

2023 Winter Board Meeting Executive Director's Report

Season in Review

- A. Season Limits, Race Limits, Travel Budgets, and Athlete Safety
 - a. These were the most prevalent topics of conversation during the season
 - b. The split season continues to dominate the narrative and most agree it has to do with when to start and how long season should be. Biggest issue is start of seasons for the different coastal conferences and adequate representation in the new model – we have more fundamental and regional teams than Cross Regional.
 - c. Another big concern with how we structure our season is the travel budget for teams. The season limits and structure cannot have an impact on the budget for teams or we will price programs out of college sailing
 - d. Athlete safety must be a guideline – race limits, season limits, season start and end, and procedural rules should place athlete safety at a premium without changing the nature of college sailing
- B. Mission and Procedural decisions based on the mission
 - a. The mission should be held up to any decisions we make that will have a fundamental impact on college sailing. What is our mission, will this decision align with our mission?
 - b. There is sentiment that we should revisit our mission and potentially rewrite it – if so, we should look at a mission that upholds the historical context of college sailing while creating a vision of 50 more years
- C. Committees
 - a. Need for Mission/Scope, Makeup, and Meeting rhythm for our committees. We have an 80/20 rule that is nearing a 95/5 rule. We need to redistribute the workload, provide clear scope to committees, and hold groups accountable for work. As far as voted changes, see D – Equity in the voting process
- D. Equity in the voting process – Due to the nature of a few doing a lot, scopes are overstepped, and well-meaning decisions are made that impact large factions of the ICSA. We must ensure the follow two factors are considered when scoping, researching, voting, and implementing:
 - a. Due Diligence – time and patience are key. We need to allow proper time and patience to research, fact find, get input from all stakeholders.
 - b. Proper Representation – We also must ensure that anyone impacted by a decision has representation throughout the process. Not merely at the vote, but during the due diligence process.

Observations from Regattas

- A. Standardization of Regattas
 - a. With the Race Conditions being rewritten, this will help. All regattas should be fundamentally the same at all levels or we will have inconsistency when different conferences and levels come together to compete. This creates “false precedents” and “conflicting precedents”
 - b. Race conditions may be for National Championships, should be “Recommended” for conference championships and act as a guide for all other regattas – preparing sailors for the highest level of competition.
- B. Outsourced PROs
 - a. It may be worth implementing a third-party PRO process to help with consistency and help us align with US Sailing
 - b. PROs would reduce some of the inconsistencies across different conferences and locations
 - c. PROs should have latitude to make judgement calls based off our race guidelines – number of races, length of races, etc. will have parameters as a guide and PRO makes the judgement call based on extenuating factors (weather, wind, etc)
- C. Conference Consistency
 - a. All conferences need to interpret and execute the race conditions the same
 - b. We must eliminate the “we do it differently in X” language. Consistency within the recommended guidelines creates a more competitive environment and level playing field
- D. Coaching in Rotation
 - a. Not sure how to solve but noticed it can be chaotic and difficult for coaches. It was also different across races and should be more consistent
 - b. Coach Boats – should we ensure we have them at all races? Should they be anchored or mobile? How do we ensure we have adequate and equal coaching opportunities at each regatta without excluding venues?
- E. Sailor conduct
 - a. How do we manage sailor bathroom breaks between races? If we reduce the number of races required for a complete regatta along with regulations about how many races we can have in a day, will this help solve the problem with down time on the water?
- F. Alignment with US Sailing
 - a. This came up at MR Nationals and in conversations with US Sailing reps. Some of our race conditions and procedures are different.

Observations from National Championships

- A. Selection process notes
 - a. How do we give freshman a fair look if they have not had a enough competition against others?
 - b. How do avoid a very good team coming in second in their conference and not being selected? (Hawaii)
- B. Match Race Observations
 - a. We have not completed an entire Match Race format in years. Do we need to shorten?

- b. Teams staying vs leaving
 - c. Tighten up the language around who the invite is extended to for the selection
- C. Procedural Language interpretation
 - a. At Singlehanded Nationals we had multiple interpretations of the redress rule for breakdowns – it seemed like conference differences and lack of standardization at races affected interpretation of rules creating conflicting “precedents”.
- D. Relying on precedents and historical actions
 - a. At both Singlehanded and MR we relied on precedents to help guide but we had multiple precedents, unclear language interpretation, and false precedents. We need to tighten up on the language.

Sponsors Recap

- A. Marlow Ropes
 - a. Successful year again. Had a massive bump in school participation after our mass email to encourage coaches to purchase through our official link
- B. Zim/West Coast Sailing
 - a. Nationals were a success – discussions around providing all 36 boats next year have begun
 - b. Boats looked fantastic in media and sailors generally enjoyed racing them
 - c. Our support of Starting Line Sailing resulted in an additional \$8,400 (5% of \$168,000 in sales)
- C. Dermatone
 - a. As of Jan 3, 2023 , Dermatone is the *Official Skincare Sponsor and Supplier of College Sailing*
 - b. Dermatone will provide **\$7,500** in return for sponsorship and media rights to be supplied by ICSA
- D. US Sailing
 - a. US Sailing will continue to support us and are now in discussions to become our streaming provider for Spring Nationals (they would take over the entire process and costs for it) **Significant cost** savings
 - b. We are also developing some “value-add” relationships with them in return for encouraging sailors to join US Sailing – reintroductions to former sponsors and new ones, added values to our members, opportunities to create co-sponsorship deals
- E. Vakaros
 - a. Are interested in becoming an Official Training Data and Partner of ICSA
 - b. Would include product support and possible funds combined to be at the **\$30,000** level

Hall of Fame Selection Committee 2023 Winter Meeting Report

It is anticipated the call for nominations shall be distributed March 1, 2023 with a deadline for nominations of April 15, 2023. Reminders shall be sent April 1 and April 13, 2023.

The Committee is currently comprised of:

NEISA-Ken Legler; MAISA-Lucas Hayes; PCCSC-Robert Capita; SEISA-Karl Kleinschrodt; MCSA-Gail Turluck; and SAISA-David Herbster.

While the notices calling for nominations go by email to all the ICSA and Conference lists, the best promotion for recognizing our hard working volunteers and staff is done by our leaders at the Conference level. At your Conference's next meeting, please have a discussion to develop a list of candidates assign people to prepare nominations, be collecting photographs and biographical information, and work to meet the deadlines. Make a point at events year around to be taking photos of your various leaders; this will greatly simplify the process.

The Committee stands ready to make its annual assessment and be part of the process to identify and recognize the strong leaders that are an immeasurable part of what makes the college sailing experience so great.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gail M. Turluck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gail" being the most prominent.

Gail M. Turluck
Chair December 14, 2022

Communications Committee 2023 Winter Meeting Report

Overview: This fall the communications committee was run primarily by the three co-chairs, Ali Blumenthal, Allison Chenard, and Cori Radtke. The committee met twice in the fall as a full group, and the chairs met 10+ times throughout the fall. The group's focus was to further define the role of the committee and to implement strategies to make the committee's work more efficient. In the last five years the work of the communications committee has expanded with the increase in the ICSA's social media presence. This increase in ICSA's social media presence is ultimately a good thing, but with it comes a few challenges that we have outlined below.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

• Committee Roles and Responsibilities:

- Graduate Co-Chairs
 - Organize and coordinate all ICSA Press Releases
 - Manage College Sailing Social Media Accounts
 - Coordinate National Championships Coverage on Instagram and Facebook
 - Help facilitate important information getting posted on ICSA Website
 - Facilitate social media campaigns for ICSA Sponsors
 - Schedule full committee meetings
 - *** We will be working to incorporate help from the Executive Director with some of these tasks in the future ***
- Graduate Members
 - Advises and supports undergraduates
 - Monitor conference social media activity
 - Conference activities liaison
 - Contributes to ICSA Communications Committee
 - Regional media contacts
 - As needed on specific topics/projects
- Undergraduate Members:
 - Manages conference social media

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE RESOURCES

Communication Cycle / Standing Events Calendar

We outlined the standing events media calendar for the year. These events are ones that the committee will create social media campaigns for each year. (In addition to other social media posts throughout the year).

• Standing Events:

- Fall
 - **Weekend 1 - Welcome Back College Sailing** (Social Media)
 - **Sponsor Social Media Campaign** (Zim / West Coast Sailing) - Per Sponsor contract (Social Media Post)
 - **W's ACCs Finals** (Social Media + Press Release)
 - **Open ACCs Finals** (Social Media + Press Release)
 - **Selection for Singlehanded Nationals** (Social Media Post + Press Release)
 - **Selection for Match Race Nationals** (Social Media Post + Press Release)
 - **Singlehanded Nationals** (ODU) (Social Media + Press Release)
 - **Match Race Nationals** (San Diego) (Social Media + Press Release)

- Winter
 - **Announcement of spring nationals** (locations and dates) (Social Media Post)
- Spring
 - **Selections for Spring Nationals** (Social Media Post + Press Release) ● WTR, WFR, OTR, OFR
 - **Sponsor Social Media Campaign** (Zim / West Coast Sailing) - Per Sponsor contract (Social Media Post)
 - **National Championships** (WTR, OTR, WFR Semis, OFR Semis, WFR Finals, OFR Finals) (Social Media + 1 combined press release before the championships, 1 press release at the conclusion of each event)
 - **All-American Teams Announcement / ICSA Hall of Fame Announcement** (Press Release)
 - **All Academic Announcement** (Press Release)
 - **Examples of *Not* Standing Events** (Would need to use the request form - mainly to give the committee ample amount of lead time and specific dates).
 - Sailing World College Rankings
 - Sail Design Team Race Rankings
 - National Invitational Tournament

Google Request Form:

The committee implemented a google request form for ICSA members. This form is a way people can request marketing/social media material for a specific event. It will be used for miscellaneous events/happenings that are not on the standing events calendar. The form is important because it gets us the specific information that we need to start fulfilling your request. The committee will try to fulfill as many requests as possible but we reserve the right to decline a request if it does not fit with the media calendar or branding of ICSA. This request form will be up on the ICSA website asap.

[Google Request Form](#)

Freelance Social Media Guide:

The committee created a media guide for third party social media coverage. This was very useful when educating outside people on how we wanted our social media coverage done for events. We used four separate “freelance” social media personnel this fall: Lexi Pline (WACCs), Zach Blumenthal (OACCs), Preston Anderson (Singlehanded Natls), Beka Schiff (MR Natls).

Conference Social Media Management:

The committee met twice as a full group during the fall 2022 season. During the meetings the co-chairs made sure that each conference representative (both undergraduate, and graduate) was prepared to fully manage their conference social media accounts. This included password/account recovery/turnover, Canva tutorials, and social media “best practices” workshops.

- **Conference Social Media Resources:** If you would like to talk to your conference representative about the conference social media - each conference has its own media email. (Below are the emails currently active - we are working on getting the other conferences up to date).
 - SAISAMedia@collegesailing.org
 - MAISAMedia@collegesailing.org
 - NEISAMedia@collegesailing.org

Announcement Mediums:

Depending on what type of announcement medium your committee is interested in please make sure to

communicate with us well in advance. We have outlined timelines below for different types of mediums. The outlined time lines are for when we receive the data/ content from your committee (example: Names for nationals selection). The time lines work only if we've also known about the announcement well in advance to pre-make graphics and prep as much as we can beforehand.

- Full Press Release - TBD
- Instagram/Facebook post with graphic - minimum 24 hrs turnaround time from when we get data
- Email Blast - minimum 24 hrs turnaround time from when we get data ● Video for Social Media Platforms
 - This type of media is dependant on committees personnel and availability ○ As soon as a committee knows they are interested in this form of announcement please email the communications committee. This should be no less than 2 weeks before the announcement date
 - If the committee does not have the capacity at the time of the request, it might be recommended that an outside video company is hired for the project
 - If the committee does have the capacity to fulfill this request internally, please provide the announcement content 1 week ahead of the announcement date.

Helping out the Communications Committee!

- If you're on a committee that is involved in an announcement for a standing event - please get the information to us as early as possible. It takes time to create high quality posts.
- Please make sure all content is diligently proof-read before it gets to us. We do basic proofreading but will not be checking through all data. (We get contacted when something is wrong with an announcement and have to fix it.)
- We are not intimately involved in your committee's work so we might need extra time to get educated about how to best present your content, and will need your insight on final edits.
- Premier Event Logos:
 - All National Championship event logos are to be created by the host and sent to the ICSA Communications Committee 1 month before the event starts to be marketed on ICSA social media channels.
 - The ICSA Communication's Committee may be able to help with logo design if notified 2 months ahead of initial announcements about the event.
- Premier Event Photographers
 - Hosts are responsible for finding an event photographer and putting them in contact with the ICSA Communications Committee around 1 month before the start of a premier event
 - We are happy to share photographer contact information if we have it

Sponsor Management

The committee is in close communication with our main sponsors (Zim/West Coast Sailing) to ensure the stipulations in regards to social media are achieved. This includes two social media campaigns outside of the regular spring national championships time period. We have satisfied one campaign with our November collaboration post. We have planned the second campaign for the mid-spring season.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Media Contacts List: We are working on updating our main media contacts list. We are also working on creating local media contact lists more specific to certain regions. Zach Runci is in charge of compiling a list of local NY area contacts that can be specifically used for the spring nationals at KP.

PREMIER EVENT SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE

- **Definition Premier Events:** Premier Events are events that need an elevated social media presence.
 - **Premier Events:**

- Singlehanded Nationals
- Match Race Nationals
- Women's Semi Finals
- Women's Fleet Race Finals
- Open Semi Finals
- Open Fleet Race Finals
- Women's Team Race
- Open Team Race
- **Possible Premier Events**
 - Women's ACC Finals
 - Open ACC Finals
 - National Invitational Tournament
- **Premier Event Social Media Coverage - What does that look like?**
 - Premier Events need a dedicated social media freelance position to accomplish the following coverage.
 - Minimum of 1 Hype post leading up to event
 - Minimum of 3 Square Instagram posts
 - Minimum of 2 Instagram Reels
 - Minimum of 8 Instagram stories per day
 - Minimum of 2 athlete interviews per day
 - High quality graphic creation
 - Minimum of 1 post-event recap post
 - Social Media Freelance Position is not the dedicated event photographer ■ Host should provide photographer for Premier Events
- **Social Media Freelance Position:**
 - Requirements
 - 8 + hour work day
 - Intimate knowledge of social media platforms
 - Excellent writing and proofreading skills
 - Interest in graphic design (ability to learn graphic creation)
 - Interpersonal skills
 - **Compensation: To include comparable travel, housing, meals, and transportation costs plus a stipend of \$250/day.**

Proposal: If this level (quantity and quality) of coverage is an asset and something ICSA wants to continue, we recommend that the board look at allocating funds annually to hire a social media freelance position to cover premier events. This person would be solely responsible for updating the ICSA Instagram and Facebook during the event. (Press releases will still be handled by a separate press release writer or the Executive Director).

- Motion #1 : For ICSA to fund a Social Media Freelance Position for social media coverage at Premier events

Respectfully Submitted,
Ali Blumenthal, Allison Chenard, and Cori Radtke

Communications Committee Members:

Ali Blumenthal (Co-Chair)
Allison Chenard (Co-Chair)
Cori Radtke (Co-Chair/NEISA)
Jared Wohlgemuth (Website Coordinator)



Emi Ruth (NEISA UG)
Zach Runci (MAISA)
Ali Keenan (MAISA)
Brendan Feeney (MAISA)
Louisa Buckingham (MAISA UG)
Caroline Sandoval (MAISA UG)
Emma Macturk (MAISA UG)
Carrie Ritter (MCSA)
Rachel Bartel (MCSA UG)
Grace Carrick (PCCSC)
Callie Genest (PCCSC UG)
Ainsley Parramore (SAISA)
Lily Schwartz (SAISA UG)
Soph Herrada (SEISA UG)
Communications Committee Email: communications@collegesailing.org



Social Media Analysis

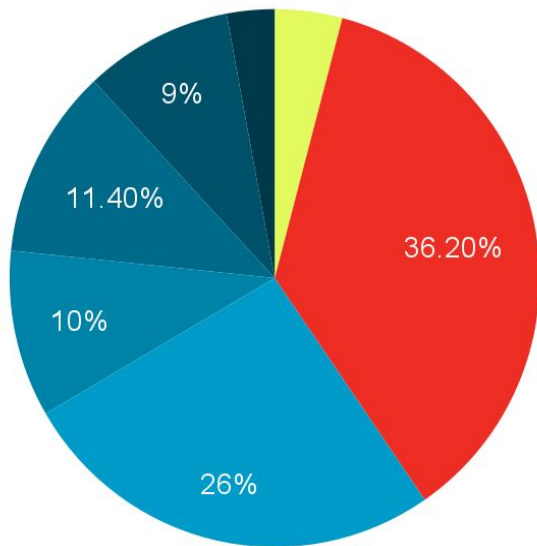
Ali Keenan requested by
ICSA Communications Chairs



Who follows College Sailing on Instagram?

9,603 followers

Age Breakdown of Followers



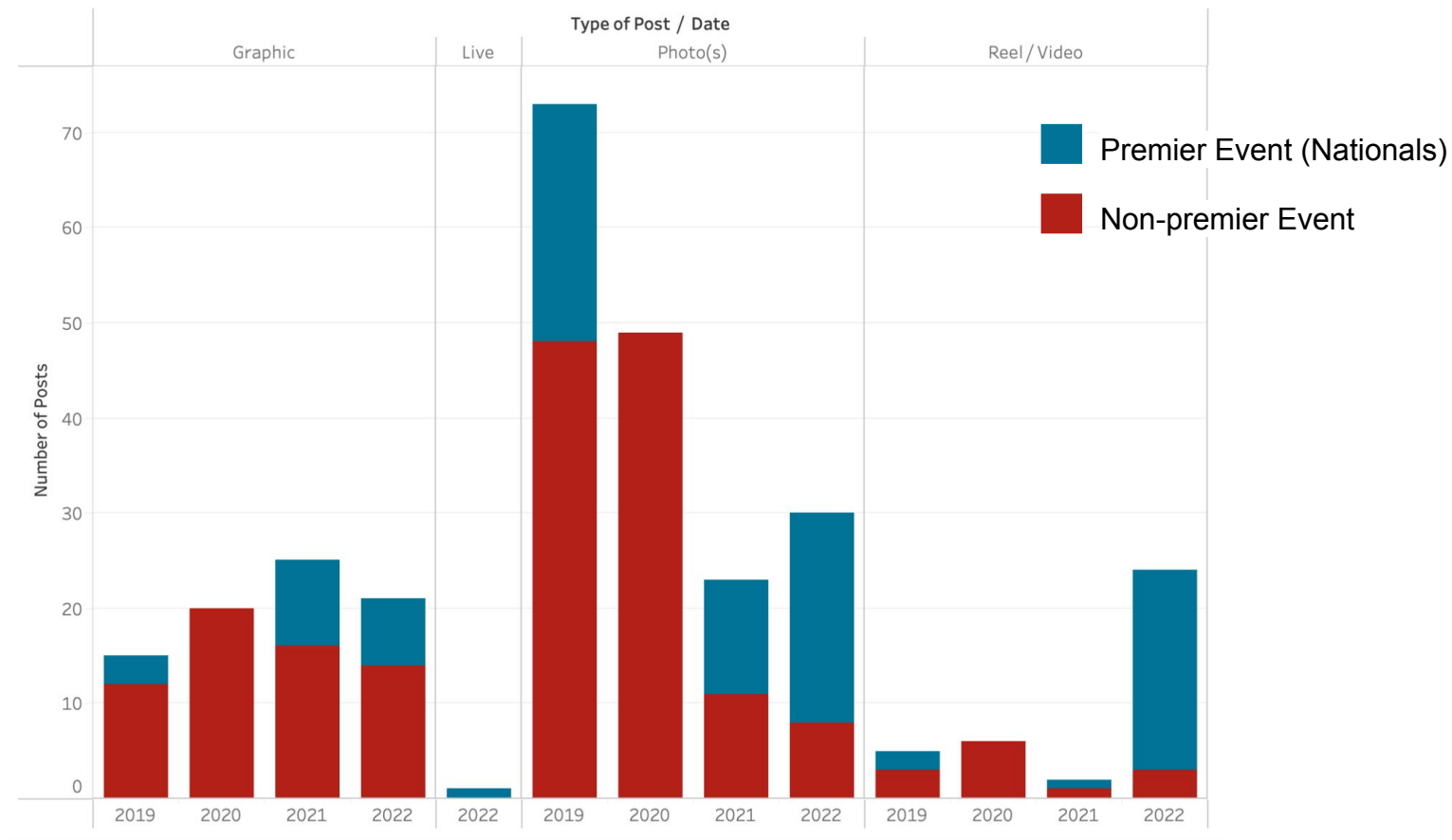
Gender Breakdown of Followers



- 13-17 Before College (4.2%)
 - 18-24 Current College (36.2%)
 - 25-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - 55-64
 - 65+
- Post College (59.5%)



How many posts? (Instagram)





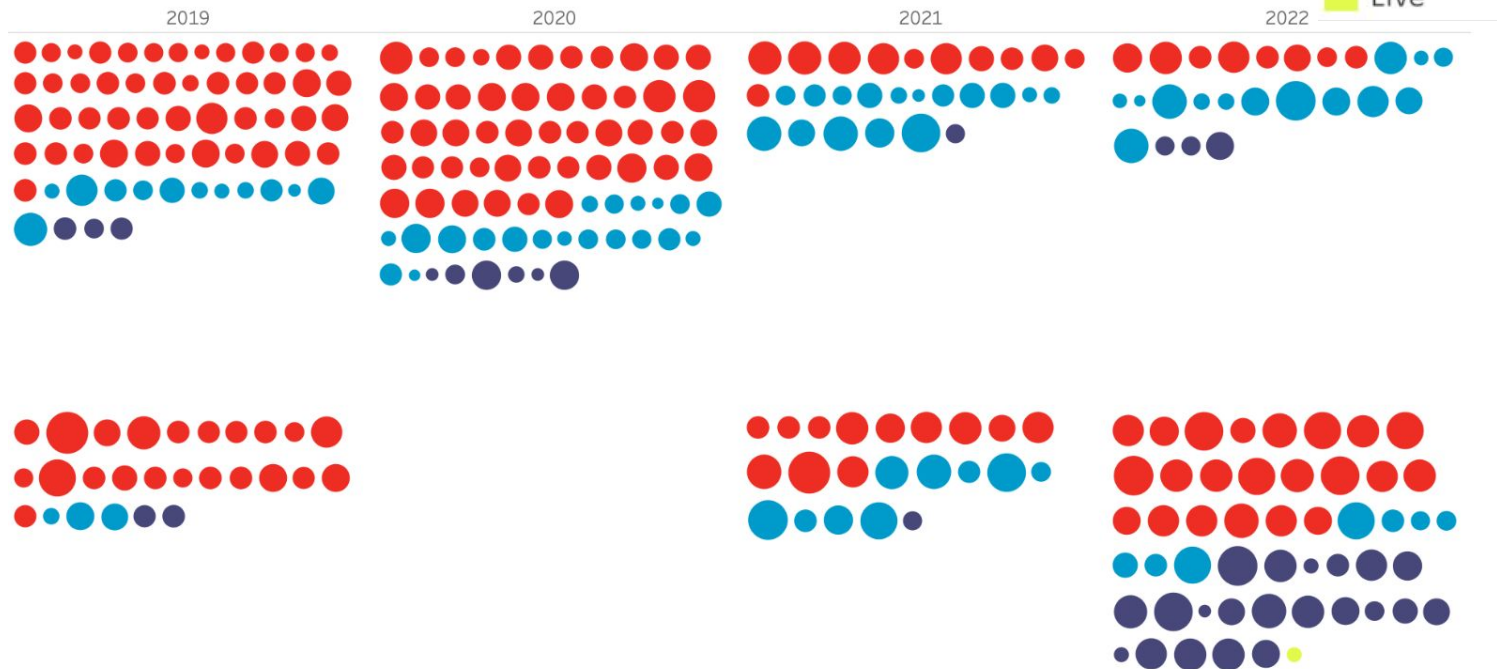
Premier or Non-premier Events (Instagram)

Type of Post

- Photo(s)
- Graphic
- Reel / Vid.
- Live

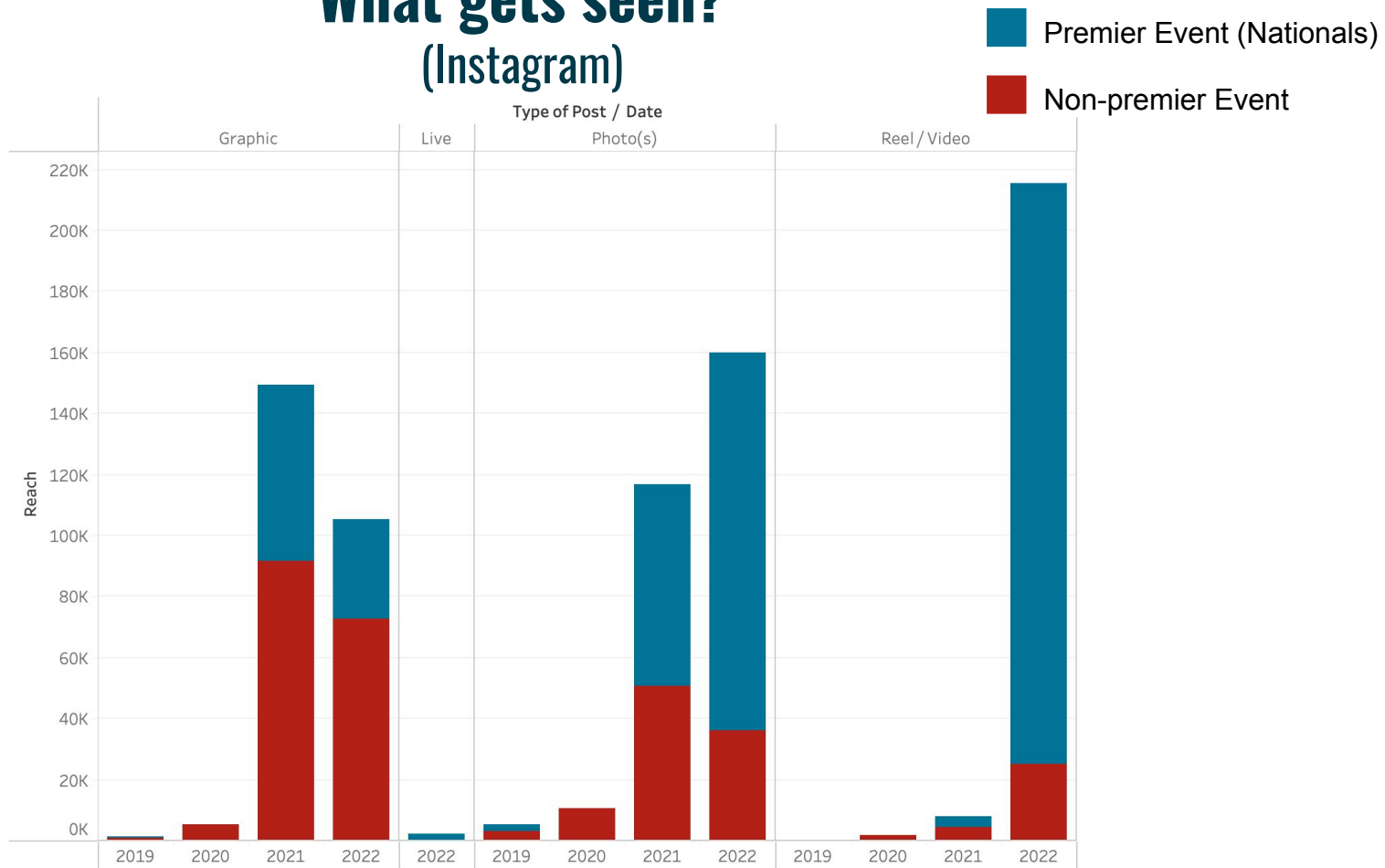
Not a premier event

Premier Event



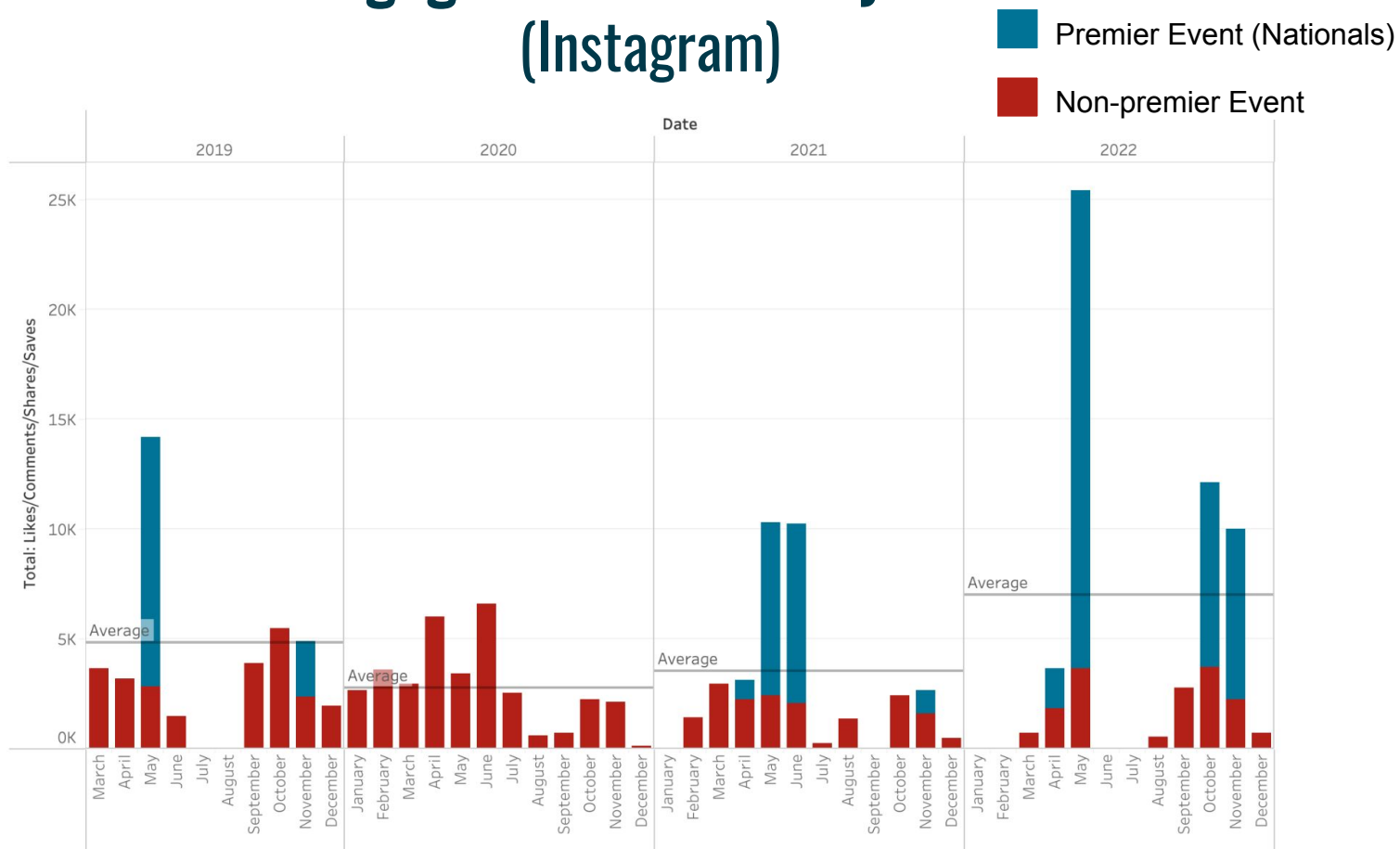


What gets seen? (Instagram)





Engagement over the years (Instagram)





Where do we reach our audience? (2022)

Facebook

Facebook Page reach ⓘ

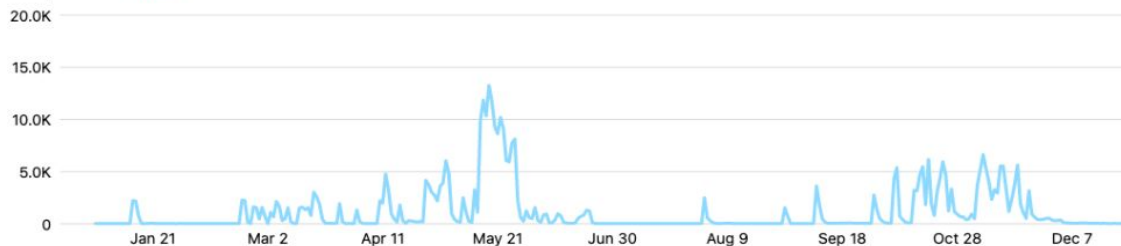
83,341 ↑ 58.6%



Instagram

Instagram reach ⓘ

81,521 ↑ 119.1%





Are people visiting our pages? (2022)

Facebook

Page and profile visits

Facebook Page visits ⓘ

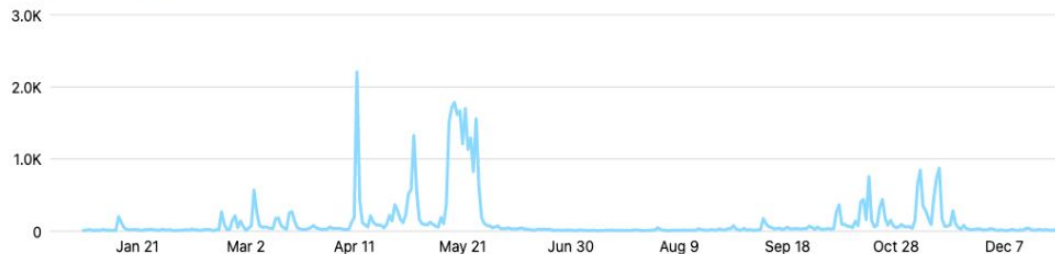
10,855 ↑ 30.1%



Instagram

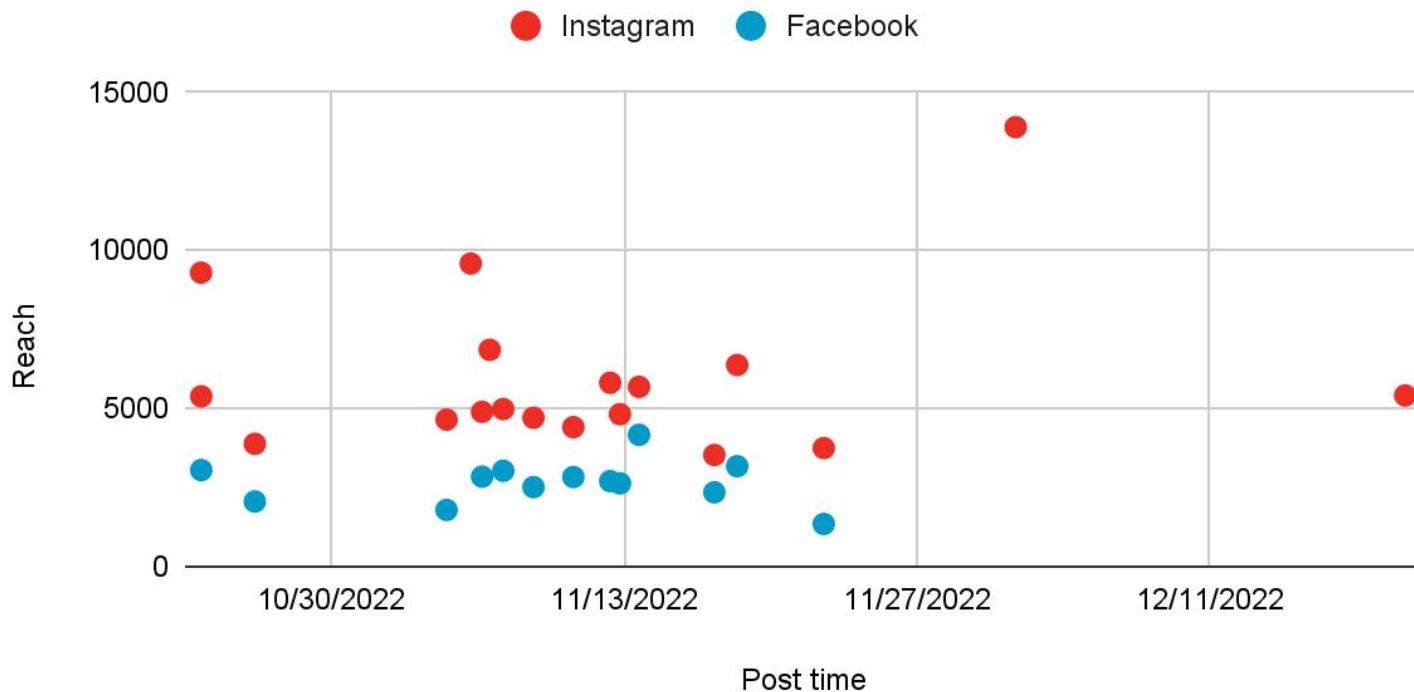
Instagram profile visits ⓘ

46,560 ↑ 47.5%





Instagram vs. Facebook (Fall 2022)



Championship/Competition Committee 2023 Winter Meeting Report

The ICSA Championship/Competition Committee has met weekly throughout the fall season, and worked through many issues and discussion points. Our report is as follows, with a small number of recommendations and proposals for the Board to consider.

ICSA Women's and Open Singlehanded and Match Race National Championship Selection

We appreciate the work of our selection committees and thank them for their time and dedication. The Women's selection committee was composed of Allie Blecher, Clinton Hayes, Ned Jones, Gabrielle Rizika, and Kelsey Wheeler. Additionally the Open selection committee was composed of Chris Barnard, Derek Deskey, Charlie Lalumiere, Isabelle Strachan, and Molly Vandemoer. Additionally Hannah Lynn was once again very helpful in putting together selection forms that made the process easier and smoother for the selectors.

Overall we feel the process and steps followed by the selectors went very well. There was a notable issue with what rules and guidelines took precedence with regard to the selection of Match Race Skippers. The skipper for the MCSA's Wisconsin team at the Match Race Nationals was different from the winning skipper of the MCSA Match Race Conference Championship earning the Automatic Qualifier berth.

To make this clear going forward, the Committee makes the following *proposal*: **Match Racing Eligibility**

- Skippers who earn a berth for ICSA Match Race Championship either through selection or an AQ berth shall use the same skipper for the ICSA Match Racing National Championship

Additionally there was spirited discussion regarding general requirements for Conference Championships and AQ Regattas. The committee feels there needs to be clear language going forward to properly guide conferences toward these expectations. This includes fleet sizes, formats, and potential use of other forms of AQ selection other than Conference Championship Regattas.

The committee therefore asks the board to approve the following *proposal*: **General Requirements for Conference Championships and AQ Selection**

- The ICSA Championships and Competition Committee is responsible for setting a list of standards for Conferences to use when hosting their Championships, as well as guidance toward AQ selection. The Committee is to report back at the Spring '23 Annual Meeting with its recommendations to the Board.

Upcoming Championships:

The Committee also discussed that at our Spring Championships we should move toward a model where a Principal Race Officer (PRO) should be brought in. It is common practice in Collegiate Sports that the Championships' Officials not be associated with the host team or school. This is something we already do with our umpires, but we should formalize this for the PRO position as well. In order to help ensure we can attract high level PROs in the future, the Committee feels this position should be compensated in addition to their expenses be covered.

The committee therefore asks the board to approve the following *proposals*: **PRO Compensation**

- The Host of the National Championship may offer to provide up to \$500 per day to the PRO. The PRO is still subject to ICSA Presidential approval

ICSA Spring National Championship Entry Fee Increase

- In order to offset this new cost, the entry fee for Spring National Championship Regattas is to be increased by \$75 per team

2023 ICSA Semi-Annual Meeting Scheduling Committee Report

The Scheduling Committee met approximately once per month throughout the fall. The committee worked together to accomplish two major tasks.

1. Adjustments to the Schedule: The committee is working with a new “final date” for adjustment to the schedule. While the aim was to have a final draft by Oct 15, this fall that was complicated by the movement and decision making around the Women’s Team Race National Championship. It is our suggestion that we move to a final submission date of changes of Nov 15, and to keep that deadline hard and fast.
2. The Scheduling Committee was tasked with exploring the opportunities for Season Realignment in the schedule.

Fall 2023 ICSA National Championships

- The Committee *proposes* that Tulane University be officially named the Host of the 2023 Fall Singlehanded National Championships, to take place on November 11-12.
- The Fall 2023 Match Race National Championship still does not yet have a host. Committee members, along with Executive Director Reed Maltbie are working to identify a host for this regatta.

Cross Regional and Regional Membership Review

While there was much discussion on this, it was ultimately decided that conferences should be the ones deciding whether teams should be listed as either Regional or Fundamental, and the committee accepted the slate of Regional members presented by each conference.

For Cross Regional Membership, the board approved the following schools to be elevated to Cross Regional Status:

Cal Maritime
Florida State
Princeton
UCLA

Regatta Grading Review

Late this fall, the committee reviewed requests for Grade changes for regattas. Quite a few events were looked at, and the committee spent a fair amount of time ensuring as many events of similar quality were graded the same. While not every event is the same, we feel that the updated grades serve the purpose of properly reflecting the CSR's goal and will ensure its effectiveness as a tool for the selection process.

Competitive Strength Rating (CSR)

After reviewing the issues surrounding its release in Fall '21, the committee felt it would be best for the CSR to simply be posted as a link on the ICSA website in the resources section. It was also decided that for reference purposes the previous year's CSR would also be hosted in an effort to better direct teams as to what a full season's worth of CSR data shows.

Our committee members did a good job of educating their conference members this fall of the CSR's purpose, and to remind them it is not a ranking of teams but rather a reference for data that can be used by selectors in the Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Higgins

ICSA Championships and Competition Committee, Interim Chair

TIDE 2023 Winter Meeting Report

It has been another exciting year with TIDE! We welcomed new leadership on the national and conference level.

Culture and Demographic Survey

The second Culture and Demographic Survey will open February 2023. The survey will be sent directly to participants through Qualtrics which is the same format as the previous survey. This requires having email addresses for each participant. Qualtrics allows us to provide anonymity for participants! An abbreviated report will be released at the end of the spring.

- [Google Form to submit emails to participate HERE](#)
- Athlete and Coach Culture and Demographic Survey
 - Participants will receive an invitation to participate when the survey opens in early February
 - This covers individual's experiences and how their identity may have impacted those experiences
- Programs Survey
 - A separate survey from the athlete and coach survey
 - One should be completed for each team or club
 - It will be distributed to the contacts listed on the [Team Database located on the College Sailing website](#)
 - This covers questions which are more difficult for athletes to answer accurately

Education

Two of our conference TIDEs have done educational programming for the 2022-2023 year. PCCSC is hoping to have some in the future and SEISA is planning on creating a program this spring.

- NEISA
 - This program is still ongoing
 - As of December 2022, at least 8 teams have participated; we are continuing to follow up.
- MAISA
 - A record 35 teams completed it, with lots of helpful feedback.
 - Additionally had tide series on instagram over the summer on topics including ableism, microaggressions, implicit bias, privilege and allyship

Bylaws

- SEISA
 - Passed an anti-discrimination clause
 - Amended conference bylaws to remove gendered verbiage

Conference TIDEs

For additional updates from your conference, I encourage you to reach out to your

Outside of ICSA

ISSA DEI Committee

We would love to see college teams support ISSA's efforts. In particular, proposal #2 seeks college programs to host girls clinics. Please reach out to Rob Hurd (rshurd@hotmail.com) or Jane Millman (instructortrainermillman@gmail.com) if you are interested in hosting an event.

- **“Proposal #2: Each district coordinates with a college program to run a clinic/regatta for all girls and we publicize those dates at the start of the season (fall or spring).**
 - Along the lines of growth development, the subcommittee recognized that boys and girls gain confidence in different ways, therefore regattas and clinics specifically for girls would help boost opportunities and growth for our female sailors. College venues offer good resources including good female role models, who can help “coach” high school students towards better skill development. The subcommittee felt that a clinic offered more opportunities to all girls, whereas a championship style regatta only offered opportunities to those girls who attended a school with at least four girls or a school where the participants were the top four girls at their school. A clinic did not limit participation to school size. The goal would be at least one clinic in each district each year.”
- [5 of their 6 proposals were accepted](#)

ICSA TIDE

Cori Radtke, Chair

Undergraduates:

Lily Allen
Michelle Lahrkamp
Emi Ruth
Kit Stoll
Noah Barton
Caroline Sandoval
Rebekah Morrison
Harper Cartwright
Izzy Cox
Jonathan Chance
Tyler Miller
John Hultquist
Peter Spoerri
Heidi Hicks

Graduates:

Mitch Brindley
Reed Maltbie
Tyler Colvin
Alison Keenan
Preston Anderson
Jennifer Dargan
Rob Hurd
Jane Millman

In our work over the past two years, the nominating committee has found that there are two gaps in the ICSA Bylaws regarding standing committees that need to be addressed. We propose the following two additions to the bylaws:

Article X Section 1: Standing Committees

After paragraph two, after the list of standing committees, add the following:

Each standing committee shall have a chair that is responsible for calling meetings of the committee and directing the business of the committee. The chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the ICSA President.

In paragraph three, change to read as follows:

The following committees shall each include up to two representatives from each Regular Member Conference, appointed by that Conference for a term of one year *beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th*. No representative may serve more than 5 consecutive years. The ICSA President may grant one-year exemptions, annually, to allow a representative to continue to serve past the 5-year limit in the event a Conference does not have anyone else willing/able to serve.

In paragraph four, change to read as follows:

The following committees shall each include one representative from each Regular Member Conference appointed by that Conference for a term of one year *beginning on July 1st and ending on June 30th*.

BUSA Tour 2023 Winter Meeting Report

After a 2-year postponement due to Covid the BUSA Tour is back on. 6 of the 8 members of last year's team are still eligible and hopefully can still attend this coming summer. A call for applications for the last few spots will be going out soon, with the full team being confirmed by February 1st.

The dates for this year's Tour will be taking place from Tuesday, July 24-Friday August 11th with appropriate travel days on either side. Planned competition includes the 5 Tour trophy events and additional competitions at locations stretching between Scotland and the Isle of Wight. While the bulk of the Tour itinerary is already well put together, final touches will be finalized over the next couple months.

In all previous Tours, ICSA has provided \$15,000 in funding for travel and competition expenses. We hope to have the same level of support as in past Tours. It has been discussed at length that this year's Tour will likely be the last one that the ICSA subsidizes, and it is our hope that going forward the Tour alumni along with additional sponsorship can fund the full needs of the Tour to keep it prospering well into the future.

This coming fall will also be the time for the BUSA side to come back to the ICSA for their trip. We will be looking to put that schedule together to be finalized by the end of the spring season.

Respectfully submitted,
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ICSA-BUSA Tour Coordinator

DRAFT Conditions for the COLLEGE SAILING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. SCHEDULING

- 1.1. The responsibility for each Championship is assigned to a Member Conference Association on a rotating basis by the Board of Directors, or through a bidding process approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.2. Hosting proposals are due 2 Annual Meetings prior to the corresponding Championships; final hosting plans must be presented at the Annual Meeting prior to the corresponding Championships
- 1.3. Women's, Team Race & Women's Team Race, and Open Fleet Race regattas shall be scheduled between May 15th and the Friday after Memorial Day.
- 1.4. The Team Race & Match Race Championships shall not exceed three (3) days in length; all other Championship regattas including Semi-Final regattas shall not exceed two (2) days in length.
- 1.5. No race, except re-sails or sail-offs (as required in Procedural Rules), shall start after 5:00pm local time on the final day of a Championship.

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRANTS

- 2.1. Contesting colleges for each regatta shall be either Regional or Cross Regional members of their Member Conference Associations.
- 2.2. Conference Championships are to be scheduled prior to the corresponding National Championship Selection Date.
- 2.3. Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC, and SAISA shall receive an automatic berth to each Championship.
- 2.4. Only skippers who compete as skippers in current year ICSA Match Race Conference Championships are eligible for the Match Race National Championship.
- 2.5. 2nd place finishers from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC, and SAISA Conference Championships in Women's and Open Fleet racing shall receive an automatic berth to the corresponding Championship.
- 2.6. All remaining berths and two alternate berths per Championship shall be awarded by the ICSA Women's Selection Committee (for all Women's Championships) or the Open Selection Committee (for Singlehanded, Match Race, Team Race and Open Fleet Race). See Appendix A - Championship Selection.
- 2.7. The slate of berths named by the Selection Committee(s) shall be confirmed by the ICSA President.

3. RULES

- 3.1. All Championships shall be conducted using the current Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by the ICSA Procedural and Class Rules, these Conditions, the and the Sailing Instructions for the regatta.
- 3.2. Changes to these Conditions may be made only by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, except that the Executive Committee may make temporary changes in extraordinary circumstances.
- 3.3. The NOR and Sailing Instructions for all ICSA Championships shall be approved in advance by the President.

4. ICSA REPRESENTATIVE

- 4.1. The President, in consultation with the Championships Committee, shall appoint an ICSA Representative for each Championship who shall ensure that the event is conducted in compliance with the Procedural and Class Rules and these Conditions.
- 4.2. The host college shall extend to the Representative any facility necessary to this end, including the facility for the Representative to be on the water. The Representative may assist regatta management personnel.

5. JUDGES

- 5.1. The selection of Judges shall be coordinated with and approved by the Championships Committee and ICSA President.

- 5.2. At least one Judge is to be on the water during each race of all Championships.
- 5.3. All races at the Team Race & Match Race Championships shall be umpired.

6. ENTRY FEES

- 6.1. The Entry Fees shall be set by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- 6.2. Whether or not an entry fee is specified for a National Championship, reasonable charges may be made to participants for optional items used or consumed which are not related to the boats and equipment used in the event, such as food, lodging, and transportation.
- 6.3. Additional charges must be approved in advance by the Championship Committee.

7. FILLING A VACATED BERTH [PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPETE - AQ?]

- 7.1. Selected teams, including Conference Champions, must accept their berths by emailing their Conference Commissioner and the ICSA Scheduler no more than five (5) days after selection.
- 7.2. If a team declines a National Championship berth, or accepts a berth and vacates that berth more than seven days prior to the Championship,, the berth shall be allocated to the first alternate that has not already received a berth.
- 7.3. Any berth not filled seven (7) days prior to the Championship and any berth vacated seven (7) or fewer days prior to the Championship, shall remain vacant.

8. OPEN & WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 8.1. The events shall not exceed two (2) days of racing. Charter or supplied boats shall be available to competitors after 1300 on the day prior to racing, however PR 27 shall apply (practice is not permitted prior to racing).
- 8.2. The events shall be sailed in cat-rigged boats designed for singlehanded sailing.
- 8.3. There will be no boat rotation.
- 8.4. PR 20 (BREAKDOWNS) shall apply to all equipment, whether supplied by competitors, host, OA or other.
- 8.5. Each "team" shall consist of one individual sailor.

9. MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9.1. Each team shall consist of a maximum number of participants ("crew") defined by the Notice of Race with the following weight limits: Crew of 3 or 4 - 660lb maximum; Crew of 4 or 5 - 775lb maximum.
- 9.2. Each team member shall include at least two genders, unless all team members are female-identifying..
- 9.3. Do we need format?

10. OPEN & WOMEN'S TEAM RACE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 10.1. The events shall be 3v3 team racing sailed in doublehanded collegiate dinghy class boats.
- 10.2. The format will consist of a series of round robins with scores from each round carrying forward to subsequent rounds. Teams that do not advance to subsequent rounds shall be awarded a finishing position behind teams that do advance, based on their overall wins.
- 10.3. The preferred format shall be three round robins, beginning with a round robin of all teams. Each subsequent round shall include half the teams of the previous round, with the teams with the most wins advancing.
- 10.4. If time does not permit the format in 10.4, the format shall be a preliminary round of all teams, followed by two rounds of the top four teams.
- 10.5. This does not include the seeded group fall back plan (we have never come close to using it).

11. OPEN & WOMEN'S FLEET RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 11.1. The events will consist of two stages: Stage 1, a semi-final First Round and Stage 2, a Final. Each stage of each event shall be scored as a regatta under the ISCA Procedural Rules.
- 11.2. STAGE 1 (First Round): Stage 1 for the Eastern and Western Round 1 shall be sailed during the same days as separate regattas. The scheduled period for the regatta shall not exceed two (2) days in length and shall immediately precede the Finals. The first race of each Round 1 regatta shall be scheduled for not later than 10:00 am of the first day. No race shall be started later than 5:00pm on the last scheduled day of Round 1. Whenever possible the competitors' meeting shall take place the evening before.

- 11.3. STAGE 2 (Finals): The scheduled period for the regatta shall not exceed 2 days in length. The first race of the event shall be scheduled for not later than 10:00 am on the first day.
- 11.4. Selected teams shall be seeded 1-36 and will sail the Eastern or Western Stage 1 regatta based upon their seeding (see Appendix A).
- 11.5. Teams finishing 1st through 9th in each Stage 1 regatta shall advance to Stage 2.
- 11.6. If either Stage 1 regatta is not completed, the remaining berths in the Finals shall consist of the Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, PCCSC and SAISA in the incomplete Stage 1 regatta(s) and the remaining highest seeds necessary to comprise a full field in Stage 2.

12. TROPHIES

- 12.1. The perpetual trophy(s) for each Championship will be on permanent display at the ICSA Hall of Fame and shall not be transported to the regatta site(s).
- 12.2. The ICSA shall provide "keeper" trophies to be awarded at each Championship at no cost to the Member Conference Association or other hosting organization.
- 12.3. The Leonard M. Fowle Trophy shall be awarded to that college which accumulates the highest total points in the seven ~~six~~ National Championships. (See Conditions for Fowle Trophy).

Appendix A - Championship Selection

1. SELECTION COMMITTEES & DATES

- 1.1 The ICSA Competition Committee shall appoint a 5-person Open and a 5-person Women's Selection Committee prior to August 15, annually.
- 1.2 The Open Selection Committee shall select teams to the Open Singlehanded Championship, the Match Race Championship, the Open Team Race Championship, and the Open Fleet Race Championship.
- 1.3 The Women's Selection Committee shall select teams to the Women's Singlehanded Championship, the Women's Team Race Championship, and the Women's Fleet Race Championship.
- 1.4 The Open Selection Committee shall contain at least two female-identifying members.
- 1.5 The Women's Selection Committee shall contain at least three female-identifying members.
- 1.6 Current-year undergrads and those with collegiate sailing eligibility in the current ICSA Competition year are ineligible to serve on Selection Committees.
- 1.7 A Selector who has coached (in any capacity including volunteer, clinic, paid, etc) a team, as well as anyone who has attended more than 6 hours of practice with a team, in the current ICSA Competition Year shall be ineligible to discuss that team and ineligible to vote for that team in any and all rounds of Selection.
- 1.8 All Selectors shall disclose all college, university, and sailing team affiliations both past and present. Affiliations shall not preclude a Selector from discussing or voting on any team, except as described in 1.6 & 1.7.
- 1.9 The ICSA Competition Committee shall name one ICSA Representative each to the Open & Women's Selection Committees to administer the Selection Process.
 - 1.9.1 The ICSA Rep shall remain neutral and shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
 - 1.9.2 The ICSA Rep may invite/appoint a technical assistant and/or secretary to assist in the administration of Selection. The assistant shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
- 1.10 Selection Committee meetings shall be open to the members of the ICSA Competition who shall remain silent/muted and off-camera at all times
- 1.11 The ICSA President may attend Selection Committee meetings and shall remain neutral and shall not discuss, nor advocate for or against any team(s).
- 1.12 All Selections must be confirmed by the ICSA President.
- 1.13 Singlehanded & Match Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Fall Wknd 6.
- 1.14 Women's Team Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Wknd 10.
- 1.15 Open Team Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Wknd 12.
- 1.15 Open & Women's Fleet Race Selection shall be announced on the Tuesday following Spring Wknd 13.
- 1.16 The ICSA Executive Committee may temporarily change a Selection date under extraordinary circumstances.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 2.1 Selectors shall consider teams'/sailors' records based only on the events listed below for each National Championship discipline. For each discipline, results from regattas not listed, including results from non-ICSA regattas, are not to be considered.
- 2.2 Singlehanded: Current ICSA Competition Year ICSA singlehanded & doublehanded regatta results; previous years' ICSA singlehanded & ICSA doublehanded regatta results.
- 2.3 Match Racing: Skippers' current and prior ICSA Competition Year(s) ICSA match racing, singlehanded & doublehanded regatta results.
- 2.4 Women's Team Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Women's team racing regatta results.
- 2.5 Open Team Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Open team racing regatta results.
- 2.6 Women's Fleet Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Women's doublehanded regattas.
- 2.7 Open Fleet Racing: current ICSA Competition Year ICSA Open doublehanded regattas.

3. OPEN & WOMEN'S SINGLEHANDED SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 Eighteen (18) berths and two (2) alternate berths to each event shall be allocated through selection.
- 3.2 To be eligible for selection, sailors must have competed in a corresponding Singlehanded Conference Championship.
- 3.3 Automatic Selection (5 berths): Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC shall each receive a Championship berth.
- 3.4 At-Large Field: the At-Large Field shall initially be composed of the 2nd through 4th place Conference Championship finishers from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC as well as the 1st through 3rd place Conference Championship finishers from SEISA.
- 3.5 Selection may not supersede order of finish at Conference Championships - if a sailor is Selected that finished behind other non-selected sailor(s), those other non-selected sailor(s) must also be selected.
- 3.6 At-Large Selection (13 berths): Selectors choose one sailor per round of selection via majority vote.. If the sailor selected finished behind non-selected sailor(s) at their Conference Championships, those other non-selected sailor(s) must also be selected.
- 3.7 Following each round of selection, additional sailors are added to the At-Large Field from the Conference of the sailor(s) most recently selected, in order of finish from their Conference Championships.
- 3.8 Alternate Selection (2 alternate berths): When 13 berths have been selected, up to two additional rounds of selection shall be conducted to select a first and second alternate.

4. MATCH RACE SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1 Ten (10) berths and two (2) alternate berths for skippers shall be allocated to the Championship through selection.
- 4.2 To be eligible for selection, skippers must have competed in their Match Racing Conference Championship.
- 4.3 Automatic Selection (5 berths): Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC shall each receive a Championship berth.
- 4.4 At-Large Field: the At-Large Field shall initially be composed of the 2nd through 3rd place Conference Championship finishers from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC as well as the 1st and 2nd place Conference Championship finishers from SEISA.
- 4.5 Selection may not supersede order of finish at Conference Championships - if a skipper is Selected that finished behind other non-selected skipper(s), those other non-selected skipper(s) must also be selected.
- 4.6 At-Large Selection (5 berths): Selectors choose one skipper per round of selection. If the skipper selected finished behind non-selected skipper(s) at their Conference Championships, those other non-selected skipper(s) must also be selected.
- 4.7 Following each round of selection, additional skippers are added to the At-Large Field from the Conference of the sailor(s) most recently selected, in order of finish from their Conference Championships.
- 4.8 Alternate Selection (2 alternate berths): When 13 berths have been selected, up to two additional rounds of selection shall be conducted to select a first and second alternate.

5. OPEN & WOMEN'S TEAM RACE SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Sixteen (16) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to the Open Team Race Championship through selection.
- 5.2 Twelve (12) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to the Women's Team Race Championship through selection.
- 5.3 To be eligible for selection, teams must have competed in at least one ICSA regatta in the corresponding discipline during the current ICSA Competition Year.
- 5.4 Automatic Selection (5 berths): Conference Champions from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC shall each receive a Championship berth.
- 5.5 At-Large Selection - Locks
 - 5.5.1 Selectors cast Lock votes for teams that should be in the Championship Field based on exemplary performance throughout the Competition Year in that discipline, regardless of Conference Championship performance (this round can be conducted prior to Conference Championships).
 - 5.5.2 Each selector may choose a number of "lock teams" up to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of berths available.

- 5.5.3 Teams earning a Lock vote from 80% or more of the Selectors receive berths to the Championships.
- 5.5.4 Teams earning at least one Lock vote, but less than 80%, shall move to the Under Consideration Field.
- 5.6 Under Consideration Field
 - 5.6.1 Any team receiving votes but not earning selection in the Lock round shall be in the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6.2 Selectors shall choose all teams (no limit) from the remaining eligible teams for the Under Consideration Field.
 - 5.6.3 All teams receiving one or more votes in 5.5.2 shall be in the Under Consideration Field.
 - 4.6.4 Selectors may add additional eligible team(s) to the Under Consideration Field prior to any Round of Selection provided that three or more Selectors agree on the addition(s).
- 5.7 At-Large Selection - Round by Round
 - 5.7.1 Each Selector chooses a number of teams equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of Championship berths remaining (rounded up) from the Under Consideration Field for an At-Large Field.
 - 5.7.2 The At-Large Field will be the teams receiving the most votes equal to double the number of Championship berths remaining. Ties for the final spot(s) in the At-Large Field shall not be broken, all the tied teams shall be included in the At-Large Field.
 - 5.7.3 Selectors shall each rank the At-Large Field. Any ties shall be settled by selectors re-ranking the tied teams.
 - 5.7.4 A number of berths equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ the number of Championship berths remaining (rounded down) shall be awarded to the highest ranked teams based on Selectors combined rankings.
 - 5.7.5 The remaining teams shall return to the Under Consideration Field for a subsequent round of selection beginning at 5.6.3 until all berths including alternate berths have been awarded.
- 5.8 After all berths have been awarded, each Selector shall rank the selected teams. The Selectors' combined rankings shall be used as seeds. Any ties shall be broken by the selectors ranking the tied teams.

6. OPEN & WOMEN'S FLEET RACE SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1 Thirty-six (36) berths and two (2) alternate berths shall be allocated to each Championship through selection.
- 6.2 To be eligible for selection, teams must have competed in at least one ICSA in the corresponding discipline during the current ICSA Competition Year.
- 6.3 36 berths and two alternate berths shall compose the Championship Field in each discipline.
- 6.4 Automatic Selection (10 berths): Conference Champions and Runners Up from MAISA, MCSA, NEISA, SAISA, and PCCSC shall each receive a Championship berth.
- 6.5 Competitive Strength Ranking (CSR)
 - 6.5.1 Conferences submit requests for regatta grades for each Regional & Cross Regional hosted in their conference on or before November 15, annually.
 - 6.5.2 ICSA Competition Committee publishes regatta grades for each regatta prior to Dec. 1, annually.
 - 6.5.3 Teams regatta score is based on their finish position multiplied by the regatta grade multiplier.
 - 6.5.4 Teams' final Open CSR is based on their top 6 scores in Open competition; final Women's CSR is based on top 5 scores in Women's competition.
- 6.6 At-Large Selection - Locks
 - 6.6.1 Selectors cast Lock votes for teams that should be in the Championship Field based on exemplary performance throughout the Competition Year in that discipline, regardless of Conference Championship performance (this round can be conducted prior to Conference Championships).
 - 6.6.2 Teams earning a Lock vote from 80% or more of the Selectors receive a berth to the Championship.
- 6.7 At-Large Selection - Round by Round
 - 6.7.1 A Preliminary Ranking Group, composed of the top ranked remaining teams in the CSR equal to double the number of Championship Berths remaining after Automatic Selection and Locks, is distributed to Selectors.
 - 6.7.2 Selectors may add teams to the Ranking Group with an 80% majority vote.
 - 6.7.3 Each Selector ranks all the teams in the Ranking Group.

- 6.7.4 The top ranked teams based on combined Selector ranking, equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ the number of remaining Championship berths rounded down, receive Championship berths.
- 6.7.5 The teams that do not receive Championship berths comprise the Ranking Group for the subsequent Round of Selection.
- 6.7.6 Steps 5.6.2 through 5.7.5 are repeated until all Championship berths and two alternate berths are awarded.
- 6.8 Each Selector ranks the teams in the Championship Field; the combined Selector ranking determines seeds for the Semi-Final Round of the Championship.
- 6.9 Seeded teams are assigned to the Semi-Final Regattas as follows:
Insert Seeding Grid here

Proposal II

Proposal: Direct the ICSA Championship/Competition Committee to investigate the standards that should be required for conferences to maintain, lose, and regain their AQ berths to nationals.

Rational: There are currently no written standards in place to determine what criteria a conference needs to meet in order to maintain, lose, or regain their automatic qualification berths to nationals. Conferences that have lost their berths in the past have no path to regaining their berths, and conferences with berths don't have a clear idea of what is necessary to maintain them.

The following topics should be addressed by the Championship/Competition Committee:

1. How does a conference lose their AQ berths? What, if any, are the set guidelines for AQ events that would disqualify a conference for being able to have AQ's for nationals? Would loss of AQ berths be evaluated by each discipline? In the event of a conference not meeting these standards, what does a probation period look like in which they would be able to work towards meeting the requirements again?
2. If a conference has lost their respective AQ berths, how can they earn them back? What are the necessary steps to show that a conference has earned their AQ berths for nationals?
3. Are there benefits of a combined qualifier among any two conferences in order to meet the criteria for a conference to maintain their AQ berths? If so, what should a combined qualifier look like; any specific requirements or approvals needed?

Expected Implementation: To be added immediately to the list of the Championship/Competition Committees list of priorities, with updates and discussion at ICSA spring meeting, and voting by the ICSA board to happen after a proposal has been created through due diligence and proper representation.

Submitted by:

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December 14, 2022

Proposal III

Proposal: Request the ICSA to investigate the liability coverages at sanctioned events.

Rational: US Sailing recently announced that coverage of certified race officers, coaches, etc. is no longer in effect. US Sailing Certified Race Officers, Coaches, etc. no longer have liability coverage from US Sailing and there is not clarity as to who that burden of liability now falls open. There are multiple angels that affect this, for example most race officials are not employees of the yacht club where the event is occurring, rather volunteers.

This is causing a lot of concern in the sailing world, particularly for teams and conferences who are hosting events and inviting race officials onto their property to run races. Right now, the assumption is that you the host are responsible for the appropriate insurance which should cover events that occur at your venue; where this gets gray is when participants and officials go on the water – often traditional yacht club insurance doesn't cover off-grounds (aka doesn't cover on the water). The ICSA should provide guidance to hosts of sanctioned events related to their liability as a means to prevent issues down the road.

The following topics should be addressed by the ICSA:

1. Who holds the burden of liability at ICSA (and conferences within) events and regattas?
2. Is there standard wording in our bylaws or a notice to hosts that should be given as part of hosting an ICSA (or conference within) sanctioned event?

Expected Implementation: To be added immediately to the list of the ICSA priorities, with updates and discussion at ICSA spring meeting as to next steps.

Submitted by:

Libby Reeg, MCSA Conference Commissioner
Nick Zomer, MCSA Treasurer
December 15, 2022

Proposal VI

MAISA Proposal

ICSA Procedural Rules Changes

1. **EDIT** Foreward - What is the ICSA
In bullet two, change “six” to “**seven**” when referring to number of championship disciplines
2. **EDIT** Part III 12. Eligibility for Student Athletes
Change 12.d.i to read as follows:
A member of the class of 2021 or 2022 may compete as a full time graduate student or full time undergraduate student pursuing a second bachelor's degree or post-bachelor's certificate during the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 academic year; provided the student remains at the institution which conferred their first bachelor's degree. This does not affect or overrule restrictions in PR 12(c).
3. **EDIT** Part IV Section A - 18.c.ii - Course Duration
Singlehanded Courses 25 Minutes
4. **EDIT** Part IV Section C - Team Race Requirements 25.c
Switch the order so that “the number of races won when tied teams met” is 1) and “sail off” is 2).
5. **EDIT** Part IV Section C - Team Race Requirements 25.c.3 - Breaking Ties Change to read “Total points scored when the tied teams met, **including the results from races sailed if 25.c.1 is used;**”
6. **EDIT** Part IV Section C - Team Race Requirements 25.d.i
Change to read “A tie involves a qualifying place or a future regatta or round, 1,2,3,4;” 7. **ADD** to Part IV Section C - Team Race Requirements
25.g **Official Regatta** - An official team race regatta shall:
 - i) be published in the conference's regatta schedule
 - ii) consist of at least two colleges competing
 - iii) have at a minimum, one complete round robin of all schools in attendance racing each other one time
 - iv) 25.g.iii may be amended by sailing instructions only if published before the start of the the regatta
8. **ADD** Part VI Protests, Penalties and Appeals
31.d In all fleet race regattas in boats less than 19 feet of length, RRS Appendix V1 shall be used
9. **DELETE** Appendix B Rules for Windsurfing Regattas
10. **EDIT** Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules 7.4 Means of Propulsion, RRS 42 7.4.1 changed to read as follows:
A boat's crew may move their bodies to exaggerate the rolling that facilitates steering the boat through a tack or gybe (changes RRS 42.3(b))
11. **ADD** Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules 7.4 Means of Propulsion, RRS 42 7.4.3 is added:
RRS 42.2.d is deleted and RRS 42.3.d is replaced with:
A boat may scull provided that; it does not propel the boat forward, and the main is not backwinded while sculling

Justifications

1. Editing to meet the championships that we currently run
2. Editing to accurately reflect the changes approved at the ICSA Board Meeting on September 21, 2021
3. Adding in singlehanded course lengths to reflect how our singlehanded races are currently run
4. Spring 2022 team race season revealed a lot of flaws within our procedural rules that were always present but had not been exposed. The preponderance of single day regattas due to un-sailable conditions on one day left many events in a situation where only a single round robin could be completed leaving many teams tied. When teams are tied based on their win-loss record after a single round robin, the tie break needs to be the race that has already been sailed, ie, their head to head

record.

- a. Doing a sailoff, or multiple sail offs, takes valuable time that often makes the future round the school is trying to qualify for not possible to complete before the cutoff (happened at 2022 Graham Hall)
 - b. Additionally, forcing a sailoff after teams have already met once means that the sailoff race has more weight than the initial race in the round robin which should not be the case.
5. Edit to clarify the rules based on what standard practice is during stage 3 of a tie break a. 3 teams tied head to head after RR1, still tied after 3-way sail off, next tie break is total points, but the sail off races are also included in the total points
6. This change is tied to proposed change #4. Once we change the order of tie breaks so that head to head record is always first, you no longer need to the second scenario described in 25 d) i)
7. ICSA needs to standardize what it means to have a complete team race regatta, just like we do in fleet racing (3 races per division). One round robin as a minimum, with the flexibility to adjust that in the sailing instructions but only if the change is published before the regatta starts. That way you can't all of a sudden change what it means to have a complete regatta if the wind dies, but our 16-team events, Graham Hall & Marchiando, can still exist by doing "mini rounds" if necessary.
8. The first part of Appendix V allows for a single 360 penalty if a foul occurred in open water, but still a 720 if the foul occurred in the zone of a mark. The intent of this proposed change is to encourage more sailors to solve disputes on the water.
9. We don't windsurf in college, and if a school wants to host a regatta, they can use the standard RRS.
10. This change proposes removing the language that prevents a boat from over-flattening, or having their mast "move aggressively away from the vertical more than once".
 - a. This rule was designed to prevent a boat from "pre-rolling" in the turn up to the tack, but this is not fast, and often scoops water into the boat at the leeward, aft corner
 - b. If a boat turns up normally, rolls, flattens, and then their mast goes 5 degrees to windward, this is also not fast
 - c. This rule often penalizes large skippers who have a hard time not over-flattening because of their size
11. Boats often get flagged for sculling just barely below close hauled on the starting line, which breaks the current rule but does not provide an advantage, or for sculling into the second turn of a 720 penalty when they have had a bad first spin and are dead stopped. Boats do not need to be penalized with a 720 for these very minor instances. Instead, sculling should be allowed as long as you are not propelling the boat forward (which could damage universals or rudderheads) or backing the main at the same time (crabbing on the starting line)

Proposal V

NEISA additions to ICSA agenda for 2023 winter meeting

Submitted December 14, 2022

1) Proposal from NEISA: ICSA Single-handed championship shall have no more than 12 races scheduled in total; there shall be no more than 8 races completed in a day.

Rationale: At the New England Champs, player safety came into focus after an athlete suffered a scary incident and had to be rescued by motorboat and brought to the hospital for examination. Thankfully he was ok, but we had a lengthy discussion in NEISA about safe levels of physical exertion in our sport. We determined that because of the unique nature of ILCA sailing, it is unsafe to compete for more than 3 hours per day. There are no rotations for resting, no crew substitutions and the physical nature of the boat (even on downwinds) means that the risk of over-exertion/serious injury is a real threat. At the highest level of our sport, Olympic sailing in the ILCA would never exceed 3 hours (either in training or competition).

2) Proposal from NEISA: ICSA dinghy regattas shall have a maximum of 14 races scheduled.

Rationale: For two years, NEISA has adopted a 14 race maximum and nearly unanimously, we agree that this is a better experience for student athletes and coaches – especially considering the cumulative effect of sailing 8 weekends in a row in the fall. The first year of adoption had a split of opinion among coaches; after two years, most (if not all) of the coaches opposed to 14 races are now in support of it. The Schell Trophy this past fall was a shining example

3) Proposal from NEISA: All multi-day ICSA regattas shall have a 10 race per day maximum.

Rationale: This is about player safety and standardizing what constitutes a championship regatta. It's also about creating a fun, challenging and enjoyable experience for all – with reasonable limits.

4) All multi-day ICSA regattas shall have no warning signal after 6pm.

Rationale: This is about player safety and standardizing what constitutes a championship regatta. It's also about creating a fun, challenging and enjoyable experience for all – with reasonable limits.

5) Proposal from NEISA: Introduce legislation to create more concise “season” definitions, suggested as follows:

Traditional Fall season: August 20-November 30.

Non-Traditional Season: Dec 1-Jan 31

Traditional Spring season: Feb 1 to conclusion of final national championship. Total allowed CARA:

Allow 18 competition weekends as defined by the current ICSA procedural rules. In addition to these days of competition or practice (36 days maximum), permit 108 additional days to be used in the traditional Fall or Spring season. Teams may use 8 of the total 108 days during the non-traditional season.

Note: This concept does not change any of the currently existing ICSA rules regarding weekly, daily or hours.

Rationale: A NEISA Committee met 4 times over the Fall 2022 sailing season. Goal of the committee was to bring some sharper focus to issues around national parity in practice and competition time, student athlete time demands, season definitions, and other issues from the lens of DI and DIII varsity programs. Discussion was spirited with a wide range of viewpoints represented by the committee members.

Based on the discussion, there was no consensus on a specific proposal that would be politically viable at the ICSA level and would resolve these issues. However, following trends and legislation being presented by the NCAA DIII competition committee, this committee considered a proposal that would offer clarity and definition to how most programs currently operate.



Proposal VI

SEISA has shown over multiple seasons that it has the competitive strength to be worth of an AQ berth at all ICSA National Championships.

Currently the By-laws state:

1. REGULAR CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP entitles a member to full privileges, rights and obligations of membership, subject to these By-Laws.

As a Regular Conference Member, SEISA should not be prevented or prohibited from the same access to the National Championships that all other Regular Conference Members currently enjoy. We believe to not give SEISA the same privileges of Automatic Qualifying berth to ICSA National Championships that all other conferences currently enjoy is a violation of our By-Laws

Therefore, SEISA proposes that it be awarded the same Automatic Berth allocation as all other Regular Conference Members with immediate effect. This is to be reflected in an updated Championship Selection Criteria Guide for implementation starting in the Spring 2023 Season.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director Proposals

Proposal:

Direct the Championship and Competition Committee to review and revise Match Race Format for National Championships in regard to repechage and consolation matches.

Justification: The Match Race Nationals have only completed the entire format as it currently stands once in the last 6 years. Most MR Nationals run long and race officials have to change the format during the regatta to accommodate fitting the Championship race in on time. There is a general consensus among teams competing that they want to go straight to final races without repechage and consolation matches.

Proposal:

Direct Rules Committee to develop standards for PRO requirements at all major regattas in ICSA.

Justification: In attending multiple regattas this year and getting feedback from coaches at other regattas the standards used by PROs vary widely. It is important to have consistency for the sake of equal competitions and to remove unwanted “precedents” being set – a PRO at one regatta runs it differently and teams attend another race stating “this is not how it was done at X regatta”. This causes confusion and consternation at National Championships.

Proposal:

Direct TIDE Committee to review language for Match Race Team Makeup to ensure it is fully inclusive.

Justification: At 2022 Match Race Nationals, officials were not sure if a team full of women was allowable, based on our current language. This should also be reviewed to align with US Sailing standards.

Proposal:

Request board votes to remove the Singlehanded National Championship Host Rotation and replace it with an Open Bid process starting Spring 2023.

Justification: The fall weather is unpredictable in certain regions of the country and can be detrimental to the sailors. To protect our athletes and to ensure safe sailing conditions, an open bid gives all climates the opportunity to host in potentially more sailor-friendly weather.

Proposal: (This is a placeholder in case it is not address in the new Race Conditions) Clarify language regarding the ICSA protocol for scratches/alternates at National Championships