

MAISA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL - NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The call began at 8:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Callahan, Conf Comm; Bill Ward, Grad Dir; Scott Iklé, North Dir; Brian Clancy, North Dir; John Griffin, South Dir; Ian Burman, South Dir; Will Schwenger, North Rep; Isaac Clark, South Rep; Michael Campbell, Dir-at-Large.
Proxy for Skye Kussmann, South Rep, held by Ian Connors.

OTHERS: Dan Winters, scheduler; Reed Johnson & Joe Sullivan, FRD; Matt Newborn, VIL; Maxwell Plarr, CNU; Adam Werblow, SMC; Michael Collins, KP; Skip Kovacs, SJC; Will Brown; COL; Mitch Brindley, Charles Higgins & Jordan Stock, ODU; John Curtis, Queen's graduate.

Additions to Agenda

1. Bucknell request to join MAISA.
2. Request by an ODU student to ask ICSA about amending the rule which does not permit graduates to sail intercollegiately.

Treasurer's Report: 2 teams still have not paid their Fall bills—American University and U/Ottawa. These teams may not sail until the bills are paid.

The additions to the agenda were handled first.

1. Bucknell has some paperwork to take care of prior to the Executive Committee being able to recommend that they be permitted to joining the conference.
 - a. A letter of application (on college letterhead) to the MAISA Executive Committee with information about the college and its interest in forming a sailing club/team--to be signed by advisor (and undergraduate officers, if they are in place). This should include how many students are interested, their experience, and how the team would be funded. This is to be sent for receipt at least 90 days prior to the MAISA Annual Meeting.
 - b. A letter on official letterhead from an authorized person at the university who can attest to the fact that a sailing club is recognized by the institution and students are authorized to represent it in intercollegiate competition.
2. A student from Old Dominion will be graduating in the Spring and wishes to continue to sail in intercollegiate regattas. According to ICSA Procedural Rule 12c(i) this is not permitted. It was compared to NCAA rulings regarding participation in sports after graduation. There was discussion both in favor and against the policy being changed.
The question will be sent to the ICSA Eligibility Committee with a request that it be included on the agenda for the winter meeting at Park City.

There was a presentation by John Curtis, Queen's University graduate.

John developed a fund raiser using a movie about sailing. Tickets were sold and funds used for sailing team activities. He will send further information to Mike Callahan for distribution to and review by the Executive Committee.

"Please have a look at the film trailer for the sailing film *Racing Around the World Alone*. <http://www.racingaroundtheworldalone.com/>

The Producers of the Film have offered MAISA and MAISA schools a unique opportunity to earn money by showing this film at your schools."

OLD BUSINESS

1. Policies PASSED for MAISA Spring Conference Championships tabled from last meeting:
America Trophy

If an official regatta (PR 24 a) does not exist by the end of protest filing period on Saturday then the following changes to the Sailing Instructions will take place

1. Report time for Sunday shall be moved to 8:30 a.m.
2. If an official regatta doesn't exist by 12PM Sunday racing will continue until the published time of sunset (as determined by the MAISA Regatta Rep) regardless of whether an official regatta exists by 4PM. No race shall be started after sunset.
3. If an official regatta does not exist by sunset on Sunday then the results of the previous War Memorial Regatta shall be used to determine berths to the ICSCA Semi-Finals and to determine scheduling rank.

MAISA Spring Women's Championship

If an official regatta (PR 24 a) does not exist by the end of protest time on Saturday then the following shall take place:

1. Report time for Sunday shall be moved to 8:30 a.m.
2. If an official regatta doesn't exist by 12PM Sunday racing will continue until the published time of sunset (as determined by the MAISA Regatta Rep) regardless of whether an official regatta exists by 4PM. No race shall be started after sunset.
3. If a regatta does not exist by sunset on Sunday then the results of the previous MAISA Fall Women's Championship shall be used to determine berths to the ICSCA Women's Semi-Final and National Championship and to determine scheduling rank.

Captain Prosser Trophy

If an official regatta (one full round robin among the teams entered) does not exist by the end of protest time on Saturday then the following shall take place:

1. Report time for Sunday shall be moved to 8:30 a.m.
2. If an official regatta doesn't exist by 12PM Sunday racing will continue until the published time of sunset (as determined by the MAISA Regatta Rep) regardless of whether an official regatta exists by 4PM. No race shall be started after sunset.
3. If an official regatta does not exist by sunset on Sunday the regatta will be continued on Weekend 14 of the ICSCA Intersectional Schedule at the same location in the same boats with the same teams.

Those for the Fall (Carl Van Duyne and MAISA Fall Wm's) will be discussed at a Spring 2012 conference call.

2. Discussion on the rising number of no-shows and withdrawals and how to effectively deal with the issue. An ad hoc committee was appointed to discuss further (with possible sanctions) and have a report ready to give at the annual meeting. The committee is comprised of Mike Callahan, Dan Winters, Scott Iklé, Bill Ward, Will Brown and Joe Sullivan.
3. There have been some regattas this Fall which were not run in the professional manner desired. It is hoped that a person (possibly from US SAILING) will be able to attend the a.m. session of annual meeting to give a presentation on race management.
4. Discussion of a qualification system for Men's Singlehanded Regattas is tabled until a Spring 2012 conference call.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2012 Schedule

Fee changes PASSED.

- a. No fee for MAISA Club Champs. It is a "sail into" regatta with fees at the qualifying events.
- b. Women's Radial at USNA (Fall) is raised to \$15.
- c. No fee for Faye Bennet.

2. MAISA Qualification system - Hosting sites and 3 Regions discussion was tabled until the annual meeting or a later conference call.

3. MAISA Annual Meeting - morning session topics

Look for notice on the MAISA website soon.

January 28, 2012 at St. John's College, Annapolis, MD

Contact: Skip Kovacs (skip.kovacs@gmail.com)

Teams and/or individuals are asked to propose topics for the a.m. session.

Send to Mike Callahan (mick.callahan@gmail.com)

4. Election of Officers to occur at Annual Meeting

Graduate Director

North Director (Scott Iklé not eligible)

South Director (John Griffin not eligible)

Undergraduate president

North and South undergraduate representatives (1 each region)

(Please note Undergrad Executive Committee Officers must be from Regular Member Schools)

5. Expenses for representatives to the ICOSA Winter Meeting

Up to \$600. Was approved for expenses for MAISA undergraduate president to attend the ICOSA winter meeting in Park City on January 14, 2012.

6. Items for the ICOSA Winter Meeting

a. Note that late changes on the intersectional schedule should not occur during the winter meeting. They should be taken care of at the annual meeting for the following calendar year.

b. Consider having the winter meetings on odd years in the East.

c. Eligibility Committee's report regarding possibility of a rule change permitting graduates who have not used all eligibility to sail in intercollegiate regattas.

The call ended at 10:10 p.m. The next gathering of the Executive Committee will be at the Annual Meeting at St. John's College, Annapolis, MD on January 28, 2012.