

**December 2, 2017**  
**NEISA Annual Meeting**

Motions:

1. Motion to approve meeting minutes from last year
  - a. Motion passed
2. Motion to move New England Team Racing Championship to weekend 11, no change to women's or coed, from 2019 on.
  - a. Motion failed
3. Motion to abolish Team Racing scheduling rules
  - a. Motion passed
4. Motion to to adopt Option 2 of Proposal 2 in the Scheduling Coordinator's Report.
  - a. Motion passed
5. Motion to create the Women's Team Race National Invitational on Weekend 13
  - a. Motion passed
6. Motion to change the Judge Coordinator's stipend from \$5,000 to \$3,000
  - a. Motion passed
7. Motion to accept the Performance Ranking Report
  - a. Motion passed
8. Motion to accept the Competition Committee report
  - a. Motion passed
9. Motion to remove the requirement that you have to bring an umpire to any NEISA team race in order to attend
  - a. Motion passed
10. Motion to amend 5.1.1 to: The Championship Committee will seek bids for conference championships each year. The conference will then vote to select the host. Fall events will be voted on during the NEISA Annual Meeting. Spring events will be voted on during a conference call prior to Spring Weekend 14. Bids will be solicited at least one month prior to the vote and distributed to the conference at least one week prior to the vote.
  - a. Motion passed
11. Motion to amend 5.3.1 to: In the event that the NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl) or the NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy) cannot be sailed, the regatta will be rescheduled to Weekend 14. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the most recent Performance Rankings will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships.  
5.3.2 In the event that the NEISA Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy) cannot be sailed, it will be rescheduled for Weekend 11. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the NEISA Seeding Committee will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships.
  - a. Motion passed
12. Motion to have NEISA direct ICSA to implement a eight year term limit for officers. Initially up to three years for implementation.
  - a. Motion passed

13. Motion to have NEISA direct ICSA to implement a five year term limit for NEISA Commissioner. Initially up to three years for implementation.
  - a. Motion passed
14. Motion to approve University of Maine for Associate Membership
  - a. Motion passed
15. Motion to approve University of Massachusetts Boston for Associate Membership
  - a. Motion passed

Action Items:

1. Treasurer to send list of receivables to Commissioner and Graduate Regional Reps.
2. Grad Regional Reps and Commissioner to contact teams with outstanding bills to secure payment.
3. Assad, Pizzo, Mollicone to bring revised No-Show Rule to January Exec Comm call.
4. Awards Committee will release Individual Award watch lists on March 1.
5. Assad to rewrite No-Show rule to correct Regs in short term.
6. Assad to add Showcase Rules to Regs.
7. Assad to bring Season Limits question to ICSA for rescheduled Championships in Spring.
8. Assad to continue to work with MAISA Commissioner Callahan to develop ICSA National Ranking guidelines and processes.

Minutes:

1. Call to Order (Assad): 9:02 AM
  - a. Roll Call of Executive Board
  - b. Attendance
    - i. Executive Board: Assad, Coakley, Florio, Welsh, Reid, Pizzo, Weidenbacker, O'Connor, Mollicone, Charles, Swingly, Wilkinson, Paige, Astiz, Morin, Lynn
    - ii. Member Schools: Luke Haggerty (Amherst), Billy McBride (Amherst), Amy Macdonald (Bates), Nick Memoli (Bentley), Rachael Krawiecki (Bentley), Becky Biwer (Bentley), Peter Lillys (Bentley), Cameron McManus (BC), Reed Lorimer (BU), Stan Schreyer (BU), Sabrina McDonnell (Brandeis), Abby Smurzynski (Brandeis), Jeff Bresnahan (Connecticut College), Paige Clarke (Dartmouth College), Sofia Drago (Emmanuel), Julia Becker (Emmanuel), Isaac Bode (Fairfield), Lillian Vincens (Fairfield), Jessica Williams (Harvard), Lucy Wilmot (Harvard), Sergio Gratta (Mass Maritime), Matt Wordell (Mass Maritime), Alex Baskin (Middlebury), Michael Kalin (MIT), Jonathan Farrar (Northeastern University), Jackson Hamilton (Northeastern University), Amanda Callahan (RWU), Alex Rudkin (RWU), Kylie Freitas (RWU), Harold Smith (Sacred Heart), Jamie Fales (Sacred Heart), John Ingalls (Salve Regina), Ken Legler (Tufts), Samuel Gray (UConn), Danielle Elson (UConn), Gary Hendrickson (UConn), Erika Pacheco (UMaine), Michaela Hillier (UMass Amherst), Eileen Devane (UMass Amherst), Justin Scott (UMass Amherst), David Palenica (UMass Boston), Benjamin Geffken (UMass Boston), Skip Whyte (URI),

Brittney Manning (UVM), Caroline Patten (UVM), Jeff Dusek (Wellesley), Paloma Soriano (Wellesley), Nate Barton (Wesleyan), Jared Reineck (WIT), Ethan Merrill (Worcester Polytech), Theodore Lynn (WPI)

2. Additions to Agenda:
  - a. None
3. Approval of Fall Exec Comm Minutes
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Assad: Motion to approve meeting minutes from last year
  - b. Welsh: Second
    - i. Motion passes unanimously
5. **Commissioner's Report (Assad):**
  - a. Overall Report
    - i. We had an immense amount of success this past year with several secured victories in all of the national championships.
      1. Strong showing at Women's Nationals where four of the top five teams were from NEISA.
    - ii. We need to keep this progress moving forward. The goal of building development teams has been successful but again we need to continue pushing forward.
    - iii. We do need to be aware of the amount of energy we divert to both developing student led teams but also pro-teams.
    - iv. Thank you to everyone who has made an effort reaching out to the developing teams.
  - b. 2019 College Sailing Nationals:
    - i. NEISA is still actively seeking host-school for College Team Race Nationals for 2019.
    - ii. Nationals will be in New England, with the intention of it being in Newport. We are working on a bid with Sail Newport. John Mollicone (Brown University) has envisioned this being hosted by multiple teams.
    - iii. This will be a great event, the past few times it has been hosted in Newport has resulted in a great event with mostly great breeze.
  - c. Executive and AD HOC Committees
    - i. These committees have been working extremely hard and we appreciate what they have been trying to accomplish.
  - d. Overall Ideas for the Conference:
    - i. NEISA conference calls every other month with executive and standing/ad hoc committee conference calls on the opposite months
      1. More time to prepare prior to calls
  - e. New Fall Schedule
    - i. Coming to together well, but it is important to note that the schedule is still unstable.
    - ii. Goal is to develop something that will be better for college sailing overall and last for a long time.

- f. We need to remember that we are colleagues and friends and it is important to figure out any issues that we have with this.

**6. President's Report (Coakley):**

a. Overall Report

- i. Again, we had an excellent season with lots of success at a variety of events.
- ii. We have created the largest number of women's teams (32) in NEISA over the past year.
  - 1. Unknown: What is this 32 number based off of?
  - 2. Coakley: It went from 29 to 32 and we believe about 95 percent of those teams are actually sustainable
  - 3. Bresnahan: We should implement a rule for teams that can put forward a women's team to make it mandatory.
  - 4. Coakley: You only need to send four women to a regatta so it is not something that requires a rule.
  - 5. Assad: For example when I was at Columbia, we would always send a women's team to a regatta not just for the better of the team but for the better of the conference. It doesn't need to be a high level event, but pick an appropriate level. If anyone needs help don't be afraid to ask someone. As Jeff mentioned it relates to the number of berths at nationals, which has been based off the percentage of women teams in the conference.

b. Club Team Symposium

- i. Second year in a row, excellent meeting to follow
- ii. Thank you to all the coaches who surrendered their Saturdays to be here.

c. Head Injuries

- i. We have made significant progress with the head injury reports.
  - 1. System to track more concussions
  - 2. Establish the necessity of helmets and raised booms.

**7. Treasurer Report (Wilkinson on Alden Reid's behalf):**

- a. I did not post the financial's on the website because I didn't think they should be published.
  - i. Have about a year's worth of expenses in cash in the bank, which equates to about 49K.
  - ii. We do however have two bad news items:
    - 1. We continue to keep chipping away at that cash. Alden has projected us at a 7000 loss.
    - 2. Our receivables have started climbing again and are currently about 20K.
- b. Wilkinson: I'd like to remind teams that you can be prevented from sailing if you don't pay your bills. Alden does not want to see the receivables climb any higher. To establish a way to move forward, what are the problems that are causing individual schools to not pay their bills?
  - i. Emmanuel: If it's sent to the school, it's going to take six weeks to pay
    - 1. Solution: Send bills six weeks earlier

- ii. Email bills to team contacts
  - 1. Unanimous agreement on this solution
- iii. Wilkinson: If a team is struggling to make payments we are able to be flexible we just need to be made aware of it before it is an issue. Just communicate with either Alden or Justin.
  - 1. Can find most up to date contact list on Frank's tab on the website

## 8. Scheduling Report (Pizzo):

### a. Overall Report

- i. A lot has been going on with this new schedule but we have a few key agenda items that we need to cover.
- ii. We are working on developing a better no show rule to bring to the January meeting. Working committee met at Tufts a few weeks ago to look at scheduling of Team Race New Englands.

### b. Team Race New Englands

- i. Currently it is hosted on weekend 10, considering moving to weekend 11 or moving some other championship weekends and having it be the last weekend, with this potential change for 2019 NOT 2018.
- ii. Consensus that the Spring Team Race season is too short
  - 1. Losing berths to MAISA and weather
  - 2. MAISA has increased their number of berths by developing a team racing league of their own
    - a. Positive thing, but has hurt us both with results and number of berths.
  - 3. We need to remember that team racing is something that requires a lot of reps and giving that extra weekend for practice is great.
- iii. **Motion** to discuss potential change of date for Team Race New Englands.
  - 1. Assad: Here are our options: keep on Weekend 10 or move to Weekend 11
  - 2. Legler: Trying to move the race later was extremely positive however women's team would not be happy with the move possibly. We need to stay away from doing things then considering the women an afterthought.
  - 3. Callahan: Unlike team racing it is important to note that the women have the entire fall season to train.
  - 4. Whyte: I agree with Ken we cannot allow the women to become an afterthought.
  - 5. Coakley: It would be very difficult for the women to perform well without a tune up event the week prior.
  - 6. Mollicone: Do you think by moving the event it will really increase the overall performance?
  - 7. Unknown: No, but it might help a bit
  - 8. Assad: I have to agree with Amanda here. It is an incredible challenge trying to fit everything in.

9. Farrar: This would only be good for a few teams. Most teams in the room have women's team however not all of them have team racing teams.
  10. Florio: However though everyone will be on the same page. So essentially it does hinder or restrict anyone.
  11. Coakley: It affects teams with smaller numbers.
  12. Bresnahan: Move everything back and put team racing at the end.
  13. O'Connor: I agree with John that we need to have women's season be as long as it can be.
  14. Assad: I think the only viable option is moving it one week later.
  15. Patten: If we move women's up we will spend less time team racing over the Spring.
  16. Unknown: By moving it we may be able to have a better umpire option.
  17. Assad: Let's conduct a straw poll and measure the overall temperature of the room:
  18. Straw Poll Part 1:
    - a. Weekend 10: about eleven
    - b. Weekend 11: about eighteen
    - c. Weekend 12: about three
    - d. Weekend 13: about five
  19. Straw Poll Part 2:
    - a. Weekend 10: about seven
    - b. Weekend 11: about fourteen
  20. Wilkinson: We need to remember the this is TEAM RACE NEW ENGLANDS where we will only have sixteen teams vying for the championship while we have a total of twenty one teams voting.
  21. Pizzo: **Motion** to move New England Team Racing Championship to weekend 11, no change to women's or coed, from 2019 on.
  22. Assad: The events that will be affected are:
    - a. Navy Spring, Owen, Thompson, President's
  23. Legler: This is the option that minimizes the impact that it has on the women.
  24. Pizzo: There will be some other events that will have to be adjusted however let's have scheduling deal with it.
  25. Assad: Let's put it to a vote:
    - a. Yay:9
    - b. Nay:11
    - c. Motion does not pass
- c. NEISA Team Race Scheduling Proposal, NEISA Scheduler Report Proposal 1
- i. **Motion** to to abolish current team racing schedule rules
    1. Bresnahan: We can't abolish rules without being prepared to have other rules take their place. We have worked incredibly hard to develop these rules and sprinkle team racing all across the conference. We can't just go abolishing things. That is just not good.

2. Swingly: The rules don't work with the current schedule. They simply no longer apply.
3. Wilkinson: I think it would be wise for us to allow Frank to speak on behalf of these rules because he is most familiar with them. What these rules try to accomplish is why we have a draft system.
4. Pizzo: The rules are incredibly difficult to apply, with the alternate list as the most difficult thing to apply. Here is a common example: often teams will be accepted into an event and we are not entirely sure if they are allowed to do the event because of the rules.
5. Wilkinson: I am assuming that mostly everyone ignores the rules when it comes to this.
6. Assad: I can't even do it and I wrote the rules myself. But let's put it to a vote.
  - a. Yay: Nineteen
  - b. Nay: None
  - c. Motion passes

d. Developing a NEISA Team Race Draft, NEISA Scheduler Report Proposal 2

- i. Introduction - Assad: I think that the conference would be successful in developing a draft because it would force teams to think about about which events they want to compete in. A little bit of background on this. Most of us select both inconference and out of conference events. To make the suggested changes we need to add a berth to the Wood trophy but include certain events and exclude others. This would be similar to the same drat that we used for the interconference regattas.
  1. Pizzo: Skip and I developed a potential schedule draft that would allow for lower teams to get a lower pick. We would not include the Marchiando in this draft. But to allow for some better developments we would have the Herring Pond Team Race be a reverse draft. This would allow people to select what event they want.
  2. Whyte: What the second draft option entails is going from one to three not one to six.
  3. Ingalls: What is the thought process involving this decision?
  4. Assad: The teams that have multiple teams are what make the regattas better. Sometimes second tier teams for a big school might be better than the a schools primary team. We need to be careful because the consequences are the exact thing that we are trying to push.
  5. Wilkinson: There is a delicate balance in attempting to balance the wealth
  6. Bresnahan: I don't agree with Justin. The top sixteen teams don't need to be able to sail in multiple events.
    - a. **Motion** to to adopt Option 2 of Proposal 2 in the Scheduling Coordinator's Report.
    - b. Option 2 in the Scheduling Coordinator's Report:

- i. Proposal 2: NEISA adopt a team race draft for selecting the following regattas: Mendelblatt, McIntyre, Bavier, Sharpe, Thames River TR, SMC TR, John Jackson, Wood Trophy, TR Invite at MIT, Rudkin TR, Graham Hall, SNETR, Geigor, Eagle TR (new event), Szambecki TR, A. Moore TR, Friis, NE/MA TR, BU TR, Camel TR (new venue needed), Bow TR, Mystic Lake TR. The Staake will be scheduled 11-16. The Marchiando will be scheduled 1-10 with the final two teams (11th and 12th berths) determined from the top two teams at the Staake. The Herring Pond Team Race will be scheduled reverse PR order. I will present two draft order options:
  1. Option 1: 1-10, 1-6, 11-14, 7-10, 1-15, 1-16, repeat, 1-16
  2. Option 2: 1-10, 1-3, 11-14, 4-10, 1-15, 1-16, 1-16, repeat, 1-16
  3. I have attached two mock drafts of these drafts. The drafts are not perfect but they may help everyone get their heads around what is being proposed. There would have to be a few changes to make this draft work: NEISA/MAISA needs to go to 6 NEISA, Wood needs to go to 6 NEISA, Host draft in the 6th draft spot
7. Ingalls: Does anyone have any other ideas?
8. Assad: We had the committee bring this report forward because they have considered all the other options.
9. O'Connor: It will work itself out.
10. Bresnahan: This doesn't work with our result based data.
11. Assad: We don't have any official data by any means. We should look at the past ten years and develop a sense of data. Both Jeff and Amanda have valid points, especially Amanda mentioning that since there are limited spots at top team racing events already that we should place an emphasis on having top teams sail against each other.
12. Whyte: The top teams need to stop hogging all of the events. It does nothing better for smaller teams. If you want team racing embraced you need everyone involved in some way.
13. Legler: There is a very easy solution here. We need to develop more team racing events.
14. Schreyer: The fall season very adequately reflects the team's respective performance very well. Not being competitive allows for teams to learn and go to events that they should be sailing. We don't help anyone by giving them a high draft spot.

15. Patten: It doesn't make sense for us to go to big events and get our butts handed to us because it only discourages us from wanting to continue. Maybe we should create a league for the 11-16 teams to compete and learn in. What we need to do is just establish overall goals.
16. Mollicone: We just abolished all of the old rules and I like the idea of a draft. We are trying to build team racing and we need more events because if you're not ranked 7th or 8th, you're not getting into the big events. In MAISA, everyone buys into the league. Now, I'm not saying that the draft is the right idea but we don't have enough berths in our own team race events and we have to fix some of these things.
17. Wilkinson: If we go to the draft, it focuses around the core schedule which will fill that schedule. Do we need to create regattas that happen outside the draft because if this core group of regattas is not going to accomplish anything maybe we should have some core events and also provide some outside quality events.
18. Pizzo: When using the draft, it would help teams pick events they want to attend rather than selecting everything then dropping events right before the deadline. This helps create more team-racing teams.
19. Assad: We are currently under the capacity and we need to expand the schedule to provide more high quality events. Let's move to a vote to adopt Option 2 of Proposal 2 in the Scheduling Coordinators Report.
  - a. Yay: 21
  - b. Nay: 2
  - c. Motion passes

e. Women's Team Race National Invitational

- i. Would take place on Weekend 13 at MIT with 8 NEISA berths and 4 invitational spots, host gets a spot
- ii. Pizzo: This can be talked about at the ICSA level and this is an event that we can do, if we build it, then teams will attend.
- iii. **Motion** to create the Women's Team Race National Invitational on Weekend 13
  1. Assad: This has already received ICSA approval
  2. Wilkinson: Will this be a promotional event?
  3. Assad: Yes, this will be a promotional event.
  4. Pizzo: I don't know maybe we should use the Duplin as the Women's Team Race Nationals
  5. Kahlin: We want high quality team racing
  6. Bresnahan: Having this on Weekend 13 seems limiting as there is a scheduling conflict.
  7. Weidenbacker: I understand that there is a conflict and that we can't change the scheduling of the event. We are trying to build up women's team racing and its scheduling conflict with Co-ed New England's diminishes the ability to create a quality event. If this moves forward, we may find a way to balance the load.

8. Assad: Jeff, do you have a solution?
9. Bresnahan: I'll host a qualifier.
10. Wilkinson: I'm worried about the scheduling of the National Invitational because if you have someone that crews co-ed and skippers womens, which event will you send them to? These problems get compounded while scheduling for the weekend.
11. Mollicone: Women don't want to team race two weeks before their qualifier. Pizzo, can we have the National Invitational be the Duplin? It's the weekend of the Presidents trophy.
12. Bresnahan: Could we do a Southeastern qualifier?
13. Kahlin: We brought up the possibility of the National Invitational to our women's team and they were excited about it. If you talk to your team, you might hear something you wouldn't expect. At times, team racing can create division amongst the team, which could be solved if women have a team racing national championship.
14. Legler: There's no question that scheduling is difficult. How many teams could come and would still be interested in attending?
15. Mollicone: We should have the event, it's promotional. Let's see how it goes.
16. Assad: We want to create excitement for an event like this.
17. Mollicone: This is a step towards progress and this is what the Duplin was like when it was started.
18. Schreyer: I agree with Greg, we should plan of having the event be successful from the beginning or else we run the risk of the event being diluted.
19. Farrar: Maybe it's too much of a push to call it a women's team race. Some schools might not have the numbers to send a team so opening it up to some co-ed teams could be good.
20. Wilkinson: The idea is awesome. Let's take a poll because to send a team-racing team we may need to pull people.
  - a. Straw poll: How many teams think they will struggle to send a team?
  - b. Yay: Nine
  - c. Nay: Eight
21. Callahan: A weak beginning doesn't reflect ultimate success and I think we should just go for it and hold the event.
22. Assad: Let's move to a vote to create the Women's National Invitational Team Race on Weekend 13
  - a. Yay: 25
  - b. Nay: 0
  - c. Motion passes

**9. Awards Committee Report (Pizzo on behalf of Thompson):**

- a. Overall Report

- i. Honor sailors of the week as well as the All-NEISA team
  - ii. As the chair of the committee, David Thompson will serve on the All-American committee
  - iii. The committee will continue to do the NEISA watch-list with the aim that it will be done by Weekend 10
  - iv. The awards committee is constantly looking for people to acknowledge.
- b. Trophies for Sailor of the Year
- i. Brought up by Brian Swingly
    - 1. Swingly: There are some crossovers between committees and one idea that we had was to develop keeper trophies for Sailors of the Year.
    - 2. Pizzo: That would be a good thing to do because we often don't do a good job of presenting awards at the event.
    - 3. Assad: This is important to do, but the host can't be responsible for the presentation of the award. It should be the conference commissioner.
- c. Sailor of the Year Watchlist
- i. Brought up by Greg Wilkinson
    - 1. Wilkinson: When does the Sailor of the Year watchlist get published?
    - 2. Pizzo: Right after Team Race New England's.
    - 3. Wilkinson: Ultimately, the watchlist is used for publicity. Let's do them before the start of the Spring season.
    - 4. Schreyer: We have talked about moving the publication date to before the start of the season and we are open to suggestions.
    - 5. Pizzo: We want to see sailors' performance in the Spring before releasing the watchlist.
    - 6. Schreyer: The watchlist is all about publicity.
    - 7. O'Connor: There is plenty of data from the fall season to have a good watchlist.
    - 8. Assad: Let's create a Spring Season watchlist.

#### 10. Judge Coordinator's Report

- a. Assad: More graduates have been shifting to the judging ranks, but we still have issues getting enough judges for the Schell and the Urn.
- b. Assad: Amanda Callahan of Roger Williams University will be taking over the role.
- c. Assad: **Motion** to change the Judge Coordinator's stipend from \$5,000 to \$3,000
  - i. Bresnahan: It is better to have this position filled in-house rather than out-of-house.
  - ii. Schreyer: The responsibilities of the judge coordinator are not even close to those of the Scheduling Coordinator and the Commissioner.
  - iii. Assad: Let's move to a vote to change the Judge Coordinator's stipend from \$5,000 to \$3,000
    - 1. Yay: All the rest
    - 2. Nay: 1
    - 3. Motion passes

#### 11. **Performance Ranking Report (Kalin):**

- a. It took a while to understand the new schedule and in the past, the system worked well so we want to replicate as much of it as possible. The new system has eliminated the use of decimals in favor of a “metric” system where 10 is the maximum amount of points. This new performance ranking tries to more closely align the system used for Women’s and Co-ed
- b. Co-ed Performance Ranking System
  - i. Will continue to use the top four scores plus the Schell
  - ii. There will be four scoring “levels”:
    - 1. The Schell/Showcase are 10 points max
    - 2. A-Level events are 8.5 points max, assuming that there are 18 teams
    - 3. B-level events are 5 points max
    - 4. C-Level events are 4.16 points max
      - a. Coakley: Was there a reason for 4.16?
  - iii. The plot of old/new table of values and plot in the report are useful
    - 1. What Mike has tried to do is normalize the score at ten to keep the status of events the same
  - iv. Important to Note:
    - 1. B-Level events will have a “floor” of 16 boats, including keelboat events (Pine and Harmon) with the goal of providing more high-scoring opportunities for teams outside of the top-10
    - 2. If a single school has multiple entries at a B-Level event, they must declare “Team 1” and “Team 2” before the start of the event. “Team 1” will be eligible for PR points and “Team 2” will be omitted.
      - a. Example: Engineers 1 is the ranked team whereas Engineers 2 is not ranked
        - i. Swingly: We need to establish how to figure out which team is Team 1 and which is Team 2
    - 3. Match Race New Englands will get a bump: A-Level event with a “floor” of 16 boats as the scoring denominator.
    - 4. Single Handed New Englands is unchanged from the PR perspective, it is an A-Level event and the number of competitors is the number of unique schools entered
    - 5. Scoring procedure at the Schell/Dinghy Tournament will be unchanged
    - 6. The super-scoring procedure for the showcase Finals/Alt-Finals scoring will be different than the ACC/ACT scoring system
      - a. The winner of the Showcase Alt-Finals will receive 19th place points regardless of the worst placed NEISA team at showcase finals
  - v. Discussion:
    - 1. Issue raised is that the Schell and Showcase are scored out of a maximum of 10 points and A-Level events are 8.5 points max

2. Mollicone: Why is the number of single-handed competitors based off of schools and boats entered in the regatta? Why would mens and womens not match it?
3. Pizzo: With respect to the match-racing scoring, by the time there are only 8 boats competing, you've eliminated another 8 boats.
4. Bresnahan: When we had the discussion, the only reason Match Racing New Englands is at 8 is because that's what the qualifier widdles down to.
5. Barton: This promotes teams to try out other events

c. Women's Performance Ranking

- i. The goal here is to mirror the co-ed ranking system and score the top four events plus the mandatory Urn score. This way it counts the most at the end of the season.
- ii. Differences between coed and women's:
  1. Co-ed has more events, which equates to more scoring opportunities. For the women's scoring this means that teams that do well at the Urn will receive a higher benefit overall.
  2. Urn and Showcase Finals are not superscored but weighted higher
    - a. Showcase Alt-Finals will tentatively be a B-Level event
  3. B-Level Women's regattas are weighted relatively higher than for co-ed events, so the number of competitors will be based on the number of boats entered
- iii. Discussion:
  1. Farrar: Thank you Mike, that makes this new system easier to understand. I think that we are trying to showcase the sport and make it exciting. What I'm trying to propose is to help teams that are competing in the Fall event be able to jump into the championship and have everyone ranked well in that system.
  2. Kahlin: The women's showcase will be different than the coed and it will be interesting to see how many show up to the Women's Alt-Finals but I'm guessing that 9-12 would go to the Finals
  3. Farrar: It'd be cool to see the top 9 spots still go on to ACCs.
  4. Khalin: This allows for 15 berths to the Finals. You have to keep your Urn score. When scheduling events for the season, it is important to look at what events your team is going to get the most from.
  5. Swingly: It looks like you have put a ton of work into this, thank you. We should consider some MAISA events into the schedule.
  6. Pizzo: We did consider MAISA events. What is unique for the fall events is that we don't have enough data, but next year will be the largest change to the schedule.
  7. Schreyer: We don't know everything yet about schedule changes.
  8. **Motion** to accept the Performance Ranking Report
    - a. Yay: All

- b. Nay: None
- c. Motion passes

## 12. Competitions Committee Report (Wilkinson)

### a. National Competition Committee

#### i. Rule experiment for two fleet regattas

1. There have been more two fleet regattas and there has been an idea to combine the current rules regarding moving a course with the rules used in summer racing to move a mark
  - a. The race committee would be able to set multiple windward marks of different colors and fly a flag of the corresponding color to the mark to signal a course change.
  - b. If one fleet is already on the upwind leg, but the second fleet is on the downwind and should have their mark shifted, the race committee would be able to signal a course change whereby the second fleet would sail to a green windward mark instead of the orange windward mark by flying a green flag as the second fleet approaches the gate.
2. This would not be a procedural rule change.

#### ii. Procedural Rules: Time Limits and Team Racing

1. Currently, sail offs are allowed to happen after the time limit expires, but resails cannot be sailed after the time limit. The championship committee is considering allowing resails after the expired time limit.
  - a. Bresnahan
    - i. Can we only keep the 80% of the round robin?
  - b. Wilkinson
    - i. Yes

#### iii. Umpiring Status

1. Wilkinson: Currently, the ICSA does not want limited umpiring at any event. Limited umpiring is named poorly as the way the ICSA looks at limited umpiring is not the same as the name suggests. It limits what umpires can do as it does not allow protest hearings or hearings after inconclusive calls.

### b. Fall Showcase Schedule

- i. 12 teams from the previous year's performance rankings will be pre-qualified and 3 additional teams will qualify via "Showcase Qualifier" regattas
- ii. The Showcase will be sailed over two weekends
  1. Round 1: NEISA's 15 teams are seeded evenly into two 18-team regattas
    - a. At the conclusion of Round 1, the 9 top teams from each regatta (including other conferences) will advance to the Showcase Finals and the other 9 teams will advance to the Showcase Consolations
      - i. Showcase Consolation host receives berth, it is permissible for this team to be in both the Showcase

Finals and Consolation **and** could also result in a team that wasn't in Round 1 competing in the Showcase Consolation

ii. There are not host berths for the Showcase Finals

2. Showcase Situations:

a. When NEISA is hosting the Showcase Consolation, the lowest finishing NEISA team in Round 1 of the Showcase will not advance to the Showcase Consolation (in order to accommodate the host berth) unless that team is the host of the Showcase Consolation. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken using the *current year to date* Performance Ranking.

b. Example 1: Neither team is the Showcase Consolation host

i. Round 1a – Ocean University is 14

ii. Round 1b – Bay State University is 15th and last NEISA team

iii. *Bay State does not advance to Showcase Consolation*

c. Example 2: Neither team is the Showcase Consolation host

i. Round 1a – OU is 14 and last NEISA team

ii. Round 1b – BSU is 14th and last NEISA team

iii. At the conclusion of Showcase Round 1, OU is ranked 12th in Performance Ranking and BSU is ranked 14th

iv. *BSU does not advance to the Showcase Consolation*

d. Example 3: BSU is hosting the Showcase Consolation

i. Round 1a – OU is 14 and the last NEISA team

ii. Round 1b – BSU is 18th and the last NEISA team

iii. *OU and BSU advance to the Showcase Consolation*

iii. **Motion** to accept the Competition Committee Report

1. Motion passes unanimously

c. Voting on Fall Showcase Regattas

1. Wilkinson: On the Showcase regattas this year, are we voting on sites for these regattas?

2. Assad: Will vote on Thursday

3. Wilkinson: We can't do that

4. Pizzo: Why is the time off?

5. Wilkinson: Fall of 18 schedule is set

6. Assad: The deadline is May 31st of 2018

ii. Co-ed Fall Showcase

1. October 6-7, bids by MIT/Harvard and Connecticut College

a. Vote: hosts will be MIT/Harvard

2. Women's Finals

a. Brown will host Finals and Connecticut College will host Alt-Finals

**13. Championship Committee Report (Swingly):**

- a. Assad: Appointed as Standing Committee
- b. This past year was used to figure out this committee and great headway has been made. In 2017, the committee tried to create some regatta documents to help hosts, which was a major project. The committee was able to learn a lot about championship events and had very thorough debriefs. An objective of the committee is to make championships available year-to-year.
  - i. The committee expects to help out with the following regattas: NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl), NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy), NEISA Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy), NEISA Match Race Championship (White Trophy), NEISA Women's Singlehanded Championship (Olympians Trophy), NEISA Men's Singlehanded Championship (Monotype Trophy), Women's Victorian Coffee Urn, Erwin Schell Trophy, Staake Trophy, New England Dinghy Tournament.
  - ii. Members of this committee are working with each specific host for Spring 2018 Championships and will also serve as the NEISA Representative at that championship
    - 1. NEISA Coed Championship (CGA Alumni Bowl) @ Brown University, Rep: Skip Whyte
    - 2. NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy) @ Coast Guard Academy, Rep: Stan Schreyer
    - 3. NEISA Team Racing Championship @ Connecticut College, Reps: Greg Wilkinson and David Thompson
  - iii. Discussion about NEISA Representatives
    - 1. Bresnahan: I don't like how this report is worded so that we can't run our events. It seems like you're trying to bring a host in for the day. I think this could lead to the elimination of the selection of judges and chief umpires.
    - 2. Swingly: The committee has not discussed this at length, but this document does not allow them to do that.
    - 3. Wilkinson: The last line is the greatest part of part 2 (The committee member who is working with each specific host will also serve as the NEISA Representative at that championship.)
    - 4. Bresnahan: The host should appoint the NEISA rep not NEISA.
    - 5. O'Connor: The committee should just be able to approve the rep
    - 6. Wilkinson: ICSA assigns the ICSA rep; NEISA should assign the NEISA rep also.
    - 7. Swingly: I agree with Greg. It's not a Representative for the host it's a Representative for NEISA. We came to this decision by looking at it year-to-year. We want the Rep listening to coaches and we want them to help. The Championship Reps are meant to be quality control.
    - 8. Bresnahan: People should be able to rotate on and off the committee.
    - 9. Assad: We should set up a schedule to have a rotating position.
- c. Spring 2018 Championship Updates

- i. NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl) – Brown University  
Rep: Skip Whyte
    - 1. Mollicone: Brown is excited to host and the plan is to sail out of the new facility. On Saturday, A-Division will sail in FJs and B-Division will sail in 420s. On Sunday, the divisions will switch. The sails will be North Sails Blue Ribbon.
    - 2. The Chief Judge is Peter Bailey and John Mollicone will be the PRO. All coaches will be on land, but there is a chance to have coaches on boats. All substitutions will take place on land.
      - a. Bern: How close will the course be to the dock?
      - b. Mollicone: The new sailing center is going to allow better visibility given its higher vantage point.
      - c. Straw poll on coaches on the water:
        - i. Three prefer to be on land
        - ii. The rest prefer to be on the water
  - ii. NEISA Women’s Championship (Reed Trophy) – US Coast Guard Academy  
Rep: Stan Schreyer
    - 1. Swingly: There will be two fleets of boats. On Saturday, A-Division will sail 420s and B-Division will sail FJs. On Sunday, the divisions will switch. Coast Guard has new sails coming - North Sails Blue Ribbon.
    - 2. John Storke III will be running the event. The course will be set up as close as possible. Coast Guard will have the ability to get all coaches on boats, but coaches will have the choice to be on land or on the water.
  - iii. NEISA Team Racing Championship – Connecticut College Reps: David Thompson, Greg Wilkinson
    - 1. This will be an all FJ event. The boats are in good shape and the sails are fully colored.
    - 2. John Northrop will be the PRO and the umpire team will be the same as that of the SNETR.
- d. O’Connor: **Motion** to remove the requirement that you have to bring an umpire to any NEISA team race in order to attend Opposed 2 In Favor 16
- e. Championship Selection Protocol
- i. The committee discussed changing the limitations on hosting for the Reed and Alumni Bowl from three to two years but did not have a strong opinion one way or the other.
    - 1. The committee would like to recommend exemptions to this rule for teams who will be using an alternate venue or who have make major structural changes to their venue.
  - ii. The majority of the committee would like to postpone the selection of the Spring 2019 championships until Spring of 2018 and establish this timeframe for selection in future years.

1. Swingly: Regatta hosts can't think that far ahead of time. For NEISA's best interest, we should delay the selection so we have a better slate of bids with more complete proposals.
2. Motion to amend 5.1.1 to: The Championship Committee will seek bids for conference championships each year. The conference will then vote to select the host. Fall events will be voted on during the NEISA Annual Meeting. Spring events will be voted on during a conference call prior to Spring Weekend 14. Bids will be solicited at least one month prior to the vote and distributed to the conference at least one week prior to the vote.
  - a. Passes unanimously
3. Discussion
4. Bern: What is it like now with national selection? Does it go by a rotation anymore?
5. Wilkinson: No, no more rotations it goes by a bid.
6. Bern: We know how far ahead now?
7. Wilkinson: We will hopefully know where 2019 is and we have a preliminary for 2020 this winter. The prelim for hosting has been changed and there is a schedule attached to it.
8. Mollicone: We still don't know so it will be better if we wait.
9. Assad: A specific list will be distributed of how each event is voted on
10. Mollicone: The committee will develop a proposal?
11. Swingly: Yes that is what will happen. Hard deadlines for the committee will be one week before.
12. Motion to amend 5.3.1 to: In the event that the NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl) or the NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy) cannot be sailed, the regatta will be rescheduled to Weekend 14. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the most recent Performance Rankings will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships. 5.3.2 In the event that the NEISA Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy) cannot be sailed, it will be rescheduled for Weekend 11. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the NEISA Seeding Committee will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships.
13. Coakley: How is this different from what we have now?
14. Swingly: This gives us the opportunity to have a chance to sail it.
15. Wilkinson: We kind of have to do this. Our current contingency goes against everything.
16. Mollicone: What about season limits? Adding a new weekend could be an issue. This would not happen in the fall. What if women had to go into New Englands? They would go to 14 weekends
17. Assad: We have cleared it with the NEISA president to allow someone to drop to sail in the championship.
18. Vote:

- a. Passes unanimously
  - 19. Mollicone: If the Schell and the Urn don't happen, how does that affect rankings?
  - 20. Unknown: If nobody gets the score then it's not an issue.
- iii. Proposal 3- Amend the NEISA Rules and Regulations to the following: 5.4.6  
DELETE ENTIRE SECTION
  - 1. Vote:
    - a. Passes unanimously
- f. Championship Selection
  - i. **2018 Staake Trophy – Connecticut College**
    - 1. Bids by: Brown, Connecticut College, University of Rhode Island
    - 2. Connecticut College will host
      - a. Come up with a format with 6 teams on the water
      - b. Requires rewriting of a rotation
  - ii. **2018 NEISA Singlehanded Championship – Boston College**
  - iii. **2018 NEISA Match Race Championship – NO BIDS**
  - iv. **2018 Schell Trophy – Dartmouth College**
    - 1. Bids by: Dartmouth College, Connecticut College
    - 2. Vote:
      - a. Dartmouth College: 13
      - b. Connecticut College: 8
      - c. Dartmouth College will host
        - i. Not confirmed, but likely to have new 420 jibs and FJ sails
  - v. **2018 Urn Trophy – Bowdoin College**
    - 1. Bids by: Bowdoin College, Connecticut College
  - vi. Bids for 2019
    - 1. **2019 New England Dinghy Tournament – NO BIDS**
    - 2. 2019 NEISA Women's Championship – Yale University, Brown University\*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
    - 3. 2019 NEISA Team Race Championship – Connecticut College
    - 4. 2019 NEISA Coed Championship – US Coast Guard Academy, Bowdoin College

#### **14. Boats and Safety Report (Charles):**

- a. Head injury committee for NEISA (Coakley)
  - i. Collect data on incidents on concussions in the past five years
  - ii. Not a lot of teams don't have concussion protocols
  - iii. First recommendation
    - 1. Contact schools to replicate the athletic department policies
    - 2. Make sure guidelines are official with the school and that everyone is aware of them
  - iv. Go through your team to report concussions, it is not a big deal

- v. Wilkinson: There is a public issue with the conclusion of the report that there is underreporting
- vi. Coakley: There needs to be an effort wide conference movement to support reporting head injuries.
- vii. Assad: The further conclusion of this is that there needs to be greater education.

## 15. Old Business

### a. Elections for Executive Board for 2018

- i. Coaches agreed to stay on
- ii. New Executive Board
  1. Commissioner: Justin Assad, Dartmouth College
  2. President: Charlie Welsh, BU '18
  3. Vice President: Peter Lynn, BC '19
  4. Secretary: Paige Clarke, Dartmouth College '20
  5. Treasurer: Alden Reid, BC
  6. Scheduling Coordinator: Frank Pizzo, Bowdoin
  7. Northern Regional Director: Diana Weidenbacker, UNH
  8. Central Regional Director: Mike O'Connor, Harvard
  9. Southern Regional Director: John Mollicone, Brown
  10. Director of Boats and Safety: Fran Charles, MIT
  11. Director of Special Projects: Brian Swingly, CGA
  12. Competition Committee Chair: Greg Wilkinson, BC
  13. Northern Regional Representative: Tabled until January conference call
  14. Central Regional Representative: Ally Schwerdtfeger, Bentley '19
  15. Southern Regional Representative: Brian Nelson, Coast Guard Academy
  16. At Large Representative/Social Media : Kylie Freitas, Roger Williams University '20
  17. At Large Representative/Scheduling Coordinator: Cam McManus, Boston College '21

### b. Clarification for No-Show Penalty

- i. Assad: The penalty is written incorrectly it does not reflect women's coed individually. We are working on some options for a rewrite for the no show penalty.

## 16. New Business

### a. Graduate Students in College Sailing (Wilkinson):

- i. ICSA: Proposal to allow grad students to compete in intercollegiate sailing. NEISA should oppose it and try to work with other districts to enforce it as an undergrad approach
  1. Assad: We need to do what we can to reinforce the undergrad portion of college sailing.
  2. Swingly: It could allow for redshirting and create an advantage for schools that have the ability to do this.
- ii. Straw poll:
  1. NEISA support: 47

- 2. NEISA disagree: 6
- iii. Move to direct ICSA amend the bylaws to designate college sailing as a undergrad sport
  - 1. Yay: 38
  - 2. Nay: 4
- b. Term Limits for ICSA/NEISA Officers (Bresnahan):
  - i. In my twenty years as a coach, I've had two presidents
  - ii. **Motion:** To have NEISA direct ICSA to implement an eight-year term limit for officers. Initially, there will be up to three years for implementation.
    - 1. Schreyer: How can we eliminate coaches from these positions?
    - 2. Wilkinson: I think there is a desire in the room to replace the current ICSA president. That will not solve anything and the executive committee doesn't think it will solve the problem. Coaches expect professional governance. The committee doesn't think this is the result of an individual but rather a lack of sufficient funds to professionalize the executive office. Adding three years for implementation will force ICSA's hand, but replacing one person is not enough. As a result of the fall schedule change, we are losing money.
    - 3. Pizzo: We need to understand how important these positions are. For example, this fall Danielle Richards has been ill and we have been forced to scramble to somehow achieve a sense of continuity.
    - 4. Vote:
      - a. Yay: 44
      - b. Nay: 3
      - c. Motion passes
  - iii. **Motion** to have NEISA direct ICSA to implement a five year term limit for NEISA Commissioner. Initially up to three years for implementation.
    - 1. Vote:
      - a. Yay: All
      - b. Motion passes

### **17. Sailing World Rankings (Bresnahan):**

- a. Currently working on creating better numbers for the rankings
  - i. Swingly: We need more people voting. A simple tweak is that if you don't vote, you won't make the rankings.
  - ii. Assad: We have talked about creating a panel to oversee the ranking to oversee that top twenty view. Rankings are underutilized and having a panel would require people.
  - iii. Schreyer: We should make it a panel. We already have an awards committee and making a panel would be an easy implementation.
  - iv. Pizzo: This committee could be good.
  - v. Assad: How should we evaluate? How good do we think a team is or results based?
  - vi. Ingalls: We should make it more like the performance ranking.

- vii. Assad: Should it be overall strength or results based? With the change in schedule there is a lot less preseason prognostication. The bigger ranking period provides more representative results.
- viii. Wilkinson: We need to take control back from the sailing world magazine.
- ix. Assad: Sailing world is up for changing the system

**18. Application by University of Maine for Associate Membership**

- a. We have a twenty-person student base and we are working on getting a fleet with four to five boats. We are currently sailing out of Maine Maritime.
- b. **Motion** to approve University of Maine for Associate Membership
  - i. Approved

**19. Application by University of Massachusetts Boston for Associate Membership**

- a. We are sailing out of the UMass Boston Boating Club and the docks have been reopened. We have been trying to do this for a while and we have 30 students in the club with support from the student government. We have some boats right now which we might be able to build up and we want to develop new sailors to join the team. If we join NEISA, we will be able to recruit and project a larger presence on campus.
- b. **Motion** to approve UMass Boston for Associate Membership
  - i. Approved

**20. Appointing of ICSA Committee Reps:**

- a. Hall of Fame: Ken Legler
- b. Procedural Rules: John Mollicone
- c. All America: David Thompson and one rep as selected by the NEISA Awards Committee
- d. Eligibility: Jeff Bresnahan
- e. All Academic: Matt Lindblad
- f. Membership and Development:
- g. Afterguard: Skip Whyte
- h. Championships/Competition: Greg Wilkinson and Frank Pizzo
- i. Communications: Chris Klevan
- j. Interconference Regattas: Frank Pizzo
- k. Appeals: Mike Kalin

**21. NEISA Annual Awards**

- a. NEISA Honor Roll
  - i. Nominations: Joe Morris (Yale '12) & Thomas Barrows (Yale '10), Erika Reineke (BC '17)
    - 1. Reineke: 21
    - 2. Morris & Barrows: 13
  - ii. NEISA Honor Roll recipient is Erika Reineke
- b. MacArthur Service Award
  - i. Nominations: Butchminson '68 Coast Guard Academy
    - 1. Second in Olympic trials with a great deal of sailing outside of college, recently passed away

- a. Originally was nominated for NEISA Honor Roll, after discussion determined that Butchminson may be more of the Service Award

- ii. MacArthur Service Award Recipient is Butchminson

**22. Three Race Minimum Rule (Coakley):**

- a. Currently, three race constitute a regatta
- b. This may be too small of a sample size
- c. How many races are sufficient to constitute a regatta?
  - i. Have done a lot of statistical analysis, but correlation is not causation