

The Interconference Committee met several times throughout the fall. This committee has been reactivated into a regular working committee, which has had several important benefits.

Improved Communication

Firstly, we have consistently improved communication among and throughout the conference schedulers and conference leadership. This helps teams get to regattas that match their competitive level, and helps us share info and avoid mistakes.

Identifying Weaknesses in the Schedule

Secondly, through the regatta ranking process for the CSR, and through discussion as a committee, we have been able to identify weak spots in the national schedule and how we will rectify them.

- We have had much success with our emerging regional and cross regional schedule.
- We are aware that we need more women's regional events.
- We are going to assess the need and demand for women's team races after this spring and then work to create more capacity where it is needed.

Clarifying the Scheduling Rules and Processes

Danielle worked hard to clarify the Scheduling Rules and Processes, and they should now be available on the ICSA Schedule on an easily referenced tab. We will continue to try to clarify these for the membership as we proceed, and we have completed the "Interconference Scheduling Guidelines" as a one-pager to help clarify these steps and standards for teams.

Scheduling Timelines Moving Forward

As part of the process defined above, we have tightened up and clarified the scheduling timelines. The deadline for schedule changes and the timelines under which each conference should complete their scheduling process and submit their schedule requests to Danielle is detailed in that document. While these may require a small adjustment, they will ultimately provide a more clear, consistent, and reliable scheduling procedure for the bulk of the ICSA.

Clarification on Fundamental, Regional, and Two-Conference Regattas

We were notified of an unintended consequence of the regional/fundamental classification system. We have added a policy and procedure for Fundamental teams to attend out of region Fundamental and Regional regattas, outlined as bulletpoint #9 in the Interconference Guidelines sheet.

We will continue to meet as a committee 2-3 times per season, and we are happy to field any thoughts or questions as we continue to ensure our schedule serves each level of the ICSA at their level of need.

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