President's Report for 2020 ICSA Annual Meeting

May 28, 2020

I am pleased to present my President's report to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the ICSA Board of Directors covering our achievements and challenges far of the 2019-20 year. Like all aspect of our society we faced unbelievable challenges this spring. The college sailing community will continue to confront the impact of COVID-19 on our health and safety, and the economic fall-out. Despite having to cancel the remaining season in mid-March, there were many successes and accomplishments. Some of College Sailing's key achievements and project successes include:

- ICSA hosted over 215 regattas with more than 2050 entries. We crowned 3 national titles. On Friday June 5th and Saturday June 6th ICSA will stream an Awards Show recognizing the All-America Team and Hall of Fame Inductees.
- The Association hired a Bottom-Line Bookkeeping to manage the bookkeeping. Additionally, Tom Donahoe took over Treasurer duties from Sherri Campbell.
- In the Fall a working group with the support of the ICSA Executive Committee presented a model for the implementation of recommendations from the Collegiate Sports Associates report. An aggressive plan to active the 2021+and Beyond proposals was approved and progress has been made through the spring from all subcommittees. The total number of committee hours this winter and spring are impressive, particularly from the Competition/Championship Committee.
- A By-Laws committee as proposed updates which we will vote on at the AGM bringing them in line with the recommendations from the CSA Report.
- Additionally, a great deal of progress and planning has been made by the Women's Team Race Committee and sub-committees. Thank you to the leadership and enthusiasm of Justin Assad.
- The current financial crises of the nation will certainly affect our sponsors and their ability to support College Sailing. However, I have am maintaining communications with them and expressed the need and desire to work together going forward.
  - Quantum was very supportive of the Women's Sailor of the Year Award and enthusiastically got behind the new format of the award's presentation.
  - US Sailing has been tremendously supportive of US Sailing with their Starboard Portal programming for College Sailing; there solute to the class of 2020. I have been in communication about them gifting memberships to the class of 2020. Additionally, I have had extensive conversations with their CIO about Techscore.
- Throughout the pandemic the Executive Committee has been meeting frequently. A summary of actions taken by the Executive Committee is found here.
- Of the actions taken, it is noted that the need to insure the health and safety of college sailors, coaches and our community are at the forefront, as is the need to address the financial crisis as it effects our university and college athletic environment. All our actions going forward will need to assess and address these two components. I feel it is important to realize the path forward may look different than what is behind us.

- As many collegiate athletic departments are eliminating sports programs, Brown University has taken decisive action to elevate their championship sailing team to Varsity. Although they eliminated 11 sports in total, this is a positive affirmation on the value of college sailing.

As we conclude the year, there are several major projects the board, the executive committee and me will need to steward through completion:

- Evaluate and implement a safe return to racing.
- Continue to plan and implement where possible the 2021+Beyond plan
- Award a contract to manage Techscore.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and contributions of so many of you who continue to give to college sailing even though we cannot be on the water right now. You don't do it for recognition, but you are appreciated. Particularly, I would like to thank Geoff Pedrick, and Blaine Pedlow for contributing so much of your time and energy to so many different committees.

Thank you,

Mitch Brindley,

President, ICSA