOPC grant application for 2026 has recently been submitted.

f. Sailor Athlete Council Report

Molly Vandemoer, Chair of SAC, reviewed the current SAC members for the board.

Ms. Vandemoer provided an update on recent activity including updated SAC Bylaws (thank you to Laura Grondin) to ensure that the verbiage is consistent with USOPC and that we are in compliance. Ms. Vandemoer advised that the changes will eventually come to Board for approval. The SAC is currently working with staff to make sure that athlete representation on all committees is in compliance and working with the Nominating Committee with regard to the Sailor Athlete Director board seat.

g. Nominating Committee

Secretary Matt Gallagher presented the Nominating Committee Report in lieu of Mike Van Dyke, announcing the committees’ recommendations for two new board members, Molly Vandemoer and Tarasa Davis.

h. World Sailing and LA 2028 Report

Mr. Fred Hagedorn provided updates on LA 2028 venues, confirming Long Beach as the primary venue for boards and Port of Los Angeles for boats. He also reported on World Sailing’s

recent council meeting, where neutrality plans were updated to allow Russian administrators to serve, and new race official appointment procedures were approved.

Mr. Hagedorn also reviewed some of the suggestions from the IOC for sailing in the Games, including more transparency for television, better visualization, clear gender/country visual indicators, streamlining vocabulary, making things simpler, and reducing the length of races.

V. Old Business

No old business

VI. New Business

a. Date, Time and Location of Annual Meeting

CEO Charlie Enright announced the Annual General Meeting to be held at Bristol Yacht Club on November 12, 2025.

b. Athlete Safety Policy Review Update

COO Andrew Clouston reviewed updates to the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy in response to the Administration issued Executive Order 14201, which was issued earlier this year. Mr. Clouston informed the board that all National Governing Bodies are required to update their applicable policies in alignment with this order and that US Sailing is working with the USOPC to understand what we need to do to comply with this directive by year-end. The update was the inclusion of the following language in the policy:

“The USOPC is committed to protecting opportunities for athletes participating in sport. The USOPC will continue to collaborate with various stakeholders with oversight responsibilities, e.g., IOC, IPC, NGBs, to ensure that women have a fair and safe competition environment consistent with Executive Order 14201 and the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C § 22501, et. seq.”

c. SafeSport Internal Process Review Update

COO Andrew Clouston reported the need to review and potentially update the current SafeSport internal process, as there is an increase in case submissions and jurisdictional changes. Andrew and team are collecting findings and will bring recommendations back to the board.

VII. Adjourn

Open Session adjourned at 6:06pm EDT

d. Executive session

The board left Executive Session and adjourned the meeting at 6:10 EDT.