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President's Report
US Sailing
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As I write this report, the 2026 season is well underway across our diverse sailing community. A few major Off-Shore events have already been completed or are underway including the Newport to Bermuda Race, Chicago-Mac Race and Pacific Cup. One-design fleets across the country are in mid-summer form with local and regional racing taking place on many lakes, reservoirs and coastal waters. Junior sailing programs are active. I enjoy watching the young beginning sailors gather at the Northeast Harbor Fleet every morning while I am out walking the dog. The kids are still required to take a swim test in the cold waters of Gilpatrick Cove. Seeing our fleet of Teras being rigged and sailed gives me a sense that we are being successful in passing the love of our sport and the water down to the next generation.

Charlie Enright and the staff continue to execute against our 2025–2028 Strategic Plan across all three pillars: Operating Excellence, Inspire the Sailing Community, and Succeed on the World Stage. The most significant development of this period came on July 13, when we announced Pacific Life as the Presenting Partner of the US Sailing Team through 2028 — one of the most significant sponsorship positions in our history. The partnership will support athlete and team branding, our digital and social platforms, global competitions, Southern California hospitality events, and activations at yacht clubs nationwide. It is a wonderful vote of confidence in our program as we build toward Los Angeles.

Whitney Peterson joined the staff on June 8, as Director of Development & Strategic Partnerships, a role focused on strengthening the philanthropic support and strategic partnerships that will carry us toward the LA28 Games. We were also pleased to welcome Native Shoes as the Official Footwear of US Sailing and a Supporting Partner of the 2026 Marine Debris Challenge, effective June 2. On June 11, the Sailing Foundation of New York hosted the Golden Spinnaker Gala at New York Yacht Club's Harbour Court in Newport, raising important funds for athletes on the path to 2028.

On June 12, Charlie, Brian Keane and I attended a meeting organized by Doug DeVos. The intent was to try and find some common ground for US Sailing and the “Stakeholders Group” to work together to support all our athletes. The meeting was cordial, and we agreed Charlie would take the lead on this effort going forward. Charlie is working closely with USOPC to coordinate this effort. Our legal committee and SAC have also been involved, working through the appropriate changes to our Athlete Agreement so that all athletes are able to become members of the US Sailing team and enjoy the benefits this provides.

On June 17, we opened the call for applications to the 2026 Board of Directors. Five seats are opening this year, and the general membership will elect four at-large members from a slate to be put forward by the Nominating Committee.

On the Olympic and High Performance front, out in Long Beach, racing got underway for the 2026 Olympic Classes Regatta, with kiteboarders and windsurfers competing on what will be our 2028 Olympic waters.

The first-annual US Sailing Youth National Team training camp brought more than forty athletes and world-class coaches to Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, June 12–16, for five days of preparation. Charlie was able to spend some time with this talented group of sailors and organized and hosted two evening sessions. One with Mike Buckley of US SailGP and the other with Ken Read, head of the America's Cup, American Racing Challenger Team USA syndicate. This was a great chance for our Youth Team to meet and interact with some of the top sailors in our Country and on the World Stage.

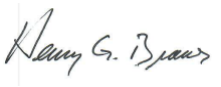
At the end of June, Peter Herlihy and New Bedford Yacht Club won the 2026 US Youth Match Racing Championship for the Rose Cup, hosted by Oakcliff Sailing in Oyster Bay, New York, in exceptionally light winds. That same week, the 2026 U.S. Para Sailing Championship was contested alongside the 24th C. Thomas Clagett, Jr. Memorial Clinic and Regatta in Newport, drawing twenty-five sailors from the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

Our offshore office had its hands full this period. The 54th Newport Bermuda Race started June 19 with 144 boats, 138 of which finished, but a software error in the routing tool used to generate Forecast Time Correction Factors created confusion in the corrected-time results. We issued a public statement on June 25, and a more detailed explanation of the F-TCF scoring issue on July 2, acknowledging our role in the confusion and outlining the steps we are taking to rebuild confidence in our offshore scoring technology and process; the International Jury ultimately reinstated the original, provisional results. It was a hard few weeks for the office, and I want to thank the team for how transparently they handled a difficult situation. On a brighter note, we renewed our partnership with the National Association of Sports Officials on June 10, which will continue to offer discounted, insurance-inclusive memberships to our certified race officials.

On a personal note, my partner and brother-in-law, Steve Madeira, with our team on our Club Swan 42, *Tio Loco*, were first to finish and first overall in the Whaler's Race out of New Bedford Yacht Club in early June. We then went to Newport to compete in the 172nd edition of New York Yacht Club's Annual Regatta. Last weekend, with Steve on the helm, we won the Hospice Regatta of Maine. In August we are heading to Camden to join the New York Yacht Club Annual Cruise to compete in the Astor and Queen's Cup.

I wish all of you a great summer with fair sailing and time on the water with your family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,



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President