

MAISA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL - 09/20/11

The call began at 8:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Mike Callahan, Conf Comm; Caroline Lockett, Undergrad Pres;
Scott Iklé, North Dir; Will Schwenger, North Rep;
Marie Johnson, North Rep; John Griffin, South Dir; Ian Burman, South Dir;
Skye Kussmann, South Rep; Isaac Clark, South Rep; Bill Ward, Dir-at-Large.

OTHERS: Dan Winters, CNU; Michael Campbell, GTN; Joe Sullivan, FRD;
Mitch Brindley, ODU; Adam Werblow, SMC; Skip Kovacs, SJC;
Michael Collins & Rick Dominique, KP, Ann Campbell

Treasurers Report - Invoices for Fall bills were sent out electronically to all teams on September 1. 15 teams have paid as of this date and have received confirmations of receipt.

Arrangements have been made for credit card receipt of payments with an additional charge, which will be added to the next bill.

All bills to be paid by October 28. Any questions, contact MAISA treasurer, Sherri Campbell (sherri@odmsail.com).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposal for Berth Allocation for America Trophy in the event that a qualified team cannot compete.
Should there be an unusual catastrophic situation (preventing a team from attending the War Memorial or America Trophy) then the previous conference championship finish for the affected team(s) will take effect.
 - a. If unable to attend the America Trophy use previous War Memorial results.
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 - c. If the team finished in the top 9 in the previous regatta, the points given toward schedule ranking will be 9. If the team finished in the bottom 9, the points given toward schedule ranking will be 18.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Blaine Pedlow has resigned as Graduate Director. Bill Ward will replace him in this capacity for the rest of the year. Michael Campbell has been appointed Director At-Large.
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2. Adding a 2nd team to MAISA events—for discussion and final decision at 10/18 conference call.
"Teams wishing to add a 2nd team to a MASIA minor must follow the following rules".
 1. 2nd teams cannot be added until there are fewer than 14 days until the regatta.
 2. Priority for adding a 2nd team are as follows:
 - a. Host team
 - b. On a first come-first serve basis-Teams with a scheduling rank lower than 10 (excludes top 9).
 - c. 7 days prior to the event then any teams may add a 2nd berth.
3. St. John's College (via Skip Kovacs) has presented a bid to host the 2012 MAISA Annual Meeting.
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Conversation Room in one of the new buildings which holds up to 80.
New parking garage nearby is free on week-ends
IF a larger area is needed the upstairs of the boathouse is available.
Skip will inquire about a block of rooms at a local hotel.
More information at the next conference call (format for the day).
4. Removing Invitationals from the 2012 draft
This will be reviewed after the "2nd team" rule has been in effect.
5. Host sites for the Henry Luce and Leroy Grant regattas.
This item needs to be reviewed for places to host good events.

6. Qualification system for Luce/Grant - should they be "sail into" regattas?
Information will be sent out by Dan Winters via email for discussion and review prior to the 10/18 conference call.
7. MAISA Match Race
 - a. Event F08-5 (10/22-23) is correct dates even though the current schedule notes a November week-end.
 - b. KP Dinghy Invite might be moved to another NY location if necessary. Teams signed up will be given plenty of notice.
 - c. Conditions for Match Race
 - 4 sailors which include at least 1 woman
 - Declare team in advance; skipper may not be changed. Crew substitutes permitted up to the time of the regatta.
 - Weight limit is 683 pounds
 - Rick Dominique and Michael Collins will work with the head judge regarding the format.
8. Hobart/WmSmith was excused from their No Show at the Radial Women's Open on September 10-11 due to flooded roads on their travel path in Pennsylvania. University administrators did not permit the team to travel.
9. Open berths at the MAISA Women's Fall Champs will be made available to NEISA teams wishing to participate.
10. MAISA will be responsible for hosting the 2014 Spring Nationals. Navy and St. Mary's are interested in putting together these events. More information to come.
11. Additions to the agenda
 - a. There is a recommendation to make some changes in the qualifying system for the MAISA Laser Qualifier. Ian Burman, Scott Iklé, and Adam Werblow will put together a proposal for the next conference call.
 - b. Stony Brook University has requested membership in MAISA. Their application was approved by the Executive Committee. Final vote will be at the 2012 Annual Meeting at which time their 2012 dues and new member fee must be paid.

The conference call ended at 10:08 p.m. The next call is October 18th at 8:30 p.m.