

Championship/Competition Committee
10/25 Conference Call
0900 Pacific/1200 Eastern

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Greg Wilkinson, Danielle Richards, John Vandemoer, Michael Callahan, Nick Ewenson, Allison Jolly, Kyle Eaton, Michael Segerblom, John Storck, Scott Ikle, Mitch Brindley

1) 2012 Championship Updates

- Singlehandeds (Segerblom) – The college event will be held first this year so our sailor will be unpacking and doing the first round of rigging. Mike will open the USSC-LB facility at 0700 to allow any team interested the opportunity to arrive early and set up their boat. Chris Souza from LaserPerformance will be on site all week to start setting up the equipment and get all of the boats onto dollies. Bryan McDonald will be the chief judge, assisted by Mike Gross, Mike Martin and Zander Kirkland/Tommy Leach (Zander on Friday, Tommy on Saturday/Sunday). The competitors will race off the pier on a trapezoid course.
- Match Race (Billman) – appear to be on schedule. They have a template SI to work from; we have not seen a draft yet. Looking for 1 umpire to replace a last minute drop. Mitch reports that Charles Higgins will be the ICSA Representative.

2) 2013 Spring Championship Updates

- Spring Nationals (Jolly) – The St. Petersburg pier is now going to be open so committee is going to weigh the possibility of switching the venue back to the pier instead of the hotel. Mitch reminded Allison that ICSA needs to approve all judges. Allison will call Danielle to follow up. Sails – there will be two fleets on the water so USF will use their sails for the second fleet. Second fleet might be C420's from St. Pete YC/Davis Island YC – concern among the committee about using a mixed fleet of C420's for the second fleet. Sails will be same ones used at ISSA nationals 4 years ago (been in storage ever since). Likely more breeze at pier but wind fills in earlier at Magnusson venue. Concern about switching venues this late in the process. Callahan mentioned that we have learned from prior experience that borrowing boats from multiple organizations has not always worked out well. He recommended that we do whatever we can to ensure use of the Eckerd boats. Allison to report back via email, 1 priority is two fleets, 2 priority is breeze, 3 is less logistics. Allison is PRO for all 3 events.
- Semifinals (Brindley) – All is on schedule with Hampton to use Strawberry Bank venue. ODU will transport their fleet to Hampton as the second fleet.

3) 2013 VIPRO Program Planning (Ewenson)

- Annual Budget - TBD
- Spring 2013 target events – All spring championships will already have an experienced individual serving as PRO so no need to send local PRO's to a major spring event for training.

4) Championship Committee Assignments

- Championship Liaisons – Greg asked to assign a championship or project to a committee liaison that follows entire process. One person is responsible for working closely with host and reporting back to committee on a regular basis.
 - Singles – Greg Wilkinson
 - Match RACE – John Vandemoer
 - Spring – Mike Callahan

- Semifinals – Nick Ewenson
 - Project Liaisons
 - VIPRO Program – Nick Ewenson
 - Officials/Umpires – John Vandemoer
 - ICSA Conditions – Danielle Richards/Kyle Eaton
 - Championship NORs/SIs – Danielle Richards/Kyle Eaton
 - Bid Solicitation – Danielle to remind when bids are due
 - Web Page update (historical results) - All
- 5) New Interconference Schedule Framework - Mike Callahan outlined the proposal from the April Committee meeting. The goal was to set up a schedule framework that makes strategic sense. Starts with a period of in conference events, then out of conference then championships. Looked at berths trying to event those out so everyone had access to events. Committee members asked to take this back to their conference for further discussion and recommendations at ICSA Winter Meeting.
- 6) Plan to tackle items referred to C/C Com from ICSA Board - Tabled
- bid process for all championships supplementing/instead of rotation
 - funding process to equalize costs for championships and team attendance
 - integration of semifinals/nationals into schedule
 - review rotation so we go east/west instead of a circle around the country
 - post season grant – only applies to coed nationals should it apply to all?
 - Table agenda item 4b to winter meeting. (2014 semifinals)
 - Bid process with minimum qualifications necessary for hosting an event.
 - Look at diversity
 - Team Race # of teams and format
 - update template NOR's & SI's with new rules
 - review and update host handbook for championships