



1 Roger Williams
University Way
Bristol, RI 02809

P 401.342.7900
F 401.342.7940
info@ussailing.org
www.ussailing.org

President's Report
US Sailing
May 19, 2026

I want to begin by thanking Pam Healy, our board colleague and Vice Commodore of the St. Francis Yacht Club, for making the arrangements that bring us to St. Francis for this meeting. The opportunity to gather on the water in San Francisco, with the support of such an outstanding club, membership, and staff, is a real gift. Pam, please pass our gratitude on to the Commodore and the entire StFYC team.

The summer season is nearly upon us, and across the country US Sailing's professional staff is focused on supporting our members across the myriad programs and championships we sponsor. Charlie Enright passed the one-year mark as our CEO in early May. It has been a remarkable twelve months. He inherited an organization that needed steady leadership and a clear plan, and he has delivered both. The staff he has built and the operating discipline he has instilled are evident in nearly every corner of the Association, and the work of advancing our 2025–2028 Strategic Plan is well underway across all three pillars: Operating Excellence, Inspire the Sailing Community, and Succeed on the World Stage. Charlie recently posted a one-year review which can be found on our website. It is a good read and well worth your time.

Since our last meeting in March, we have welcomed Carol Ewing to the Board of Directors. Carol joined us on April 7. Carol is perhaps best known for her expert race-management work, on display at her home waters in Miami and at international championships. Her depth of leadership experience and her long involvement in the sport at the highest levels add real strength to our deliberations. I want to thank our Nominating Committee for moving thoughtfully and decisively on this appointment.

On the Olympic and High Performance front, Molly Vandemoer recently announced the hiring of Giselle Camet Nyenhuis as our Olympic Development Program Manager responsible for guiding our aspiring athletes that are interested in pursuing the Olympic pathway.

In April, Charlie was at the New York Yacht Club for a club night in Manhattan, where he gave members an update on our Olympic program — the squad, the LA28 build, and the work ahead. Turnout was strong and the engagement from the room was even stronger. These evenings matter. They put our CEO in front of the members and supporters whose continued generosity makes the Olympic program possible, and they allow our supporters to hear the plan firsthand. I am happy to report several board members also made the trip to New York to support Charlie and spend quality time with potential supporters of our High Performance Program.

Also in April, American Racing Challenger Team USA and Sail Newport announced their partnership to challenge for the Louis Vuitton 38th America's Cup. US Sailing will also be a partner in this exciting new initiative. Together, the partners will work to strengthen pathways into the sport, with a shared commitment to supporting youth development and expanding opportunities for female sailors, ensuring a more inclusive and accessible future for American sailing.

The 2026 championship season opened over the first weekend of May with the U.S. Multihull Championship at Columbia Sailing Club on Lake Murray, South Carolina, organized in partnership with Weta Class North America. By every account it was a well-run event and a strong start to the season. Looking ahead, the U.S. Para Sailing Championship will be held in Newport, June 23–28, as part of the C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta — a longstanding and important partnership. The 2026 David Storrs Match Racing Grant was awarded to Noah Robitshek and Julia Jaynes, and we look forward to following their season.

Our offshore office has been hard at work supporting owners as they prepare for what promises to be a busy summer season — the Newport to Bermuda Race chief among the events on the calendar. Safety-at-sea seminars, ratings, inspections, and the steady flow of guidance that owners and race organizers depend on at this time of year all run through this office, and the team is delivering it on time and with care. This is one of the clearest examples of US Sailing showing up for our members at exactly the moment they need us most.

We have also continued to deepen our collaboration with the major PHRF fleets around the country. Better communication between US Sailing and fleet leadership, shared work on rating questions, and a sustained focus on making the week-to-week racing experience better for the sailors who live in this part of the sport are all moving forward. PHRF racing represents the largest community of sailors competing in this country, it is often the on-ramp to the racing side of our sport and giving this constituency the attention it deserves is an important part of inspiring and supporting the broader sailing community — and speaks directly to one of the central pillars of our Strategic Plan. We are sensitive to the fact that PHRF is administered on the local level, we are working with the leaders of the PHRF movement to understand exactly how we can best provide support.

On the youth and pipeline side, the 2026 US Sailing Youth National Team was announced on April 16. The team is now in its second year and includes sixty-one athletes from across the country competing in the 29er, i420, Nacra 15, ILCA 6, iQFOiL, and Formula Kite. The depth across classes is meaningfully better than what we fielded a year ago. The squad will gather at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island in June for the National Team Training Camp, with additional camps scheduled for San Francisco in September and Miami in November.

Building on the success of this year's Regional Symposiums and the National Coaching Symposium that I described in my March report, we also announced the 2026 program of Regional Symposiums and the National Coaching Symposium for the year ahead. These

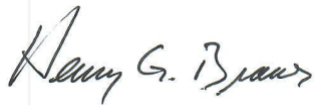
programs continue to be a key vehicle for delivering on our strategic commitment to deepening partnerships with clubs, classes, and community organizations in every region of the country.

On the partnership front, we were pleased to announce a new three-year agreement with Engine, which will serve as the Official Travel Management Booking Platform of US Sailing through 2028. Beyond the financial value, this partnership will materially reduce the cost and friction of travel for our athletes, coaches, and staff. We also renewed our longstanding partnership with Goslings, which continues to be a wonderful supporter of our championship season.

Looking ahead, I want every board member to put one date on the calendar if it is not already there: the Golden Spinnaker Gala at the New York Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island, on June 11. This is one of the most important external moments US Sailing has on our calendar this year — for fundraising, for visibility, and for putting our Olympic program in front of the people whose support it will require. The members of the Board have collaborated to purchase three tables at the Gala. If you are interested in attending you can go to the Sailing Foundation of New York web site.

On a personal note, Charleston Race Week last month was a wonderful showcase of board involvement in the sport we serve. Four of our board members were on the line: Laura Grondin won the Melges 24 class, Stu McNay finished second and Brian Keane finished third in the J/70 class, and I had the good fortune to win the very first J/7 regatta against a fleet of five other J/7s. Board member Matt Gallagher was also in Charleston, helping run the ORC Sport Boat North American Championship — exactly the kind of behind-the-scenes volunteer leadership that keeps our sport going. While we were there, the board members and staff in town all had the pleasure of attending the first ever Low Country Storm Trysail Club cocktail party, which was a terrific evening and a promising start to what I hope becomes a tradition. Closer to home, Steve and I are getting Tio Loco, our Club Swan 42, ready for the start of our season in Buzzards Bay and Newport before we head north to Northeast Harbor for our local PHRF racing and two yacht club cruises. I hope to see many of you on the water in the months ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry G. Brauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry G. Brauer
President