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President's Report
US Sailing
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On August 26, Charlie Enright and I hosted our second President's Town Hall. We were pleased to see increased attendance, a sign of growing engagement across our membership. We are also seeing strong momentum in the President's Circle, with the number of members joining continuing to climb. Thank you to everyone who joined the conversation and shared their perspectives.

We have formed the selection committee for the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, US Sailing's most prestigious award, presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in this country. We are now soliciting nominations from the membership. You can read more about the award, its history, and past recipients on the US Sailing website. I encourage you to consider nominating someone whose contributions to our sport deserve this recognition.

Two of our national championships were run over the summer. The Chubb U.S. Youth Triplehanded Championship for the Sears Cup. This is US Sailing's oldest championship, marking its 105th anniversary this year, was held August 7-10, at Noroton Yacht Club in Darien, CT. The team representing San Francisco Yacht Club/St. Francis Yacht Club won the event. Congratulations to all the young sailors who competed. Additionally, the F4 Foils Summer Wingding U.S. Wingfoil Championship returned to St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco July 30-August 2, continuing to showcase the growth of foiling disciplines within our sport.

The World Sailing Annual Conference is scheduled for November 16-21, in Qingdao, China. This is an important opportunity for our sport's global community to gather, discuss proposals, and shape the direction of sailing worldwide. The US Sailing will be well represented.

World Sailing has recently proposed several changes to the offshore regulations. I have appointed a task force to review these proposals and provide a recommendation to the Board as to how we should address these proposals to best represent our offshore community. The task force members are Matt Gallagher, Stan Honey, Ed Cesare, Charlie Enright, and Andrew Clouston. Charlie serves on the World Sailing Oceanic & Offshore Committee which is overseeing this work.

A couple of dates to save: our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 10, at Sail Newport, Fort Adams, in Newport, RI. I hope to see many of you there. Looking further ahead, the National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS) is scheduled for January 21-23, in Fort Myers, Florida. Registration is now open, you can register here.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, Board of Directors