



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2025 Winter Meeting

0800 MST, Saturday January 11, 2025

NewPark Resort, Wasatch Room, Park City, Utah/ZOOM

1456 Newpark Blvd, Park City UT 84098

MINUTES

I. Call to Order - Undergraduate President Sophia Herrada from the University of Texas called the meeting to order at 0806 local time. She then turned the meeting over to ICSA President Greg Wilkinson.

II. Roll Call - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 15 members of the board listed below were present, and a quorum was established. Numerous other interested parties were also present at various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the Board for the records.

President:	Greg Wilkinson (in person)
Vice President:	Sophia Herrada (proxy)
Secretary:	Danielle Richards(in person)
Treasurer:	Tucker Blagden (zoom)
MAISA Graduate:	Dan Thompson (zoom)
MAISA Undergraduate	Tyler Brown (zoom)
MCSA Graduate:	Caroline Bielski (zoom)
MCSA Undergraduate:	Ivan Shilov (zoom)
NEISA Graduate:	David Thompson (Proxy)
NEISA Undergraduate:	Harrison Strom (zoom)
PCCSC Graduate:	Brad Schaupter/Chris Kelvan(Proxy)(zoom/in person)
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Sadie Hoberman (zoom)
SAISA Graduate:	Dana Magliola (in person)
SAISA Undergraduate:	Benjamin Usher (in person)
SEISA Graduate:	Charles Higgins (in person)
SEISA Undergraduate:	Dennis Kostjuhin (proxy) (zoom)

Ali Blumenthal, Amanda Callahan, Annika Ekholm, Brad Schaupter, Declan McGranahan, Diana Weidenbacker, Dillon Paiva, Dreugh Phillips, Frank Pizzo, Geoff Pedrick, Ian Burman, Joakim Karlsen, John Mollicone, Katherine Jones "KJ", Lisa Downey, Makalynne Dyer, Mike Callahan, Miles Bailey, Molly Matthews, Nick Johnstone, Nick Sessions, Rebecca McElvain, Rick Dominique, Scott Corder, Scott Ikle, Zach Runci

III. Additions to the Agenda – Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda. None were presented

IV. Review & Approval of the May, 2024 Minutes – Danielle Richards presented the meeting minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting. It was M/S/C to dispense with reading the minutes and accept them as given.

- V. **President's Report** - Greg Wilkinson reported that they had a very successful Coaches Conference this past week and met with Olympic program staff. They will be working with us more this spring, specifically with the conditioning coaches and working with coaches on athlete body image and disordered eating. We will also be working more closely with the coaching staff about scheduling camps around academic break times and working with the athlete's school schedules. They have asked if our rule 42 differences have helped or hurt their cause. Our coaches feel that it has created a sailor with better boat handling skills.

There was also a discussion during the week about competitor sportsmanship, specifically in relation to reporting on the water incidents, taking alternative penalties, and following through on land if necessary. It is perceived that this process is at an all time low. We will spend more time on this during the Procedural Rules Committee report.

The action items we came away with were specifically the rules changes that we will see later and a letter from the ICSA President to all teams after this meeting explaining the expectation of rules enforcement by competitors.

The Zim contract has been extended and expanded. There is a financial component that relates to the percentage we receive from institutional purchases. The second component is that they will provide 36 charter boats for the singlehanded championships. We are trying to work with Gill but their demands in relation to their support is not equivalent to our other sponsorship agreements.

Reed, our Executive Director, resigned in November. Since then Greg has asked Tucker to do an analysis of our finances to make sure we are still in a position to have an Executive Director at the rate that we were paying Reed. Good news is we are so now the Board and/or Executive Committee can go ahead with hiring a new Executive Director. Last summer we came up with a management plan with the help of Joanne Brislin that will be implemented with the new ED. There will also be a requirement to be present at our National Championship.

Adam Werblow asked if there was a travel stipend to have that person regularly traveling to ICSA events during the season, and will there be some requirement for the ED to reside in a specific region of the country. Greg said yes there is a travel budget but having them reside on the east coast would make the travel budget go much further.

Caroline Bielsk asked if there was a high level document outlining the timeline and process that will be followed in recruiting and hiring a new ED. IS there a search committee, when are the meetings, etc. She also asked what the meetings Greg was referring to that are not posted. Greg clarified that there haven't been actual meetings but he asked each committee chair to explain what Reed did with their committee and what they would like the ED to do in the future. She asked if the Board of Directors or Executive will be consulted before the Job Description is posted. Greg clarified that the Executive Committee will be managing the process.

Scott Corder suggested that contacting the former ED search committee, specifically Blaine, would be beneficial. Greg indicated that he would be talking to Blaine.

Adam Werblow asked if we felt having an insider versus an outsider would be more beneficial.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Tucker Blagden presented the Treasurer's report with the draft financials. He went over the 2024 actuals with the 2024 budget. We have a net operating loss of a little over \$6,000 but our rainy day fund managed by Wells Fargo gained \$19,000 so we are still ok but should consider looking at dues again soon. SEISA still owes ICSA a little over \$18,000. Tucker asked for assistance in collecting those expenses. Caroline asked what the Conference expenses were. Tucker will look it up in actuals and respond in the chat.

Looking ahead to 2025 he kept things relatively flat relative to 2024. The sponsorships are still a moving target. He budgeted \$4000 for professional development. In 2024 that was for A long Talk, we may want to look at something related to strength & conditioning training in 2025. We do have a small net income budgeted for 2025 but that may go away as we write off old expenses.

Greg noted that we will not be approving this budget until the end of the meeting. We do need to look at doing another dues and/or nationals entry fee increase. The expenses have increased without the revenue increasing to match.

A discussion ensued regarding how to increase revenue and its impacts on teams. Greg will activate the finance committee to assist Tucker on how to increase revenue and collect outstanding invoices.

VII. Secretary's Report - Danielle Richards noted that Annual Reports are due February 15. She is still cording with Reed on a time to collect ICSA Records.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

- A. All-Academic Sailing Team** - Jeff Bresnehan is traveling so Greg presented on his behalf. The committee is prepared to do a more timely announcement of the all academic team. Coaches and/or admins will be asked to project a list of all academic sailors mid season so the committee has something to work with. He suggests a GPA change from 3.3 to 3.4. This will not be voted on until the Annual Meeting but he is asking for input now.
- B. All-America Selection Committee** - Bill Healy introduced his committee for the year and thanked the outgoing members. The time commitment is over 20 hours of zoom meetings ahead of nationals and 5-6 hours during nationals. That does not include the time spent developing and maintaining the spreadsheet of sailors. A discussion ensued regarding the printing and distribution of All American certificates.
- C. Communications and Website** - Cori Radtke submitted a report that Danielle distributed to the members present and projected to the screen in the room. Greg highlighted that the committee has a process for deciding what posts to make so individuals need to get their information to the committee early. They also have a need for more committee members. He asked the Conference Commissioners to assist in filling the committee slots.
- D. Competition Committee** - Charles Higginssummarized the [report](#) posted with the meeting documents.

1. For the Fall 2025 singlehanded championships we received bids from American YC for 2025 or 2026 and Old Dominion University for 2025. **It was M/S/C to approve Old Dominion University for Fall 2025.**
2. For the Fall 2025 Match Race Championship we have a bid from St. Pete/USF in J70's off the pier. **It was M/S/C to approve St. Pete/USF for the event.**
3. For the Fall 2026 Singlehanded Championship we have a bid from American YC. **It was M/S/C to approve American YC for the event.** Greg noted that it is important that Fordham be very involved early on to explain how ICSA runs events and maintain a strong relationship.
4. For the Fall 2026 Match Race Championship we have a bid from Balboa YC with USC to be held in Governors Cup 22's. Greg noted that their bid approval needs to be contingent on their acceptance of our entry fee and schedule of dates. **It was M/S/C to approve Balboa YC with those contingencies.**

There was then a discussion on Team Race Selection criteria(1:44). Charles read the proposal as presented by the committee. KP asked about having umpires who may have left college or be college aged but are not affiliated with a team be allowed at events. Caroline stated that MCSA had asked what makes an umpire good enough and are there enough of them available to cover those events. She also asked if ICSA will be involved in scheduling umpires. Charles stated that most of the events that the committee is already looking at currently meet the requirements. As for training he hopes that ICSA will work with US Sailing to improve the umpire training. Dan T. asked what the process is if an event is scheduled to be fully umpired and then on the day event is not fully umpired, how does that affect those teams. Same if a race is not fully umpired, what happens to that race. Greg asked if in their definition of fully umpired are current hosts meeting that definition and could they ask those hosts if they think they are meeting that definition.

2026 Spring Nationals bids are now overdue. We currently have no bids but we have had some rumors of a USF bid for fleet racing. Greg asks that we have a commitment for a bid by the end of this meeting. SAISA asks if they could swap the team race rotation with MAISA so MAISA has 2026 and SAISA has 2027. Charles noted that we are supposed to be in SAISA this year and they had to pull their bid so we don't have a lot of confidence in a future bid. **Greg announces that we are opening up to bid with preference to SAISA. The bid deadline will be March 1, 2025.** John Mollicone asked if since the nationals are now split if it is time to completely disconnect them so one conference hosts Team Racing and another hosts Fleet Racing.

The committee has been working with the US Match Racing Committee to make sure our format is still relevant with the state of Match Racing in the US.

Exploring ways to expand the Women's Team Racing Championship to more teams. Mike Kalin asked this last year but the timing was bad. It was originally set at 12 teams because it was a developing championship. There just aren't that many teams competing in regular season events. That's changed, is it now time to expand the championship. Danielle reported that 37 teams participated in a women's team race in 2024. Amanda noted that to expand to 16 teams out of 37 teams is nearly 50% and doesn't seem appropriate for a national championship. Justin stated that he doesn't think team development should be tied to nationals development. He also added that the trend in college athletics is to allow more of the participants into the postseason.

Ian asked that ICSA help standardize a team race regatta in regards to the number of teams and races.

2025 Spring Nationals update provided by Adam, St. Mary's submitted a request for approval of PRO's and jury in September and has not received a response from the ICSA. They need that information as soon as possible so they can invite those individuals not only to the nationals but to their spring events. He noted that hotels will be more difficult as they are normally filled by government contractors during the week.

2025 Team Race Nationals - Brown is excited to host. Working on umpires now. The yacht club is excited to co host and will open up the lower levels of the club to parents and spectators. New FJ's will be arriving this spring. Chris Love Productions will be providing live streaming.

- E. **Interconference Regattas** - Declan McGranahan (02:39) gave an overview of his previously distributed report. The report outlines the procedures that the committee follows. At the Annual Meeting they will be asking the Board to codify those procedures.

His committee has two proposals for the Board to review/approve. The first relates to PR6 which requires that a second team at a regatta be an all women's team. Currently he has been enforcing this at the letter of the rule. His committee would like input from the Board on eliminating second teams of any makeup at Cross Regional regattas, and at Regional Regattas a second team of any makeup would be allowed. The group was in favor of the concept and it will be formalized for the Annual Meeting.

The second proposal regards the allocation at berths on a given weekend. Every Conference needs to have a berth to a team race event on a given weekend. When there are multiple regattas in a weekend this is easy to distribute, when there is only one regatta it makes it hard on the host school. Greg suggested that the rule not apply when there is only one event and Charles suggested that the other berths become invite berths so they can be better allocated.

Declan had a question about late drops. Greg said he needed the list and would take action on them at this meeting.

Greg asked for clarification regarding their SOP's. He wanted to know if it was a prior document that is being updated, or if it changes anything that is a rule. Declan and Dan explained that it outlines how they currently work and it is a collection of rules and other items that have been approved in the past.

- F. **Procedural Rules** - Dillion Paiva presented on behalf of the committee. He outlined the previously submitted report. Currently they are working on updating the PR's to include changes made to the RRS. The report has four sections. Section 1 and 2 includes rule cleanups.

It was M/S/C to update the rule number changes (section 1).

It was M/S/C to update Rule 4 to include PR 18e and 20.

It was M/S/C to modify rule 13c to allow changing of clothing.

It was M/S/C to approve PR27 to be changed to read as follows: "Once the selected colleges for an ICSA National Championship are announced, members of the colleges

that have qualified for that Championship shall sail neither at the site or in the boats to be used in the Championship until the first day of competition for that championship.”

Section 4 of the report includes items that the committee needs Board input on. Currently Rule 4 allows a lot of changes that would alter how a regatta functions. Instead of waiting for this to be a problem the committee would like an ad hoc committee to decide what can be changed. Greg will come up with a working group.

In the new rules RRS D2.2(b) now states: “An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule, is not exonerated, and did not take the appropriate penalty.” This means that boats can now do a “safety spin” and still protest. This rule was written into the 2024 Hinman SIs, Chief umpire said his team utilized this rule a lot, and liked being able to penalize the “correct” boat. Is this what ICSA wants? Adam commented that this a fundamental change to how ICSA operates. Considerable discussion ensued.

Dillion then reported that Doc Sullivan suggested creating a damage chart for ICSA Team Racing. There was no opposition to this idea. The committee will work on developing a chart for approval at the Annual Meeting.

PR 26 Excluding a school from an event after damage, right now there is no guideline for how this is addressed. There was no feedback from the room. Greg directed them to develop a guideline.

PR 29c & Appendix E- Race committee / Judge protesting a competitor, the committee is recommending changing the word “may” to shall. This allows the sailor(s) to take a penalty in the moment. The room was in favor of this change.

US Sailing Appeal 127- Rule 41 Outside Assistance and defining “danger”. The committee recommends adding a procedural rule to “revert” rule 41 back to the 2017-2020 set of rules. This allows a boat to receive assistance for safety reasons, continue racing and be scored, BUT if a competitor feels like the boat gained an advantage they can be protested and disqualified for breaking rule 41. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the safety aspect of it. Dillion felt there is not enough desire to change this so the committee will leave it as is for now.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:50 and reconvened at 12:48 with all members previously accounted for present.

IX. Conference reports

- A. MAISA** - Dan Thompson reports that things are going well, historic teams are still active and some new teams have come back following Covid.
- B. MCSA** - Caroline Bielski everything is going well. They overhauled their Match Race Championship and are training umpires in their conference.
- C. NEISA** - David Thompson exploring training, education and payment of umpires. Playing with some new regatta formats.
- D. PCCSC** - Sadie Hoberman reports the conference is strong with 26 teams.

- E. **SAISA** - Dana reports new programs and a growth in the number of coaches. 26 regattas this spring. USF has submitted a bid for Fleet Race Nationals 2026. Named a new conference CHUMP.
- F. **SEISA** - Competitive level is rising, Texas A&M Corpus Christi raised to Cross-Regional level with a full-time coach and fleet of boats.

X. Old Business

- A. Olympic Pathways, Greg has made tremendous project in this area and has had some very successful discussions with US Sailing and the Olympic Program.
- B. Ad-hoc committee to look at the geographic competitive imbalance and conference realignment. Greg will appoint this committee today.

XI. New Business

- A. **Allow for Exoneration for fouls at the zone of the Windward Mark to be done after exiting the zone of the offset mark. Wording to be worked on by Rules Committee. To be in effect for Fall 2025.** David Thompson provided background on this issue. There was concern that this would allow for an advantage even with the penalty spin and alternatively that requiring the turn before the weather mark was an unfair penalty. **It was M/S/C to allow for this change and to direct the Procedural Rules Committee to write the rule.**
- B. Limit ICSA Interconference regattas to 14 races per division. To be in effect for Fall 2025. David Thompson indicated that the current format of 18 races was based off of the standardized fleet size and very few events are meeting that 18 race goal. Instead, 14 is a more reasonable goal and allows for higher quality races. It also protects our student-athletes. It was noted that if we pass this at the conference level than it should also happen at the nationals level. **David moved that 14 races is the max # of races as defined in PR Part 2 for Nationals and Interconference (regional & cross regional) fleet races. It was M/S/C to allow for this change and to direct the Procedural Rules Committee to write the rule.**
- C. Raise the ICSA Wind Minimum to 4kts in PR 18 (g). To be in effect for Fall 2025. David Thompson explained that since we have had the 3 knot rule it has become apparent that our minimum should really be 4kts to create better competition. Four knots has become the international standard, as anything below becomes a kinetics race. **David moved to have the rules committee change the wind minimum rule to 4knots. It was M/S/C to allow for this change and to direct the Procedural Rules Committee to write the rule.**
- D. Add Jib Pumping language to Umpire Guidelines in PRs. See wording below with wording to be reviewed and updated by ICSA rules committee. To be in effect for Fall 2025. David Thompson shared the previously submitted document suggesting a more clarified language for the Rule 42 guidelines. After minimal discussion **Greg announced he would direct the Procedural Rules Committee to work on this for approval at the Annual Meeting.**
- E. Short discussion on changing ICSA Procedural Rules to adopt Appendix V1. Which states: "The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However,

when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.” Greg opened up the floor for a short discussion. Dillion Paiva and Dave Thompson indicated that they both felt that penalties at starting marks should have a 720 penalty.

- F. To make ACC's an ICSA-sanctioned series due to the heavy weight it has on the Open Fleet Race Nationals Selection Process. Dana explained that SAISA would like clarification as to how the ACC's is run from host selection site decisions to berth allocations. SAISA feels that due to the weight it has on national selections it should be run by the Competition Committee and possibly be put out to bid. **Dana motioned to make ACC's an ICSA-sanctioned series due to the heavy weight it has on the Open Fleet Race Nationals Selection Process. The motion was seconded and failed.**
 - G. As it currently stands, CSR considers solely a team's top regatta results, yet the Nationals Selection Committee considers a team's entire resume. We believe the ICSA should consider flipping those criteria, so that CSR, a rating of an entire team's strength, considers the depth of a team by considering all its events, and so that the NSC, which is solely concerned with selection for a regatta that will only be sailed by a team's top sailors, will only consider the achievements of a team's top sailors. Rick Dominique summarised the presentation on behalf of KP. Afterwards, Greg explained that the CSR is to narrow down the list of schools and acknowledges that there needs to be more transparency and education about the process but the CSR and the NSC are not supposed to be equal or the same. There was discussion as to how the different processes work and if either should change.
 - H. Regional Team Championship - Diana Weidenbacker from UNH announced that the 2025 event will be held on Weekend 12 at Chicago YC. She asked that all conferences post and share the event information. She asks that the conferences select their teams prior to March 1 so teams can start planning and fundraising. She then passed the floor to Caroline to explain regatta logistics. It is currently scheduled to be a Sat/Sun event but due to the Easter holiday, they are exploring moving it to Fri/Sat. They are working on housing, and possibly having loaner Dry suits.
 - I. Discussion of offshore sailing with the specific goal of discussing and voting on the formal organization and sanctioning of an offshore sailing division by the ICSA. Laura Biegel clarified that the primary goal today is to educate on the current state of offshore sailing. She summarized the current schools hosting events, that have access to boats and/or are participating in events. Discussion ensued as to why the events have not been supported in the past and what can be done to get them in the fold. Greg will appoint an Ad Hoc Offshore Committee to handle the offshore events.
 - J. BUSA Tour- Charles explained that this coming fall we are scheduled to host the BUSA team. He will be working
- XII. Appointment of Committees - Greg appointed Rebecca Mcelavin, Mitch Brindley, Charles Higgins and Joachim Karlsen to the nominating committee. Dillion Paiva will work with the conference commissioners on PR 4. The conference realignment committee will be Jocelyn Rovniak, Chris Klevan,**

Andy Johnson, Peter Fanta, Ali Blumenthal, Allison Jolly, a MCSA representative to be named and Mike Callahan.

XIII. No Show Penalties - USF ACC round 1 waived, CalPoly @ Charleston waived, McGill at KP penalty will apply, USF @ Hurst waived, St. Thomas @ SUNY Fall TBD, Clemson TBD. Princeton @ Capt. Hurst Waived

XIV. Schedule the next meeting—The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2025. The meeting details are as follows; this serves as the official notice per the By-Laws.

Monday, May 19, 2025

St. Mary's College of Maryland/ZOOM

Agenda Item's Due April 18, 2025

Written Reports & Proposals Due May 3rd, 2025

XV. Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 1503 local time.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary