

MAISA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 3/24/15

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call -

Michael Callahan (GTN), MAISA Commissioner;
Ian Burman (NA) MAISA Graduate President;
Sam Patterson (UVA) MAISA Undergraduate President;
Sherri Campbell Treasurer;
Charles Higgins (ODU) South Director;
Max Plarr (CNU) South Director;
Scott Ikle (HWS) Director at Large
Catie Hopkins (UPN) Undergrad Rep;
Dan Winters (CNU), MAISA Scheduler
Brian Clancy (COR), Jack Swikart (UPN), John Pearce (GWU),
Matt Newborn (VIL), Alex Ambrosi (HU)

2 Additions to the Agenda

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3. List of Schools that haven't paid dues yet

Treasurer Sherri Campbell read the list of teams that have not paid their dues. Notice has gone out twice and team listed below should be working very hard to get their dues paid. Lack of payment after April 24, 2015 will restrict the team from competing and scheduling after that date.

Make all checks payable to "Middle Atlantic Sailing Association" and mail to:

MAISA
2812 Canon Street
San Diego, CA 92106

For credit card payment, a surcharge of 3.5% of the invoice amount will be added to cover the service charge. If you want to pay by credit card, contact me by phone at [619-222-0252](tel:619-222-0252) (after 9am Pacific time) or by e-mail at sherri@odmsail.com. You will need to supply your credit card number, expiration date, three digit security code and billing zip code.

- Bucknell
- Drexel
- Indiana U of Penn
- U Penn
- Pittsburgh
- Princeton
- RMC
- Stevens
- VA Tech
- Washington College

Old Business

1. Umpires for the Team Race Challenge and Prosser Trophy - No one from Kings Point was on the call so Commissioner Callahan said he would contact them after the meeting.

Commissioner Callahan led a broader discussion about what MAISA can do to make it easier to get umpires to events. Ian Burman spoke about the difficulties in getting umpires to events and that at the very least we should pay expenses. Scott Ikle advocated giving umpires an honorarium and said that we should look into having teams competing in the Team Race Challenge and Prosser supply and pay expenses for 1 umpire for each event.

The discussion then turned to whether hosting a Championship regatta was a burden or blessing to host teams. Ian Burman and Scott Ikle noted that running the team race qualifiers is a lot harder due to the number of powerboats and umpires needed. Ian noted that it will be hard for teams that don't normally host a team race to run a championship once every seven or so years. Scott Ikle asked that a committee be formed to look at hosting requirements for MAISA Championships and to possibly make recommendations for host rotation changes. The Committee will consist of Scott Ikle (HWS) - Chair, Brian Clancy (COR), Ian Burman (NA), Charles Higgins, (ODU)

2. Update from the Fair Sailing Committee

The Fair Sailing Committee presented their final guidelines to the Executive Committee. A motion was m/s/c to add the guidelines to the MAISA Information Bulletin. Commissioner Callahan thanked Scott Ikle, Brian Clancy, Skip Kovacs, John Pearce and Alex Ambrosi for their work on this committee.

MAISA Fair Sailing Conditions

All host schools shall endeavor to run races in fair sailing conditions. If the conditions degrade, the decision to continue to race or start a race will be at the sole discretion of the Regatta Chair. The Regatta Chair may elect to confer with the Chief Judge or PRO in determining if the conditions are fair. If racing is postponed, an attempt to communicate the reason and decision not to race should be communicated to all competitors. Fundamentally, all competitors must however understand that they participate in a race entirely at their own risk under RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. RRS Rule states that "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

The Regatta Chair should consider the following in determining if the sailing conditions are fair.

1. A race should not be started unless the Regatta Chair is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of their belief on the rest of the race course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45mph) for a reasonable period before the start as measured using an anemometer and while not moving over the bottom or anchored.
2. High Wind Conditions: If the wind strength in the starting area, using an anemometer and while not moving over the bottom or

anchored, and to the best of their belief on the rest of the race course, is in excess twenty-five knots (28.77 mph), the Regatta Chair shall consider a postponement.

3. Actual or Threatening Thunder Storms: If lightning or thunder is seen or heard in the race area, boats shall return to shore and remain ashore until the race area has been clear of thunder and lightning for at least thirty minutes.
4. General Conditions: The safety of the competitors is always a priority of the race committee. Other reasons to consider a postponement in determining if the conditions are fair, are and not limited to;
 - a) Current: If adverse current prevents the normal and fair progress forward of the fleet.
 - b) Sea State: If the sea state makes steering difficult and/ or increases the possibility of swamping or capsizing.
 - c) Extreme Weather Conditions:
 - i. Extreme low temperatures or wind-chill.
 - ii. Heavy precipitation which affects visibility.
 - d) Commercial or other pleasure boat traffic in the race area.
 - e) The number of safety boats, and the experience of the safety boat operators.
 - f) The general experience of the competing sailors.

New Business

1. MAISA Hall of Fame Nominations

Commissioner Callahan noted that he wants MAISA to nominate someone for each award. He has sent an email out about the Purrington Award. He will send an email to MAISA list concerning the other awards soon.

A) Purrington Award (Senior Outstanding Contribution). 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.

B) Lifetime Service - Recognizing a career of extraordinary service to college sailing, whether as volunteer or professional; one honoree per year; nominees must have passed their 60th birthday.

C) Graham Hall Award for Outstanding Service by a College Sailing Professional Recognizing organizers, administrators, advisors, or coaches who have served the best interests of college sailing at the club/team, conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

D) Outstanding Service – Volunteer

Recognizing those who have volunteered their time, talent, or resources to advance the interests of college sailing at the club/team, conference, or national level; one or two honorees per year; nominees must have passed their 45th birthday.

3. MAISA All Academic Team 2015

Commissioner Callahan reminded the group that the qualifications for the MAISA All-Academic Team have changed. Commissioner Callahan looked for input on a deadline date for nominations to be received. Jack Swikart (UPN) noted that according to his research Drexel has the last exams in MAISA ending around June 12. Commissioner Callahan will create a nomination form and share it with the Executive Committee for their approval.

MAISA ALL ACADEMIC TEAM REQUIREMENTS

To become a member of the MAISA All-Academic team a sailor shall have a min GPA of 3.5 (GPA for the year of competition – not cumulative) and have competed in at least 8 total College Sailing regattas.

1. GPA for the year of competition – not cumulative.

2. Regattas can be any regularly scheduled conference or ICSA interconference regatta or ICSA National Championship.
3. The 8 regattas needed to qualify for the team can be sailed in one semester or over two semesters.
4. All MAISA sailors are eligible regardless of class year
5. There is no maximum number of sailors named to the MAISA All Academic Team
6. No consideration should be given to competitive record.

4. Spring Qualifiers - overbooking.

A brief discussion was had concerning the potential for overbooking a qualifer this spring. Dan Winters and Brian Clancy are looking into ideas to change the system for 2016 and will present those ideas at a later date. No further discussion was had on the topic.

A motion was m/s/c to adjourn the meeting at 12:31PM.