

The call began at 8:30PM

PRESENT: Mike Callahan, Conf Comm; Dan Thompson, North Dir; Maxwell Plarr; South Dir; Michael Campbell, Dir-at-Large, Della Bradt, Undergraduate Pres.; Arielle Morgan, North Rep; Derill Hagood, South Rep.

OTHERS: Dan Winters, scheduler; Scott Ikle, HWS; Joe Sullivan, FRD; Matt Newborn, VU; Skip Kovacs, SJC,; Mitch Brindley; ODU, Reed Johnson, FRD.

Additions to Agenda

1. Approval for reimbursement for gas, tolls, and 1 night in a motel for Ann Campbell to take 10 years of MAISA Records to Mystic, CT.
2. Dates for Fall 2012 Conference Calls
3. Roster Limits Proposal from Scott Ikle

Agenda

1. Future of MAISA/SAISA Regatta
Commissioner Callahan brought up the fact that there were no SAISA teams at this years MAISA/SAISA regatta at Hampton and that MAISA needed to look at ways to improve this event. It was noted that since the ICSA Semi-Finals will be held at Hampton next year there should be enough interest in the regatta for 2013. The group discussed ideas to improve the regatta for 2014. It was suggested that the regatta can either move weekends since it is currently held opposite two team race interconference regattas we well as a Fleet Race Intersectional. With 18 boats coming to Hampton next year the possibility was raised about making the regatta a team race intersectional or conference only team race. No decision was made on whether to change the format for dates for 2014.
2. 2 on 2 vs. 3 on 3 Team Racing
During the previous conference call many coaches brought up the fact that there are very few team races for MAISA teams ranked 8-50 to attend in the spring season. For many teams the Team Race Challenge is the only 3 on 3 team race regatta they attend. Commissioner Callahan reported that during an informal meeting at the America Trophy teams in attendance expressed a strong desire to create more 3 on 3 regattas in the spring. Commissioner

Callahan appointed a committee to develop more 3 on 3 regattas in the Spring Season between weekends 4 and weekend 8 with the goals of 1. Creating more opportunity for MAISA teams ranked outside the top 8 to compete in 3 on 3 team racing and 2. to create opportunities for the 2nd and 3rd teams from the Top 8 schools to compete in MAISA team races. The Committee is composed of Scott Ikle, HWS; Bill Ward, SMC; Maxwell Plarr, CNU; Matt Newborn, VU; Derrill Hagood, WM.

3. Spring Qualifiers - reports and future format

Participants in the Spring Qualifiers were asked to report to the Executive Committee on the quality of the spring qualifiers. Concern was raised about the fact that the 9 team format in the Central did not prepare teams for the competition at the 18 boat America Trophy. Concern was also raised about the quality of the races at the Central Regatta. In the North there were extra boats on the dock that weren't needed because only 14 teams had signed up. Considerable discussion ensued about how MAISA could improve its Spring Qualifiers. Commissioner Callahan made a motion that starting in Spring 2013 MAISA will have the following qualification procedure for the America Trophy. 1. Teams finished 1 – 8 in the previous War Memorial will receive a berth to the America Trophy. 2. MAISA will have a North and South Qualifier at 18 boat venues. The top five finishers at the North and South Qualifier will receive a berth to the America Trophy. If there are berths open at either the North or South Qualifier teams 1-8 from the War may fill those berths provided that they do not take a spot away from a team who is trying to qualify for the America Trophy. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. No shows and mentoring over the summer

Commissioner Callahan reminded the Executive Committee about the new mentoring program that was introduced at the 2012 MAISA Annual Meeting. Callahan directed the area reps to contact teams who had no shows this semester to offer their help in planning the fall 2012 season. Teams needing scheduling advice are encouraged to contact their area reps before leaving school for the summer.

5. Proposal for Spring 2014 Semi Finals

Commissioner Callahan reminded those on the call that any proposals for the Spring 2014 Semi-Finals need to be submitted by April 27, 2012.

Additions to the Agenda

1. Expenses were approved for Ann Campbell to bring 10 years of MAISA records to Mystic, CT.
2. Fall Conference Call dates were set for Tuesday September 18 @ 8:30PM, Tuesday October 16 @ 8:30PM and Tuesday November 13 @ 8:30PM.
3. Scott Ikle introduced a proposal for a limit on the number of sailors teams can bring to a regatta. Considerable discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the proposal. Commissioner Callahan made a motion to have MAISA bring Scott's proposal to the ICSA Spring Meeting to have the entire ICSA discuss the idea. The motion was seconded and approved. The proposal from Scott is as follows:

I propose that we limit the roster of teams at regattas to the following:

- Six athletes at two division Dinghy Intersectionals.
- Seven athletes at Conference Championships and ICSA Championships-Semis, ACC's and Nationals.
- Nine athletes at all Team Race Regattas.
- No substitutions for singlehanded divisions.

A teams roster would have to be declared on Friday by noon. (The ICSA may want to consider a ten day or one week declarations for events that teams must fly to.)

- It would address cost containment for teams- cost are escalating at a spiraling rate for all programs.
- It would naturally move the "starting" combined skipper/ crew weight higher without debating a weight limit.
- It would create "equitable substitution" for both In-conference and out-of-conference teams- i.e. it would prevent the van full of specialty crews that cover the range of conditions from extra light to super heavy competing against those traveling great distances by airplane who are limited by costs. It would also prevent the Saturday Night "switch out" because there was a dramatic change in conditions (only available to local teams).

It would promote the use of TechScore.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.