

# **MAISA Annual Meeting 2013**

## **Meeting Agenda**

January 26, 2013

1PM

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 1:03PM

1. Roll call - Regular Members (Grad, Undergrad) - Army (G,U), Christopher Newport (G,U), Columbia (G), Cornell (G,U), Drexel (U), Fordham (G), Georgetown,(G), George Washington (G), Hampton (G,U), Hobart (G,U), Kings Point (G), Loyola (G, U), Maryland (U), Navy (G,U), SUNY (G), Old Dominion (G), Queens (G,U), St. John's (G,U), St. Mary's (G,U), Salisbury (G), Virginia (U), Villanova (G,U - by proxy), Virginia Tech (G,U), Washington College (G), William and Mary (U). Associate Members - Rutgers (U), Stony Brook (U), Syracuse (U), Buffalo (U), . Also in attendance University of Pittsburgh.
2. Additions to the Agenda - there were no additions to the agenda
3. Treasurers Report - Sherri Campbell submitted the treasurers report stating that the association continues to be in good financial standing and that she does not expect a need to increase dues or regatta fees in the foreseeable future.
4. Report from ICSA Standing Committees
  - a. All-American (Adam Werblow) –MAISA had 3 of 13 Coed Skipper All-Americans. Evan Aras (GTN), Chris Barnard (GTN), Sam Blouin (HWS). MAISA had 1 of 6 Honorable Mention All-Americans – Joshua Greenslade (SMC). MAISA had 7 of 20 Crew All-Americans Kate Canty (GTN), Rebecca Evans (GTN), Chris Klevan (HWS), Saverio Maldari (NA), Catherine Pelo (HWS), Emily Reich (ODU). MAISA had 1 of 9 Women’s All-American Skippers Sydney Bolger (GTN). MAISA had 1 of 4 Honorable Mention Women’s Skippers Mary Hall (NA). MAISA had two of four finalists for the Everett B. Morris College Sailor of the Year Trophy Chris Barnard (GTN), Sam Blouin (HWS). Chris Barnard (GTN) was named the College Sailor of the Year. Sydney Bolger (GTN) was named the Quantum Women’s College Sailor of the Year.
  - b. Appeals - no report

- c. Eligibility (Mike Callahan) – Mike Callahan told the group that most Eligibility issues can be answered by looking at the Eligibility guidelines in the procedural rules.
- d. Hall of Fame (Joe Sullivan) - no official report. Commissioner Callahan noted that there would be a call for nominations soon and that MAISA would be nominating someone for the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.
- e. Rules (Bill Ward) - Bill Ward reported that there are two important items from the rules committee. The first is a change in the wording of procedural rule 15a. which is meant to emphasize the need for all students to make sure they are registered to sail at the beginning of each semester. An important change to the team racing is that the ICSA has adopted the single flag system. Bill Ward indicated that the procedural rules will be published soon. Commissioner Callahan then went through the individual directory to teach the conference about what the icons next to each name mean and to emphasize the need for 5th year seniors to register properly. Monmouth University asked about how to delete a sailor from the individual directory. Reed Johnson from Fordham went over how this is done. Commissioner Callahan noted how important it is for all teams to go over their list of registered competitors to make sure everyone is registered properly. Commissioner Callahan also asked the conference to look at their profile on TechScore to make sure that they have a logo or burgee associated with their team names.
- f. Communications (Brian Clancy) - no report
- g. Afterguard - no report
- h. Academic All-America (Dan Thompson) - Dan Thompson noted three changes. The committee is trying to move the recognition time up. The committee is also allowing teams to nominate as many athletes as they want instead of the limit of three. The committee is also trying to make everyone in ICSA more aware of what the ICSA All-Academic Team is all about.
- i. Championship and Competition (Mike Callahan and Scott Ikle) Mike Callahan noted that the committee would be investigating how to add two more teams to Team Race Nationals.

#### Old Business

1. MAISA Laser Qualifiers Language (Mike Callahan) - The following proposal was M/S/C. The proposal deals with the process for accepting berths for the MAISA Men's and Women's Laser Conference Championship.

Revised wording of MAISA Men's and Women's Singlehanded Qualifier berth procedures.

***MAISA Women's Singlehanded Championship – Faye Bennet Trophy***

**Berths to the Faye Bennet Regatta will be awarded as follows:**

1. If a team competed in both the preceding Fall and Spring MAISA Women's Double handed Championships, they will be awarded one berth at the Faye Bennet Regatta.
2. The remaining berths at the Faye Bennet regatta will be awarded to individuals based on the highest overall finishing place from the results of the MAISA Women's Radial Regatta at USNA.

**Accepting and Declining Berths.**

1. If a team declines their automatic berth for the Faye Bennet Regatta, they must do so prior to the report time of the MAISA Women's Radial Regatta at USNA.
2. A sailor who qualifies for the Faye Bennett Regatta through the MAISA Women's Radial Regatta must either accept or decline their berth by the following Tuesday by 6:00pm. If a berth is declined the next finisher will be awarded the berth to accept or decline, until all berths are filled.

**Filling Remaining Berths**

1. If there are any remaining berths that are not filled through the above criteria, those berths will be offered to teams based on their women's scheduling ranking for the current year.

***MAISA Men's Singlehanded Championship – Carl Van Duyne Trophy***

**Berths to the Carl Van Duyne Regatta will be awarded as follows:**

1. Six Berths from the Laser North regatta.
2. Six Berths from the Laser South regatta.
3. Six Berths from the MAISA Laser Open.

**Accepting and Declining Berths.**

1. A sailor who qualifies for the van Duyne regatta from either the Laser North, Laser South, or MAISA Laser Open will have until the following Tuesday by 6:00pm to either accept or decline their berth to the Van Duyne Regatta.
2. If a team qualifies a sailor from the Laser North or Laser South regatta for the Van Duyne regatta, they may withdraw their berths at the MAISA Laser Open provided that they do so by the following Tuesday by 6:00pm.

**Filling Remaining Berths**

1. If a berth is declined by a team/ sailor to advance to the Van Duyne, the next place overall finisher from that regatta, (Laser North, Laser South, or MAISA Laser Open) will be awarded a berth to accept or decline.
2. If any berths not filled through the above criteria, will be offered to the highest ranking team (based on the coed MAISA scheduling ranking) until all berths are filled.

2. Report on No-Shows (Dan Winters) - Dan noted that the new rule while cumbersome and confusing has worked and that the number of no-shows have declined. Dan recommended that no change be made in the system. Maryland noted that they were given a no-show for the SAISA/MAISA regatta and that it was a result of Hurricane Sandy. Commissioner Callahan noted that all no-shows that were caused by Sandy would be forgiven.
3. Host School Requirements (Dan Winters) - This proposal was developed because of a high number of poorly run events in MAISA in the last few seasons. The proposal is meant to help uncoached teams organize their events. The proposal was passed at the Executive Committee Call on 10/16/12. The new rules and regattas subject to this rule are described below.

### ***MAISA Regatta Hosting Requirements***

- A. Un-coached Teams\* must submit to the MAISA Commissioner the name and all contact info for the Regatta Chairman for any event they will host during the first week of the season in which the event is scheduled.
- B. Two weeks prior to the event (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday preceding) the team must confirm to MAISA that these requirements are in place:
  1. Sailing Instructions,
  2. Score sheets,
  3. Rotation sheets,
  4. Protest forms,
  5. RP forms,
  6. Individual recall flag
  7. US Sailing Rules,
  8. ICSA Procedural Rules
  9. Special regatta instructions..
- C. One week prior to the event (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday preceding) the team must confirm to MAISA that these requirements are in place:
  1. The Regatta is listed on TechScore with a Rotation of boats
  2. Whistles,
  3. Loud hailer,
  4. Committee boat,
  5. Mark boat,
  6. Rescue boat(s),
  7. Spare parts,

8. Marks with anchors,
9. Trash receptacles,
10. Cell phones/communications devices,
11. First aid materials and
12. That the boats have been checked and are ready.

Failure to comply with any of these requirements or falsification of any required information will result in the particular event being put on probation. A second failure of any kind will result in the event being suspended for a year, after which it may be returned to the schedule on a probationary basis. A year of proper compliance will end the probationary period.

For events coming within the first two weeks of the season, all requirements must be met within a week of the event (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday preceding).

*\*Unless a team has a "coach" who regularly attends practices, regularly accompanies the team to events (home and away), and who reviews and signs off on all team correspondence, it shall be considered to be "un-coached".*

This program will start in the Spring of 2013

The following Regattas will be subject to the above requirements

**Spring 2013**

- S10-6 Ocean County 2 on 2
- S12-4 Delaware Spring Open
- S13-3 SSU Spring Open
- S14-1 Drexel Open
- S14-2 Jeremy Pinkerton Memorial
- S15-1 Engineers Cup

**Fall 2013**

- F03-6 Central Fall #1
- F04-7 Coho Memorial
- F05-8 Queen's Open
- F05-9 Philly Fleet Race
- F05-10 Colgate Fall Open
- F06-6 Colgate Fall Open
- F07-7 Virginia Open
- F08-8 Nittany Lion Open

New Business

## 1. Membership:

- a. Reminder: Any school in Regular or Regular-Provisional status which has not participated in a scheduled regatta within the prior 4 seasons will be dropped to Associate Status and not included in the count of members to determine allocation of upcoming National Championships.
- b. Request by Syracuse to be upgraded to Provisional from Associate Member. - Syracuse made a presentation about why they felt they were worthy of an upgrade to Provisional Membership. Scheduler Winters noted that Syracuse is doing a great job attending events. A motion was M/S/C to promote Syracuse to Provisional Membership.
- c. Request by University of Buffalo to be upgraded to Provisional from Associate Member. Buffalo joined via videoconference to make a presentation about their team. A motion was M/S/C to promote Buffalo to Provisional Membership.
- d. Request by Indiana University of Pennsylvania to be admitted as an Associate Member. - No representative from IUP was in attendance.
- e. Request by University of Pittsburgh to be admitted as an Associate Member. James Crowley from the University of Pittsburgh made a presentation about his vision for sailing at the Pitt as well as developing sailing in the city of Pittsburgh. A motion was M/S/C to accept the University of Pittsburgh as an associate member of MAISA.

## 2. Awards

- A) Purrington Award (Senior Outstanding Contribution) Last Years winner was Phillip Alley from Cornell. Please start thinking about potential nominees from your team. This award is to be given to the graduating senior from MAISA each year who has made outstanding contributions to college sailing through his/her efforts, not only by competing, but in the promotion of the sport, by fostering sportsmanship among teams, maintaining quality of competition, and contributing to the overall performance of our conference. The recipient is not necessarily the best sailor in MAISA but embodies the selfless spirit of true competition and commitment to excellence in support of college sailing in our conference. - Commissioner Callahan mentioned that the Purrington Award winner would be automatically nominated for the James Roumaniere Award for Student Leadership in ICSA.

3. MAISA Live Draft (Brian Clancy)- A mock draft was held live in the morning and the consensus of the group was that this would be something that is beneficial to MAISA as a whole. Considerable discussion ensued as to how and when the live draft would take place. A motion was M/S/C to have the 2014 draft be held live on Saturday

December 7, 2013 with the Out of Conference Draft and the first 7 rounds of the MAISA draft taking place from 9-10AM. Round 8 of the MAISA draft will begin at 10AM. More details will be made available as the event approaches. Commissioner Callahan promised to have a system in place for teams to join in on-line.

4. Qualification System for the War Memorial (Mike Callahan)

The Morning session also featured a discussion on a proposed change to the War Memorial Qualifying system. The so-called "Clancy Plan" was discussed at length. A motion was M/S/C to approve to the new plan as explained below. This system will go into effect in the Fall of 2014.

**Proposed Change to the War Memorial Qualification System**

Fall of 2014

- a. An 18-team Regional Fall qualifier will be held in the North, Central and South regions. Hosts will be based on the hosting rotation already in place.
- b. The top four teams from each Regional Fall Qualifier will qualify for the War Memorial.
- c. Top 6 Club Teams from each Regional Fall Qualifier will qualify for the Club Championship.
- d. Teams 5-10 from each of the Regional Fall Qualifiers will sail in a qualifier called the Henry Luce Trophy. The Luce will occur on weekend 7 and hosts will be determined by the MAISA open hosting rotation in effect at that time.
- e. In the event that the Host of the Luce does not have a berth in the regatta because they have qualified from the Fall Qualifier, the host schools region will only have five teams qualify from the first

event. The sixth berth from the host schools region will be allotted to the host school.

The top 6 teams from the Luce (excluding a host school that has already qualified for the War Memorial) will advance to the War Memorial

If the Luce is not an official regatta the berths for the War will be determined by the finishes at the Regional Fall Qualifier.

If the Regional Fall Qualifier from North South or Central is not an official regatta the berths for the War and Luce from that region will be determined by the overall schedule ranking of the teams that were scheduled for that Qualifier.

5. Moving Teams from region to region to even up Competition. Should we do it? How often should we do it? There was considerable discussion about whether teams should be moved from region to region to even out the levels of competition. In the end it was decided that no changes would take place since the differences in regions would hopefully be alleviated using the new "Clancy Plan".
6. ICSA Schedule Framework (Mike Callahan)  
  
Commissioner Callahan noted that the ICSA is still looking at the possible framework. Nothing has been approved.
7. Sailing on Easter Weekend – Should we be doing it? Commissioner Callahan brought up the fact that there has been some concern about sailing events on Easter Weekend. A brief discussion ensued and the consensus was that since Easter changes so often it would be too hard to try to schedule around it.
8. MAISA Membership By-Laws – Regular, Provisional and Associate. Discussion on changing the requirements. (Mike Callahan) - Commissioner Callahan appointed a committee to be chaired by Joe Sullivan that will look at the details of our membership classifications and make recommendations about any changes that should be made to them. In particular Commissioner Callahan asked that the



committee look to see if there should be more requirements and rewards for each membership classification. The committee will consist of Joe Sullivan (FRD), Maxwell Plarr (CNU), Dan Winters (CNU), Matt Newborn (VU), Bill Ward (SMC), Dan Thompson (HWS), Charles Higgins (ODU). Any changes would involve a change in the By-Laws and therefore cannot be voted on until the next annual meeting.

#### 9. MAISA All-Conference Team

Commissioner Callahan asked the conference if there was a desire to name a MAISA All Conference Team. Adam Werblow said that this would be a great help for the All-American Committee. Werblow mentioned that with TechScore it has become a lot easier to look at and compare results. It was noted that since NEISA is doing this already we are losing some marketing opportunities for our sailors. Commissioner Callahan appointed a committee to come up with the criteria for the All MAISA Team. Reed Johnson (FRD) asked that the committee look at adopting a MAISA sailor of the Week. Commissioner Callahan appointed the following members to the Committee: Russ O'Reilly (NYM), Ian Burman (NA), Josh Putnam (WAC), Charles Higgins (ODU), John Pearce (GWU), Brian Clancy (COR), Dan Thompson (HWS)

#### 10. ICSA Issues

A) Report from the ICSA Midwinter Meeting in Park City on January 12, 2013. Commissioner Callahan and Undergrad President Della Bradt attended the ICSA Mid Winter Meeting. They noted a few changes - ICSA has adopted the digital N for team racing, The word dinghy was removed from the National Championship and a committee was appointed to look into whether College Sailing could be part of the NCAA.

B) Items for the ICSA Meeting May 20, 2013 in St. Petersburg, FL

i) Sloop Nationals Host - Commissioner Callahan noted that Seawanhika Corinthian Yacht Club has expressed interest in hosting Match Race Nationals as well as other regattas that could benefit MAISA. Commissioner Callahan will work with SCYC to develop a proposal for the 2014 Match Race Nationals.

#### 11. MAISA Racing Schedule

A) Request to Move Spring MAISA Women's from SUNY to Hampton. Brian Clancy (COR) expressed his strong objection to the move noting that the geographic distance between NYM and Hampton would add significant cost to teams attending the event. A motion was M/S/C to move the 2013 MAISA Women's Spring Championship to Hampton.

B) Review/Revision of Latest Draft

C) Adopting an Online Schedule through Google Docs. Commissioner Callahan made a motion that was seconded and carried to have the MAISA schedule be available through GoogleDocs. Only the MAISA Scheduler and Conference Commissioner would be able to change the schedule online. Teams will still email adds and drops to the MAISA Scheduler. The MAISA Schedule will not be emailed out twice a week. Instead it will be available 24-7 through google docs. A link to the schedule will be emailed once it is available.

D) Request to Send emails with list of Teams Attending and Regatta Host Info for each event. Commissioner Callahan noted that many team have asked for an email to be sent out two weeks prior to each regatta listing the teams scheduled to compete as well as any pertinent information such as location and directions. Commissioner Callahan will gather all the information and be responsible for emailing the info to the MAISA list.

12. Other Items to come before the Membership.

- A. Regatta Series within MAISA. This was proposed many years ago. Should we be doing it? This proposal came up many years ago and teams liked it but it went nowhere. Commissioner Callahan offered to revive the committee that was looking into this.
- B. Proposal to make the Team Race Challenge an event that teams have to Qualify for. The next 4 teams from the War will qualify for the Team Race Challenge. (Brian Clancy) A proposal was M/S/C to have teams finished 7-10 at the War Memorial Automatically qualify for the Team Race Challenge. The remaining four berths will be determined through the draft.
- C. Allowing Monmouth College to host a regatta this Spring. They have 18 boats and are excited to host. What can we give them? Monmouth expressed a desire to host a MAISA event this Spring. Since no regularly scheduled MAISA regatta is available they will be running a promotional event.

13. Appointing ICSA Committee Reps - the following individuals were named to be MAISA reps to the ICSA Committees

A. Afterguard – Brian Clancy

B. All Academic – Dan Thompson

C. All American – Adam Werblow

D.Championships and Competition – John Pearce, Scott Ikle

E.Communication – Reed Johnson

F.Eligibility – Charles Higgins

G.Hall of Fame – Joe Sullivan

H.Intersectional Schedule – MAISA Scheduler (TBD)

I.Membership and Development – Maxwell Plarr

J.Rules – Bill Ward

14. Election of MAISA Officers for 2013

15. Conference Commissioner – 2 years - Michael Callahan (GTN) was re-elected to serve another 2 year term.

16. North Director – Brain Clancy (COR) was elected for another 2 year term.

17. South Director – Ian Burman (NA) was elected to another 2 year term.

18. MAISA Undergrad President – Chris Stressing (UVA)

19. North Rep – Juliet Levine (COR)

20. South Rep – Charlie Hinkley (WM)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34PM.

The MAISA Executive Committee Conference Calls will take place on

February 19 @ 8:30PM

March 19 @ 8:30PM

April 16 @ 8:30PM.