

# United States Sailing Association



May Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

## I. Call to Order and Attendance

Board President Henry Brauer called the meeting to order at 3:00pm ET, and introduced and welcomed the new US Sailing CEO, Charlie Enright.

Board members in attendance in person: Chris Barnard, Henry Brauer, Charlie Enright, Laura Grondin, Stan Honey, Bob Kottler, Sarah Lihan, Marie Rogers, John Schoendorf, Molly O'Brian Vandemoer

Board members in attendance virtually: Matt Gallagher, Pam Healy, Luke Muller, Sheila Tolle, Mike Van Dyke

### a. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No conflicts of interest reported

## II. Consent Calendar

### a. Approval of April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Passed, unopposed.

### b. BAR approvals

1. BAR 2025 0422-001 Request to Approve World or North American Championship For the J/44 North Americans - Storm Trysail Club - June 2025

Passed, unopposed.

2. BAR 2025 0422-003 - Urgent submission to World Sailing: Rule 14

Passed, unopposed.

3. BAR 2025 0422-004 - Urgent submission to World Sailing: "Rule 60.4 - 4.20.25"

Passed, unopposed.

4. BAR 2025 0422-002 - Submission to World Sailing: Appendices, Preambles, Dates & Versions

Passed, unopposed.

### III. Reports

#### a. President's Report

Board President Henry Brauer gave an overview of the topics in his published [President's Report](#), specifically highlighting the Racing Rules. A discussion ensued regarding rule language and understanding the rule-writing process. President Brauer also reviewed the hiring process for Charlie Enright.

#### b. Association Report

CEO Charlie Enright highlighted key topics from the [May Association Report](#). He also outlined his plans to listen and gather feedback.

#### c. Financial Report

Treasurer John Schoendorf reviewed the budget process and improvements in the Finance Committee, who are now meeting monthly. Mr. Schoendorf also noted YTD Donation revenue and outstanding contributions by board members. It was mentioned that the investment portfolio showed a 15–20% improvement in value.

#### d. High Performance Report

High Performance Director Marcus Lynch discussed aspirational goals and the need for realistic milestones. He mentioned that the venue for LA 2028 events is still undecided and that the uncertainty is affecting planning and investment for many. The Long Beach OCR is seen as a promising future regatta but limited international attendance is expected this year. Mr. Lynch also introduced the new TeamWorks Hub, a communication and athlete management system that will provide the team with various tools for keeping the athletes and staff organized and effective.

#### e. Development Report

Senior Vice President of Development, Blaine Pedlow, reviewed that development numbers are above budget and that we are tracking well for five-figure+ donations. He mentioned that the 2025 Spring Appeal had been mailed and noted the Gratitude Report (which replaces the Annual Report) which was released in early April. Mr. Pedlow highlighted that the Development team is working on comprehensive reports for a few larger funders, and that the rollout of the new CEO announcement had gone well, with various major gift donors and stakeholders receiving priority outreach.

#### f. Sailor Athlete Council Report

Directors Chris Barnard and Luke Muller reported that the Committees are in good standing with SAC percentages. New Council members have been recruited, and the group still needs a Secretary, Chair, and Vice Chair. Mr. Muller and Mr. Barnard expressed their gratitude to the outgoing members.

#### IV. Departmental Reports

##### a. Race Administration

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director, reviewed upcoming seminars and the number of students expected. Mr. Hill also reviewed the various products currently available including the Racing Rules and suite of accompanying books.

##### b. Offshore

Jim Teeters, Head of Offshore Ratings Office, gave a presentation of Offshore department activities and introduced Chris Tutmark as new Leader of Offshore Department while Jim takes a step back from leading the department. The various responsibilities within department were outlined and Mr. Teeters highlighted the system in place making it easier for staff, sailors, and race organizers to complete the certificate process. Mr. Teeters also mentioned new methodologies of handicapping boats – weather forecast, optimal routing, statistical models.

Board President Henry Brauer contributed that he has received many comments about the improvements in the offshore office and that people are happier than they've been in years.

##### v. Old Business

No old business

##### vi. New Business

No new business

##### vii. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm ET