

Neisa call notes May 16th 2017 12:00pm Call
Last call before summer break
Stand in Secretary: Tyler Justus Paige

Scheduling

- 2018 schedule near complete
 - looking into a team race drat (fall project to adopt at annual meeting)
- match race New Englands, we'll talk about it in a few minutes

Question from Dianna: I understand the direction we are heading in but, I want to place emphasis that we do not forget the smaller teams

- Answer, hope is that the first few weekends the schedule will benefit the top 15 teams and then after that a trickle down effect will help the next 35 teams
- goal is to make a schedule that works for the whole conference

Tyler's Neisa report

- Multiple teams looking for a coach, if anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in a coaching job, contact me and I will put them in touch with those teams (Wentworth, Emanuel, Bentley, possibly more)
- Teams have felt there is little communication between small teams and want an easier way to ask questions and collaborate about how to overcome challenges. Several teams I spoke to like the idea of creating a Neisa Sailors Voice Facebook page (similar to the ISAF sailor's voice facebook page)
- Teams from the colleges of the fenway have struggled finding coaches since the collective team broke up.
- Emanuel is sailing at CBI but might not be able to continue to Practice there.
 - They will be contacting Harvard, or MIT, etc soon if they need to find a place to practice
- Women's events-Most of the smaller teams with enough girls to field a women's event have tried to attend one. Multiple teams have said that they struggle to field two women's boats but can easily field one and would like to see a single division women's regatta to help grow their women's team.
- UMD is only allowed to have women sail even though there are many guys dying to be on the team. The Women feel they are at a disadvantage in big breeze sailing too light and would benefit from having guys as heavy crews. Title IX is currently preventing guys from sailing, team wants to change that.

Talk of a possible Neisa Sailors Voice Facebook group similar to Isaf sailors voice

Justin: Likes the idea, but concerns about facebook group being professional

Sarah: facebook group has been beneficial in other situations

Dianna: prefers emails for sharing information to keep it within the conference

Justin: Asks for undergraduate opinion on facebook

Coakley: also concerns about facebook but open to the idea

Sarah: as a Regional rep, facebook was the easiest way to reach out to teams for the report

Justin: Tyler, start making one to see what it would look like

Dianna: concerns about smaller teams getting splintering information. Not opposed to facebook, but concerns how it might splinter smaller teams from the systems already in place.

Skip: facebook idea aimed at smaller teams for a conversational forum. There are issues smaller teams will have the bigger teams can help with. With schedule smaller teams are often not represented, they get lost in the shuffle.

Justin: we can make the reports more sequential updating as things are going on. If the facebook group, if we create it we should frame it as a support network (may sound like something for alcoholics anonymous) make it focused on helping small teams find solutions to problems. It should not be designed for policy making decisions. Have a mix of neisa executive graduates and undergraduates be present on the page.

Tyler: can we make one for each district as regional representatives to give our district a way to get directly in touch with us

Dianna: raises concerns with the passing of the torch of the systems we create

Ally: I come from a small struggling team, Neisa has been helpful, symposium was helpful. It's more on my teams end, not what the conference can do for us. Just wanted to say you are doing a good job. Facebook as a forum would be very helpful, to see what the big teams are doing. This way we can see "oh, you're have that problem to, we're not the only one"

Justin: Tyler, can you help lead the charge with the other Neisa reps to create the Neisa Sailors Voice facebook page.

Tyler: definitely

Justin: if used correctly this could be a great resource

Sarah's report:

- lot of schools student run and hard to get a hold of
- the ones who wouldn't take phone calls she sent out a survey monkey or facebook messenger

JWU: biggest hurdles attending small regattas, tough to compete against teams with full time coaches

Multiple schools have issues with funding

Weslyan- large team, getting a women's team sailing

Providence College: hoping to get better communications with other coaches

- open to ideas about how to do this

Sacred heart and fairfield sail together: have about 1.5 coaches per team with a very active main coach

- fairfield sailed a women's team

- sacred heart struggles with high school recruitment

Brown: edgewood yacht club almost finished

Match racing:

- bid only From MIT so far

- for future we could possibly have fixed match race venues like Sail Newport, and Oakcliff

- Bid is from MIT and Corinthian yacht club in marblehead in sonars with 2017 sails, judges and PROs TBD

- John Mollicone hopes that the event stays on the same date in october (weekend of the 13 and 14th) because Brown and other teams drafted their schedule planning around that event being that weekend in October.

National championships

- UVM possible host for all three national championships
 - to ship boats up to venue could cost \$1600 total
- otherwise likely multiple venues for each event

New business

- scheduling penalties
 - separate the penalties
- Discuss the competitive imbalance for team racing nationals (at NEISA meeting)
- Match racing

Dianna: Concerns with younger team knowing about distance between Windwark mark and offset

- its not written in developing teams handbook
- feels the more minutia details that we can provide, the better

Next call September 13th 2017 at 11:00 am