

MAISA Annual Meeting 2017

Meeting Agenda

December 3, 2016

1PM

Call to order at 1:07PM

1. Roll call

Michael Callahan (GTN), MAISA Commissioner. Ian Burman (NA), Graduate Chairman. Austin Powers (CNU), Undergraduate President. Charles Higgins (ODU), South Director. Max Plarr (CNU), South Director. Danny Thompson (HWS), North Director. Johnny Norfleet, (FRD), North Director. Shira Golub (GWU), South Undergrad rep. Scott Ikle (HWS), Director-at-Large. Dan Winters (CNU), MAISA Scheduler. Dillon Paiva (NA), Zach Runci (NYM), Michael Collins (KP), Bill Ward (SMC), Billy Martin (GWU), Jacob Stoner (UMD), Alex Ambrosi (HU), Kaitlyn Reilly (CNU), Peter Hogan (USNA), Craig Priniski (DRX), Ted Fortier (LOY), Genevieve Lee (LOY), Lizzie Bell (LOY), Nick Floyd (UPN), Jack Swikart (UPN), Alexander Singh (UVA), Waverlee Harvey (UVA), Jolie Roetter (AU), Dylan Brady (AU), Danny Anderson (AU), Harmen Rockler (SU), John Garth (MON), Madeleine Edwards (SJC), MaryEllen Markuskie (SJC), Jessica Simkins (IUP), Geoff Loffredo (SBU), Peter Sander (SBU), Gaura Mudgal (SBU), AJ Miceli (GAN), Belle Strachan (GWU).

2. Additions to the Agenda

Team Race League description

War Qualification revision

3. Treasurers Report – One School has not paid their dues. Bucknell is not allowed to compete in any MAISA event until their bill has been paid.

4. Report from ICSA Standing Committees

- a) All-American (Ian Burman) – Ian Burman reported that MAISA had 2 sailors named Coed Honorable Mention All American, Sean Golden (GTN) and Patrick Snow (NA); 3 Sailors named Coed All American, Alex Curtiss (SMC), Esteban Forrer (ODU), Nevin Snow (GTN); 7 All American Crews, Megan Hough (NA), Shelby Jacobs (SMC), Mariah Lefingwell (SMC), Meaghan Macrae (GTN), Bettina Redway (GTN), Isabelle Ruiz de Luzuriaga (GTN), Gabriel Smith (ODU);

2 Honorable Mention Women's Skippers, MaryKate Mezzetti (GTN), Carolyn Smith (SMC) and the Marlow Ropes College Sailors of the Year Nevin Snow (GTN).

- b) Appeals – no update
- c) Eligibility (Charles Higgins) – no update
- d) Hall of Fame (Adam Werblow) – no update
- e) Rules (Bill Ward) – Bill mentioned that the new RRS will go into effect for college sailing in 2017 and that the Procedural Rules will be updated to reflect that.
- f) Afterguard (Brian Clancy) – no report
- g) Academic All-America (Dan Thompson) – no report
- h) Championship and Competition (Scott Ikle, Brian Clancy) Scott mentioned that the Championship Committee has developed a new Spring Nationals hosting rotation and that MAISA will most likely be hosting in 2018.
- i) Oracle Team USA Trip Report (Michael Collins and Charles Higgins) Charles and Michael reported on their trip to Bermuda and the North Loft in Nevada.

Old Business

1. Prosser Trophy Qualification System

Commissioner Callahan updated the group on the issues with the current qualification system. A committee of 10 coaches met at the Naval Academy to discuss an alternative to the current system which uses the results of the War Memorial to determine berths at the Prosser Trophy. Commissioner Callahan went on to explain what the new system would look like. **After considerable discussion a motion was m/s/c to approve the following beginning in the Spring of 2018.**

- a. **Remove the War Memorial as a qualifier for the Prosser Trophy.**
- b. **Create a Team Race League from the top 12 Schools in MAISA based on performance at the previous 2 America and War Memorial Regattas. Should a team decline a berth in the League their spot will be offered to the 13th team in MAISA and so on until 12 teams are signed up for the League.**

- c. Entry Fee into the League will be \$1500 which will be used to pay for umpires at the events.
- d. Teams in the League will be assigned berths at 7 Team Race Events. These events will include – St. Mary’s Team Race, John Jackson Team Race, Graham Hall Team Race, GW Team Race, Szambecki Team Race, Admiral Moore Team Race and 1 more as yet unnamed event.
- e. Teams not in the League will not be able to schedule League events.
- f. Teams in the League will be limited to one league event per weekend.
- g. The top 6 teams, based on results from the League Team Race Regattas will earn a berth at the Prosser Trophy
- h. The next 6 teams from the League, based on results from the League Team Race Regattas will earn a berth at the Team Race Challenge
- i. Teams not in the League can sign up for the Challenge and Qualify for the Prosser Trophy.

The Team Race League will go into effect in the Spring of 2018. A Committee will be formed to further develop the rules and regulations of the Team Race League.

2. MAISA Schedule Changes for Fall 2018.

- a. Discussion of Schedule issues – Commissioner Callahan noted that in the schedule draft many teams had to wait till late rounds just to choose the regattas that they wanted. Smaller teams were often left to pick regattas that they didn’t want to pick solely because it was the only event available. Commissioner Callahan proposed a solution that would revamp the entire fall schedule and benefit small and large teams.
- b. After considerable discussion a motion was m/s/c to approve the following beginning in Fall 2018.

Teams competing in the War will be chosen using the following criteria

- The top 12 team based on results from the previous 2 War and 2 America Trophies will qualify for the War Memorial Regatta.
- Luce Regatta – teams 13-30 based on the Previous War/Luce, America and Grant Regattas will compete at the Luce Regatta. The top 3 teams from the Luce will earn a berth to the War Memorial.

- **Creation of Regional Series – Existing MAISA regattas will be grouped into North South Central Series. Teams not in the top 12 but wishing to be entered into the series will simply choose to enter the series and will be automatically placed in the series events. The Top team from each series, not already qualified for the War, will qualify for the War Memorial Regatta. Series will be scored using a high point system using a team’s top 3 scores from a four regatta series.**

Subject to change the South Series will consist of the following events:

Edward Teach Memorial
Riley Cup
Colony Cup
Jefferson Cup

Subject to Change to the Central Series will consist of the following events:

Central Fall
Philly Fleet Race
Kings Point Dinghy Open
One more event TBA

Subject to Change the North Series will consist of the following events:

Coho
Cazenovia
NY Maritime Fall
Boehringer

Commissioner Callahan will work with each region to ensure that the Series Regattas are at good venues and on the correct weekends.

Commissioner Callahan will work with the Executive Committee to make sure that Schools are assigned to the correct region based on geography.

A Committee will be formed to create a fall schedule for 2018 implementing the changes outlined above.

New Business

- 1 Grant Host Berth – Should the host of the Grant get a berth at the regatta? We have conflicting rules on this. One rule allows the host to take a berth from their region while another specifically forbids teams already qualified for the America Trophy from competing in the Grant. Considerable discussion ensued. Some hosts were in favor of being allowed to field a team due to the burden of hosting the event. They felt they deserved to have a berth. Other hosts felt it would be wrong to eliminate a team looking to move up the rankings from competing at the Grant. A compromise was struck. **A motion was m/s/c stating that Grant Hosts that are in the America Trophy will be listed as the first alternate to the regatta. Grant Hosts with more than 18 boats are allowed to enter a 19th boat in the regatta to allow the host school to enter a team.**
- 2 Princeton Request for No-Show penalty removal from Coed ACT @ Navy. **A motion was m/s/c to excuse Princeton from their No-Show at the Coed ACT.**
- 3 Berths to the ACT. Should Teams in the ACC's also get a berth in ACT's if there are openings? Should a women's team get a berth in the ACT? After some discussion MAISA will bring the following proposal to ICSA for alternate berths at Coed ACT.

Open Berths at the ACT should be given out in the following order 1. Host Team, 2. Women's Teams not in the Women's ACC's and that sailed the qualifier, 3. Open to Alternate list.

- 4 Awards Reminder – Commissioner Callahan urged the group to help MAISA nominate someone for each award
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.

iii. 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.

iv. 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.

5. Host Bids for 2018 ICSA Spring Nationals

Commissioner Callahan mentioned that MAISA would be asked to host the 2018 Spring Nationals. Old Dominion indicated they would have interest in hosting.

Navy indicated that they would be a “reluctant” backup if Old Dominion were unable to host.

6. Appointment of All MAISA Team Committee of seven members to be chaired by Brian Clancy (COR).

Brian Clancy (COR), Charles Higgins (ODU), Johnny Norfleet (FRD), Morgan Collins (NYM), Billy Martin (GWU), Conner Blouin (SMC), Ian Burman (NA)

7. Regatta End Times

MAISA will propose the following at the ICSA Mid Winter

For Coed and Women’s Fleet Racing Interconference Regattas with 2 fleets

- A. To be declared Sunday Morning by the Regatta Chair, no race will start after
 - A. 1500 and a lunch break will/ (may) be given.
 - B. Or 1330 and there will be no lunch break.

B. A proposal was m/s/c to go into immediate effect. At MAISA Fleet Race Regattas on Saturday No races to start after 6PM.

This rule is not in effect for Conference Championships or Team Race Events.

8. MAISA Racing Schedule – Any issues or concerns after the completion of the Live Draft (Dan Winters). No issues were reported with the draft. Dan Winters mentioned that he will issue a 3rd draft and teams can add or drop. Teams will be billed based on the 4th draft.
9. Appointing ICSA Committee Reps
 - A) Afterguard – Brian Clancy
 - B) All Academic – Dan Thompson
 - C) All American – Ian Burman,
 - D) Championships and Competition – Scott Ikle, Brian Clancy
 - E) Communication – Billy Martin
 - F) Eligibility – Charles Higgins
 - G) Hall of Fame – Adam Werblow
 - H) Intersectional Schedule – Dan Winters
 - I) Membership and Development – Max Plarr
 - J) Rules – Bill Ward
10. Election of MAISA Officers for 2017
 - Conference Commissioner 2 years (Mike Callahan was re-elected)
 - MAISA Graduate President – 2 Years (Ian Burman was re-elected)
 - North Director – 2 Years (Johnny Norfleet was re-elected)
 - South Director – 2 Year (Charles Higgins was re-elected)
 - Director –at –Large – 1 Year (Scott Ikle was reappointed)
 - MAISA Undergrad President – Shira Golub (GWU)

North Rep – Gaura Mudgal (SBU)

South Rep – Dana Harriman (UMD)

11. Schedule of Executive Committee Meetings for 2017

Tuesday February 21 @ 12PM

Tuesday March 21 @ 12PM

Tuesday April 18 @ 12PM

12. Meeting Adjourned