



## President's Report for 2023 ICSA Annual Meeting

May 22, 2023

I am pleased to present my final President's report at this 2023 Annual Meeting of the ICSA Board of Directors covering our achievements and challenges for of the 2022-23 year. Some of College Sailing's key achievements and project successes include:

- This year ICSA will have hosted 359 regattas with over 3725 entries. This is the greatest number of events scored yet on Techscore and is an 8% increase over last year.
- College Sailing welcomed our first Executive Director. Reed has been fantastic to work with, and I am confident that the ICSA and college sailors will benefit tremendously from his professionalism, leadership skills, and energy. As we go into the new academic year with several new board officers including President and Treasurer, Reed's work to improve the committee workflows will be important.
- In year 2 of the new national championship selection process, we continue to evaluate, adjust, and improve the selection process. This will include further development of standards for a conference to receive an Automatic Qualifier. The Competition/Championships Committee worked hard to finalize the new comprehensive Championship Conditions which were approved by the board in April.
- Reed and I, along with the members of ICSA TIDE attended the US Sailing Leadership Forum. Reed and I had the opportunity to meet with some of our existing sponsors as well as potential sponsors and partner. Kudos to TIDE, particularly to Cori, Michelle Lahrkamp, and Preston for their presentation during the Forum. ICSA TIDE is leading our sport in DEI initiatives. TIDE has been elevated to a Standing Committee. Cori is stepping down as chair. Cori has been such a terrific leader and the work she has done with ICSA TIDE is outstanding. Thank you to Cori Radtke!
- With Reed's assistance, sponsorship support is growing, and we welcome Dermatone as the Official Skin Care Sponsor and Supplier of College Sailing. The Dermatone Face of College Sailing campaign was great. I am so thankful for the help from the Communications Team. We have a healthy relationship with our other sponsors, Zim/West Coast Sailing, Marlow, US Sailing, and Quantum. I am excited to see what is to come from other potential partners that we are developing and expanding relationships with.

As we conclude the year, I am thankful for all you, and I appreciate that you have engaged your personal time, energies, and resources to the benefit of College Sailing. So many great friends, fellow coaches, student athletes, administrators, and competitors have helped me both personally and professionally in my role as President of ICSA. It is our combined passion for College Sailing, the desire, despite differences, to put the best interest of the sport above all, that has furthered the ICSA. As always, we have much have much more to do, but I appreciate all that you have done thus far.

Thank you,

Mitch Brindley