

MAISA Annual Meeting – St. John’s College – January 28, 2012

1:00 PM

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:11PM by Conference Commissioner Mike Callahan
32 of 48 Teams were present, 25 Regular, 3 Provisional, 4 Associate
2. Additions to the Agenda
 - a. RIT Membership Upgrade
3. Treasurers Report (Accepted)
4. Report from the ICSA Standing Committees
 - a. All-American – Adam Werblow reported that the All-America Committee was challenged this year w/Ann Campbell’s retirement, but the TechScore difficulties are all worked out. Teams were told that TechScore results MUST be made accurate and ‘finalized’ so that Committee can easily access this information. MAISA well represented on the 2010-2011 All America list
 - Top Sportsman of year was Robert Vann (USNA)
 - Two College Sailor of the Year candidates
Charlie Buckingham (GTN) & Michael Menniger (SMC) with Buckingham as the eventual winner
 - One finalist for Women’s Sailor of the Year
Megan Magill (SMC)
 - 8 of 20 crews all-american
Rebecca Evans (GTN), Madeline Jackson (SMC), Chris Klevan (HWS), Frances Kupersmith (SMC), Saverio Maldari (NA), Ashley Philips (GTN), Meredith Powlison (SMC), Emily Reich (ODU)
 - 3 of 6 coed skipper all-americans
Charlie Buckingham (GTN), Michael Menninger (SMC), David Thompson (HWS)
 - 3 of 11 overall
Honorable Mention to Scott Furnary (GTN), Clark Hayes (NA), and Robert Vann (NA)
 - 3 of 7 women’s skipper All Americans
Sydney Bolger (GTN), Megan Magill (SMC), Stephanie Roble (ODU)
 - 5 different MAISA teams represented
 - b. Appeals – Mitch Brindley (No Appeals this year)
 - c. Eligibility – Mike Callahan advised everyone that the online eligibility guide has all the answers to eligibility questions. There was a question at ICSA meeting about allowing graduate students to compete. That question was referred to the ICSA eligibility committee to see what can be possibly adjusted
 - d. Rules – Bill Ward referred the group to the ICSA Winter Meeting minutes. There have been some changes in target times for races and ICSA has adopted the wind minimum rule that is already in use in MAISA. The committee has been tasked with writing procedural rules for combined division events.

- e. Intersectional Committee – Dan Winters reported that the transition from Ann Campbell to Danielle Richards has gone smoothly and that Danielle is doing a fantastic job.
- f. Communications - Mitch Brindley advised the group that the new ICSA Website can be seen on collegesailing.info at the moment, but will switch to .org soon.
- g. Hall of Fame – Joe Sullivan reminded the group to send any nominations to Gail Turluck.
- h. Academic All-America – Dan Thompson – The Academic All-America team was announced at the end of the Fall season. The group had an average GPA over over 3,8. There are two ongoing discussions about clarifying criteria for the award and the size of awardee group.
- i. Championship and Competition – Mike Callahan reported that the 2012 Semi Finals moved from U-Miami to US Naval Academy on the same weekend, two different regattas and with boat switches in the middle of the event. The 2013 semi Finals will be at Hampton & ODU in Hampton Roads, VA. The 2013 Spring Nationals will be held at USF in 36 FJs at Passe-A-Grille, FL. 2012 Nationals are still slated to occur at UT-Austin despite low water levels on Lake Travis. MAISA teams are encouraged to put in bids for the 2014 Semi-Finals. Mike also mentioned that the committee is working on an ICSA program, known as VIPRO, to get National Championship race officers some experience at college events in advance of Nationals.

Old Business

1. No Show Policy

Mike Callahan expressed his concern about the number of no-shows. There were 61 no-shows this year, most in recent memory. Mike told the group of the myriad of problems that this causes. Two ideas to improve the situation came from a two hour morning session discussion were mentoring & Penalties. A proposal was presented to change the rules for penalties beginning this spring. A motion was made and the following proposal Accepted

Schedule Mentoring for MAISA Teams

It is recommended that **all teams** without a coach or “active” club advisor seek the consultation of their MAISA Area Rep before submitting their schedule picks to the MAISA scheduler. Beginning Fall 2012 Teams ranked below 25th on the MAISA Schedule or have two or more No-shows from the previous semester.

• Shall submit their “schedule picks” for approval by their Area Director before submitting them to the MAISA Scheduler.

· Shall review/ confirm their schedule with their Area Director before the start of the upcoming season.

· Shall not schedule regattas outside of a 300 mile radius of their school without the permission of the Area Director.

MAISA Penalty System for No-Shows

If a team No-Shows an event the following sanctions will occur

1. The offending team must now “Opt in” to each regatta they are signed up for. In order to “Opt in” a team must email the MAISA Conference Scheduler to confirm that they will be attending their next scheduled regatta. This must happen between 12PM Monday and 5PM Wednesday 2.5 weeks before their scheduled regatta (19-17 days). The team must continue to “Opt in” to every event they are signed up for in the same method described above, confirming by email their intention to compete between 12PM Monday and 5PM Wednesday two and a half weeks (19-17 days) before their scheduled. In the event that a team’s next regatta following their first no-show is within two weeks they must confirm by email that they will be attending the next regatta by 12PM on the Monday preceding the start of the event.
2. If the team fails to “Opt in” they will be withdrawn from the regatta and their berth offered to the next team on the waitlist.
3. If the team fails to “Op in,” and shows up for the regatta, it will be prohibited from participating.
4. If a team “No-Shows” 2 or more times in a semester they will be placed on schedule probation. The probation will require them to “Opt in” to every event they are scheduled for in the following semester.
5. A team will have its probation lifted if it has a “No-Show” free semester.

2. Three Regions Discussion

There was considerable discussion about whether MAISA should have 3 regions or go back to 2 regions. Those in favor of two regions argued that having three regions dilutes the talent at the top MAISA qualifiers and hurts the region as a whole. Those in favor of three regions discussed how well it has worked and how MAISA has too many teams to justify going back to two regions. The discussion moved on to a talk about how MAISA can make its

in-conference regattas have better competition. The group talked about using series regattas or a points system to encourage in conference competition. It was mentioned that it would help if the smaller teams knew which regattas the top teams considered to be the best.

3. MAISA Laser Qualifier System

Ian Burman discussed the qualifiers system with one in North and South & one second round event instead of having 2 second round regattas. The following proposal was Accepted for Fall of 2013

For the Laser South and North Events on Weekend 2:

1. The top 9 teams in the scheduling order will receive automatic berths on the schedule for the Laser South or Laser North, depending on their regions.

2. The Top 5 teams from the previous year's Carl Van Van Duyne regatta will receive an additional berth to their respective regional qualifiers.

3. Remaining berths in the regattas shall be filled through the draft, with a maximum of three berths per team.

4. Teams will be allowed to add up to two additional berths from the alternate list for a maximum of five total berths per school.

For the MAISA Laser Elimination on weekend 4:

1. The top 9 teams in the scheduling order will receive automatic berths on the schedule for the MAISA Laser Elimination.

2. Other teams may schedule one berth at the event.

3. Sailors who have already qualified for the Van Duyne will not be eligible to compete.

4. Remaining berths will be awarded to the top eligible competitors from the Laser South and North #1 Regattas in descending order of finish until all berths are filled.

5. The first open berth will be filled from the region that is hosting the MAISA Laser Elimination and berths will alternate afterwards until all are filled

6. Teams will have until the Tuesday following weekend 2 to accept, decline or drop berths in the MAISA Laser Elimination.

4. MAISA Fundraiser Idea discussion

There was a short discussion about Vendee Globe race film that teams can show at their school to raise funds. The Queens team mentioned that it was an excellent promotional opportunity and worked well for them. Email Mike Callahan for more information on the opportunity.

5. Review of MAISA Championship Regatta Policies

Mike Callahan reminded the group that MAISA has adopted new policies for Championship events in case the event does not occur. These policies and everything else important about MAISA can be found in the updated information bulletin, which will be online in the next few weeks.

New Business

1. Membership

- a. Request by Stony Brook to be admitted as Associate Member -- Accepted
- b. Request by Bucknell to be admitted as Associate Member -- Accepted
- c. Request by Villanova to be moved to Regular from Provisional – Accepted
- d. Request by RIT to be moved to Provisional from Associate -- Accepted

2. Awards

a. Purrington Award

MAISA is encouraged to submit nominations for the Purrington Award given each year to an outstanding MAISA sailor in their final semester of competition. The award is meant to honor someone who has done a lot of work for both their school and the conference.

3. Individual Registration Procedures

Mike Callahan urged the group to consider using online registration of sailors only going forward. Some discussion ensued and a motion was made and passed to eliminate the paper MAISA Approved Competitor form. From now on sailors will be registered on the ICSA website only. Mike introduced the most up to date online Administrator List and the stressed the necessity of keeping the Directory contact updated so that sailors can be registered

There was some discussion of USSailing's College Sailor Membership [\$95 for 4 years] category and the opportunities that USSailing has offered to ICSA if we can increase student enrollment, as well as the Institutional Membership category.

4. ICSA Issues

a. Report from ICSA Midwinter Meeting

The minutes from the ICSA Midwinter meeting were distributed

b. ICSA National Championship Entry Fee Proposal

Mike Callahan advised the group about a change in Entry Fees for National Championships that will go into effect for 2013.

- c. Spring Semi-Finals 2012
As was previously mention the regatta has moved from Miami to Navy.
 - d. Spring Semi Finals 2013
Hosted at ODU/Hampton as previously discussed
 - e. Spring Finals 2014
Previously discussed event at SMC/Navy
 - f. Bids for 2014 Semi Finals
Fordham, KP, SUNY, and Columbia expressed their desire to co-host the regatta. KP would host one event with SUNY/FRD/COL hosting the second event at City Island. Each regatta will have two fleets on the water at the same time. Mike asked the group for a formal proposal for ICSA Spring Meeting.
5. MAISA Racing Schedule
- a. Items from Membership
It was noted that Intersectional Regattas are to now be called Interconference Regattas.
 - b. Review of Latest Schedule
Latest Schedule was reviewed and made official for billing purposes.
6. Review of MAISA Committee Representatives
- Interconference – Dan Winters
 - Communications – Brian Clancy
 - Rules – Bill Ward
 - Eligibility – Mike Callahan
 - All-America – Adam Werblow
 - All-Academic – Dan Thompson
 - Championship and Competition - Mike Callahan
7. Election of Officers
- a. Graduate Director – 2 Years
Bill Ward (SMC) -Elected
 - b. North Director – (Scott Ikle not eligible) – 2 Years
Dan Thompson (HWS) -Elected
 - c. South Director – (John Griffin not eligible) – 2 years
Max Plarr (CNU) -Elected
 - d. Undergraduate President – 1 Year
Della Bradt (COR) -Elected
 - e. North and South Undergraduate Representatives – 1 Year
Derrill Hagood (WM)- Elected as South Rep
Arielle Morgan (QU) - Elected as North Rep

Meeting Adjourned 3:03 PM