

Competition Committee Report for Annual Meeting

REPORT:

The Competition Committee work this spring has primarily been focused around the selection process, potential amendments to the ICSA Nationals Conditions, and working with the spring nationals host to approve the regatta management plan.

Currently the selection process is underway, with team race selection occurring this week. We have encountered a significant amount of selector turnover this fall and spring. We had significant turnover due to a number of selector terms expiring this fall and scheduling turnover this spring. We have attempted to stagger the 3-year term exits for the current selectors but it is often thrown into disarray when selectors need to be replaced for other reasons. It is imperative in future years that as soon as the conference schedules are finalized to announce the selection meeting dates and announcement dates so that the selectors can plan around them.

In the bidding process for nationals it is essential to require demonstrated school approval attached with the bid. We are urgently seeking a bid and host for the 2025 Singlehanded Nationals. We are also seeking SAISA bids for the 2026 Spring Nationals and Open bids for the 2026 Fall Match Racing and Singlehanded Championships.

MIT and Harvard have done an incredible job assembling a strong regatta management, judge, and umpire team for the 2024 Spring Nationals. The Competition Committee has been working with MIT and Harvard to approve these officials.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD FOR VOTE THIS MEETING

- Change the PR's to indicate that all scores carry forward for team racing.
 - We need to have a formalized Rule Review Process each quad. (Rules and Competition)
 - Need to have ready for the next quad
- ICSA Nationals Conditions Amendments
 - Delete: 8.4. "PR 20 (BREAKDOWNS) shall apply to equipment, supplied by the host or OA, but does not include personal equipment."
 - Alter the Open TR Nationals Window to expand to the current reality
 - We leave it to the board to determine if it's "Week 13 ... etc" or Specific Dates
 - Add: Nationals NOR's need to be published by their respective nationals selection announcement date. (Preferably to be included with the selection announcement)

- Add: the Nationals NOR needs to specify the report and end times by the host.
 - Change the Nationals Conditions to allow a former selector who served their full 3-year term or the ICSA Exec director to be the parliamentarian.
- PR 6 Amendments: Co-Proposal with Scheduling (Need to have final wording posted by June 1st so this can take effect this fall)
 - Fundamental: Conference Discretion
 - Regional: One 2nd team allowed at Fleet Race events ONLY
 - Cross-Regional: No second teams allowed
 - ACC's series and ACT: No second teams are permitted except the ACT host.

RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ASSIGNMENT TO THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE FOR THE WINTER MEETING

- ICSA Nationals Conditions Amendments:
 - Regattas without umpires (as defined by the PRs) should not be used for selection.
 - AQ Requirements
 - Need to ensure each conference is competing and investing in each discipline
 - Need to address each discipline independently
 - Conference Championships Format Requirements and Contingency Plans
 - Lock Vote Threshold increased from 60% (3 out of 5) to 80% (4 out of 5) for Team Racing.
 - Lock Votes are to be solicited before OR after the Conference Championships.
 - The original purpose before CC lock votes was to control the emphasis on the conference championships
 - MR Format Review
- PR 6 exploration to determine if 2nd teams should be allowed at Regional Team Races
 - Review of which team races are regional and cross-regional (Wood and Thompson)
- Judges and Umpires are required to put protest and/or redress on the techscore regatta noticeboard.
 - This is not only for coach and competitor transparency but for selector review.
- Expanded Women's TR Nationals to 14 or 16
- ICSA Judges and Umpires Committee

QUESTIONS FOR BOARD

- What is the status of the 2025 TR nationals?

POTENTIAL ITEMS TO BE EXPLORED IN THE FUTURE:

- Uniform ICSA Rules for Cross-Regional Regattas
 - What PR should hosts be allowed to alter at Cross-Regional events (ie race limit, start end times)
 - Should we look at the ACC Series specifically?
- Wanted to write something to prevent coaches from acting as PRO or regatta management on signal or finish boat
 - Should not allow PRO to be coach
 - Any conflict of interest can make sport look illegitimate
 - Need to pay the umpires, PRO, and even mark boats
 - Should we create ICSA seminar or certification before they umpire nationals?
- Should we have a % cap to have # of teams to come from one conference
- TEAM RACE CONFERENCE EQUITY
 - ICSA TRL for more head-to-heads
 - Team race nationals semifinals: AQ's remain for conferences
 - Should we consider swiss league
- Exploration of Mixed Gender Requirements for the future of the ICSA.
 - Talk to TIDE

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Respectfully submitted,

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