Techscore Update-ICSA Winter Meeting, January 2016

Overall techscore is functioning well. With the exception of match racing, techscore can score all ICSA regattas and continues to become the "face" of ICSA as well as providing critical sport management features. Greg Wilkinson and Danielle Richards continue to be very active and helpful in catching errors, providing feedback, and critical guidance. Mitch Brindley also monitors work and provides guidance as needed. Developer Dayan Paez is relocating to Cambridge, MA in the Spring and his wife is expecting in April but Dayan plans to remain involved in Techscore. However, this is a key time to tackle projects.

Fall recap:

ICSA database: Dayan is working on integrating the ICSA database to techscore. This will clean up the issues related to the old system that Dave Dabney administrates.

Sailors profiles: Now active are sailor profiles showing current and past seasons of results.

Other work includes: Improved admin search functions, refined email notifications to scorers and coaches, changed appearance of the first race to alleviate a common "first race" scoring issue, rotations now "grey out" races that have been scored.

Current/Future Priorities:

Continued work on ICSA database integrations, many issues here. Goal is to be ready for start of Fall 2016

Improving robust capabilities of the server, need to avoid possible failures at peak usage times (Nationals) with increased functions and enhancements.

Pending completion of above 2 items: Integrate scheduling functions for ICSA regattas allow conference schedulers to upload teams entered in each event, improving overall functionality and aesthetics, hopeful improvements include cleaning up the dropdown menu for RP entry, integrating social media to hosting functions and creating a system to allow users to be notified when new scores are entered (might be through a pre-existing social media service rather than creating unique techscore system.)

Current procedural rules allow sailors from other teams to be used in non-championship events in emergency situations. Board may consider limiting this to conference events only. Techscore will need to allow this but the Board may want to limit the scope of this.

Financials:

See Treasurers report for financial information related to Techscore including expenses and sponsorships.

Reminders:

At the Board's request, the incomplete RP information penalty will now be automatically assessed after the regatta.

There is now a reserves section on the RP form to allow regatta tracking for the All Academic Committee. Schools are encouraged to use this feature for reserves at every event. A sailor is automatically removed from the reserve list if they race.

Match racing continues to be an event that techscore does not score but could if the Board decides to invest in that functionality. The approximate quote for this would be

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Respectfully submitted, Matt Lindblad