

**NEISA Conference Call Minutes**  
**December 17, 2017**

**1) Women's National Invitational Team Race**

- a) John: Will there be a sail into the women's team race? Are we going to figure that out during this meeting? Harvard/Duplin maybe?
- b) Assad: We can discuss this now
- c) Leonard: What is the number of spots being allocated and is the schedule secured?
- d) Pizzo: We're open to having it be bigger than originally planned with 20+ teams. We can handle this number of boats but people need to expect the differences in format.
- e) Assad: I propose to schedule this via scheduling ranking order and if we have more teams than NEISA has berths then we will hold the last 2 berths as sail ins, 1 from Duplin and 1 from Harvard Women's for non-qualified teams.
- f) Matt: Will we reserve a host berth?
- g) Unknown: As of right now, there are 8 open berths, are we going to keep that?
- h) Pizzo: If we're cool with 15 teams at the event, then I think we should go with 10/11 NEISA spots and 4 invites.
- i) Assad: Let's start with 10 NEISA, host + 7 spots from scheduling with next unqualified from Harvard and next unqualified from Duplin.
- j) Pizzo: If you're not in the Top 8, you're not at either of those events.
- k) Mollicone: I think it should be top 7 + MIT + Womens NEISA Champs and if there are additional berths they should all come from Women's New England's.
- l) Pizzo: Sounds good to me.
- m) Unknown: Is there room for whatever teams want to/can't schedule to have a tournament?
- n) Assad: Fairly confident that we won't have to turn teams away
  - i) Proposal: Host + 7, last 2 from top finishing unqualified teams at Women's New England's
    - (1) Teams are comfortable traveling to Boston
    - (2) Additional berths offered in the order of finishes from Women's New England's
  - ii) Vote:
    - (1) Passes unanimously

**2) Drafting Process**

- a) Questions:
  - i) Greg: Frank as we go into the team race draft are there any regattas where we only have invite berths?

- (1) The Admiral Moore and the McIntyre are just invites
    - ii) What about the Jackson?
      - (1) Pretty sure NEISA has 2 berths
  - b) Assad: Reviewing Process
    - i) Will run through draft order and will stop when need to use host berths and each team will have 30 seconds from time team name is said
    - ii) Flexible for 5-10 seconds but not more than that
    - iii) Be respectful of the timeline
- 3) Opportunity for feedback about the Team Race Draft**
- a) Thanks to Skip and the Committee
  - b) Is anyone unhappy with the draft?
    - i) What reasons are there?
      - (1) John thinks it gave Salve a good chance
      - (2) Diana: I would have enjoyed the opportunity to pick even though we're ranked 17th
        - (a) Assad: Email Frank and ask to be placed on the Alternate list and we can also add you as we go through it now.
      - (3) Legler: Thought it was fair, wish there were more spots, Good for A/B teams but not enough for freshman team. Well executed.
- 4) 2018 NEISA Team Race Draft
- 5) 2018 Coed In Conference Draft
- 6) 2018 Coed Out of Conference Draft
- 7) 2018 Women's Out of Conference Draft