The Afterguard

This Chair was very surprised to see action taken on renaming the Afterguard at the 2011 Annual Meeting reported in the draft minutes from the meeting. The communication between myself and Jay Sterne was merely of historical nature and it was clearly stated that the last time the alumni were polled that the majority preferred the name “Afterguard.” It is requested that this action be stricken from the minutes of the previous meeting as the proposal was not advanced on my behalf and another poll of the Afterguard is appropriate before such action be taken.

It is important for advancement of the organization of The Afterguard, the organization for alumni of college sailing, that each Conference have a representative (ICSA Afterguard Committee member) that is coordinated by its Conference leadership and reported with all other elected and appointed leaders on an annual basis. Each Conference’s representative shall be appointed annually (representative’s Conference is not determined by the school attended, but by where the individual currently lives). The assistance of each Conference’s Commissioner and Board is sought to identify appropriate individuals who will serve to help with the work the Afterguard.

Beginning steps toward an Afterguard web site have been made. The ICSA Board has approved having such a page designed. A request to David Dabney for the page layout to facilitate its adapting to Afterguard needs remains a pending item. Tying the Afterguard to the ICSA’s individual registration database is going to be an important part of the program. As the Afterguard develops its plan for organization, goals include establishing a list of willing to serve race officials, judges/protest committee members, housing hosts, and more.

We have a strong tradition established of having an Afterguard regatta at the site of the Championships. It is strongly desired that this tradition be maintained.

Action sought:

1. It is requested that the name change of The Afterguard be stricken from the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting as the proposal was not advanced on my nor the Committee’s behalf and another poll of the Afterguard is appropriate before such action be taken.

2. Each ICSA Conference shall report a representative to the ICSA Afterguard Committee to the ICSA Afterguard Chair and the ICSA Secretary no later than March 1, 2012, and annually with its Conference update thereafter. This individual should have an interest in helping organize the Afterguard and provide guidance for alumni regattas and coordination of the Afterguard Championship when it is the Conference’s turn to host the Spring Championships.

3. Annually, the Conference hosting the Spring Championships shall report to the ICSA Afterguard Chair the name and contact information of the Chair of their Afterguard Championship by the Annual Meeting preceding the championship to facilitate coordination, communication, consistency and organization of the event. This communication shall be in addition to making a report at the meeting.
4. The announcement of the Afterguard Championship(s) at the Spring Championships should be included in the information packet from the Championships host to facilitate dissemination of the date, location and other details of the event to help build participation and awareness of the tradition. It is desired that the information also be included on the Championship web page, including results of the event.

5. The Afterguard Chair seeks any ideas or suggestions that will advance the goals of the Afterguard and its relationship with the ICSA. Please email (gail@collegesailing.org) or call (269.998.6353) at your convenience.

2012 ICSA Afterguard Championship—It is anticipated that leaders of the 2012 ICSA Spring Championships at the University of Texas will work with the Afterguard Chair to organize an event at the Championships.

2011 ICSA Afterguard Championship—There was a regatta held in Oregon this past June. The organizers did not have names of the competitors so the results are by team name.

ALUMNI REGATTAS

Many teams conduct Alumni regattas. Some of these regattas are focused on single school alumni only, others are a more open event. We ask that the ICSA Conference Afterguard Committee Members help raise awareness and facilitate posting of the results of these events on the ICSA-Afterguard list and their Conference's list. Results should include all racing scores, complete names of the skippers and crews, each sailor's school and last year of sailing, and current hometown and state. Conference Commissioners are asked to communicate this goal to their member schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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