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President's Report

US Sailing

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It is always bittersweet when September arrives, and the summer is winding down. I know that many sailors have major regattas on their calendars in September and October, however, for me this time of year always marks a change in my focus as the days are shorter, and I need to concentrate my energies on other commitments. I spent last week running the judges' boat for the IOD World Championship in Northeast Harbor, Maine. It was an interesting week to get to know several International judges and to speak about our sport, get their insights into how they observe the racing and race management of a regatta.

Our professional team has had a busy July and August. In addition to helping to manage our sponsored championships and keeping the business of the Association on track, the team attended a three day team building event hosted by Charlie at headquarters and the Bristol YC. Some of the time was focused on developing our Strategic Plan including time with our consultant, Kelly Stone. I will defer to Charlie to provide a more in-depth update on the process of developing the strategic plan for the next four years. Charlie continues to spend time expanding our relationships with various constituents and new supporters. This has included communicating with many key stakeholders in the high performance echo system to drive a higher level of collaboration between all of the players to develop a higher level of support for our athletes.

Unfortunately, I have the task of sharing the news that Bri Searle announced earlier this month that she is resigning as the Chair of the International Selection Committee. Bri recently moved to Germany to further her career and was finding the time commitment to US Sailing to be too much. Bri has done a fantastic job in rebuilding the committee and beginning the difficult task of setting the criteria for the selection process for the '28 Games. As we say goodbye and thank you to Bri I am pleased to announce that Chris Barnard has agreed to take on the important position as the new Chair of the ISC. Charlie and I are confident that Chris will continue the great work started by Bri and be an excellent leader of this important committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry G. Brauer".

Henry G. Brauer
President, US Sailing Board of Directors

