



**Pacific Coast Collegiate Sailing Conference
Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2014 0930
Stanford University Boathouse, Redwood City, CA**

MINUTES

- I) President Karissa Chapa was absent so Commissioner Danielle Richards called the meeting to order at 09400 and welcomed the group to the Stanford Boathouse. She indicated that a packet of documents was making its way around the room and it included the meeting minutes, agenda and other reports.
- II) Commissioner Richards called the roll, the following schools were in attendance: Stanford University, UC Berkeley, Santa Clara University, UC San Diego, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, University of Southern California, US Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, CSU Monterey Bay, UC Santa Cruz, CSU Long Beach, CSU Channel Islands. The University of Hawaii was on the phone for portions of the meeting.
- III) Due to the lack of Undergraduate Officers in the room the area meetings were held first to elect new officers and discussion the management of teams and events in the two regions.
 - A) The Northern region discussed the development of teams and how to recruit. Several teams were going to look at partnering with the local high school programs to have more boats on the line and create a pathway. It was suggested that they contact local teachers and others experienced with sailing to help run 1 practice a week so there could be outside influence. They nominated Sail Rosen (CAL) as Vice President, Dylan Ale (SCU), and Ian Spillman (UCSC) to be Area Directors.
 - B) The Southern region discussed having more cooperative practices between the teams on open weekends and week days. UCSD, UCI, USC and UCSB all offered to host a day and invite the other schools to attend. UCI and USC were going to compare schedules and see if they could do a semi regular week day practice during the spring, possibility alternating venues. Some concerns for the teams were funding and insurance. They nominated Jeffrey Tedmori (CSUCI) as President, John Coakley (USC) and Katie Cornella, (SLO) as Area Directors.

The group then reconvened and confirmed the undergraduate slate of Executive Committee Officers as follows:

Undergraduate President – Jeffrey Tedmori, California State University Channel Islands
Undergraduate Vice President – Saul Rosen, University of California Berkeley
North Regional Director – Dylan Ale, Santa Clara University
North Regional Director – Ian Spillman, University of California Santa Cruz
South Regional Director – John Coakley, University of Southern California
South Regional Director – Katie Cornella, California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo

- IV) Jeffrey Tedmori took control of the meeting as the new Undergraduate President. He presented the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting. Max Hutcheson (USC) moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approve them as submitted. Motion passed.
- V) Officer and Committee Reports
 - A) Commissioner Richards noted that 2013 has been a year of many changes in ICSA. The format of the national championship has changed to 2 days of Women's Semifinals, 2 days of Women's Finals, 3 days of Team Racing, 2 days of Coed Semifinals and 2 days of Coed Finals. There is no

longer a banquet at the event, instead the hosts are offering opening receptions for each event. This was to reduce travel and make the event have more of a championship feel. The ICSA All American awards will be announced via a televised show.

Our 2014 Conference Championships are confirmed for Women's at UCSB, Team Racing at Stanford and Coed in Hawaii. Teams are asked to confirm their intent to sail at any championship early so openings can be addressed early.

She had just returned from the ICSA Winter Meeting in Utah where John Vandemoer (Stanford), Brad Schaupeter (UCSB), Mike Segerblom (USC), Sherri Campbell (PCCSC Treasurer) and Max Hutcheson (USC) were also in attendance. Some big topics that came up the level of participation in the conferences, the change for the nationals, and some of the larger schools are discussing splitting off into their own NCAA level format. There was discussion about the use of stay masters at events now that they are showing up on more fleets of boats. Stanford has a fleet of boats with them and will help to train our sailors on their use and when you would adjust them.

Concussions and the awareness of head injuries is becoming a larger concern with ICSA. Many teams back east are looking at ways to raise their masts so the booms are not so low. Some schools will test mast extenders. This year to see if that makes any difference. Since our events are bring your own boat events we will look at other options from standardizing mast butt placement to shortening forestay lengths. ICSA and PCCSC are also recommending that all sailors take the CDC "Heads Up" online training course. It is free and takes about 20 minutes and you are provided with a certificate of completion at the end.

The last major change is in regards to eligibility start with the 2014 freshman class. They will have 5 years to complete 4 seasons where a season is a consecutive fall and spring. This limits a sailor's ability to sail 5 spring championships.

- B) Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Campbell was unable to attend but provided a copy of the financials. Everything is stable. She does not foresee any reason to change the dues structure at this time. We were fortunate last year to receive some sponsorship and donations. If anyone has any questions regarding the financials they are encouraged to call or email Sherri for more clarification.
- C) Committee Reports - Most of the committee representatives were not present. Danielle and John summarized what the various committees do and asked if anyone present had any questions regarding the committees. There was a question about the All Academic Committee and how nominations work. John Vandemoer explained that anyone can nominate a sailor for the award. There are three levels, All Conference, Second Team and First Team. They are based on GPA and sailing results. The nomination period opens up very soon and closes April 15th as well. Everyone with an eligible GPA should be nominated even if you nominate yourself.

Danielle and John then discussed the changes with techscore. All teams need to have a techscore account and need to start entering their RP information directly into the regatta that way. Starting this fall there will no longer be paper RP forms at events. Danielle explained how to sign up for an account and enter RP information for the teams.

At this time the group took a 20 minute break to check in with their teammates and eat lunch.

VI) New Business

- A) Spring Schedule Reconfiguration (see attachment 3) – John Vandemoer presented his proposal for changing the spring schedule by adding Gold/Silver/Bronze events. These regattas are the biggest development regattas for our conference. The idea is to set aside two weekends where we can get together as a conference with multiple teams and sail in like competition. There is no A and B divisions in these regattas, there are three divisions and they are split up by level of competition and not by school. These regattas would have 2 fleets of boats of 18 and will rotate through the three divisions (just like this year's PCC's). The host will provide 1 fleet of 18 boats and the visiting teams will provide the second fleet. So hosting sites for this regatta could be Stanford, SDYC, UCSB and USC. Some of these hosts will not have 18 boats but between them and neighboring schools 18 boats is achievable. Then out of town team's work to provide the second fleet of 18. The fleet max is 18 boats so it is like most interconference regattas and nationals. Sailors get split into the three divisions by a committee. On Monday the week before the regatta everyone will have to submit who they will be taking to the regatta and submit the names to the committee. The committee will then rank them using the information provided from Tech score and create three divisions of like sailors. The one exception is that when the regatta is in the south then every south team will be guaranteed 1 gold fleet boat and when it is in the North the same thing is true for the North Teams. The committee will then post the divisions through the PCCSC email list by Friday of the event.
- B) To qualify for the PCCSC Coed Championship we use just the North Qualifier (St. Francis) and the South Qualifier (old south #5) as the two regatta qualifying system. To qualify every team must attend both regattas and the combined score of the two regattas will rank our conference teams. The top 12+ teams will then be invited to the Coed PCCSC championship. If there is a tie then the last qualifier sailed will be the tiebreaker. All teams from our conference will qualify this way including UH, no automatic berths.
- C) This schedule and regatta formats allows for tons of qualifying sailing on every level of our conference. This reconfiguration puts our Qualifying system in a fair and efficient process and includes everyone. Any one team would only need to sail the 2 qualifiers to make it to coed PCCSC championships but would have a bunch of other events to improve at and bring multiple boats to. This schedule allows for more "JV" sailing so more team building and depth can happen. It puts like competition in the same division to allow for growth with in the conference. The proposed schedule is:
- Weekend #1 (1st weekend in Feb.) Super Bowl weekend
 - Weekend #2 South Gold/Silver/Bronze
 - Weekend #3 North Gold/Silver/Bronze
 - Weekend #4 South JV Event
 - Weekend #5 McIntyre/ Cal Team Race
 - Weekend #6 North JV Event
 - Weekend #7 Off- Exams
 - Weekend #8 Off- Spring Break
 - Weekend #9 North Qualifier- St. Francis
 - Weekend #10 Team Race PCCSC Champs
 - Weekend #11 South Qualifier
 - Weekend #12 Off- Easter- Flexible as Easter changes.
 - Weekend #13 Women's PCCSC Champs
 - Weekend #14 Coed PCCSC Champs/ Silver champs

A few questions were brought up about the timing. USC and CMA have a problem with weekend 14 due to academic schedules. It was noted that the weekends are flexible. The goal is for the

last conference championship to be the last weekend in April and as we do now academic schedules will be consulted when drafting the schedule. Hawaii asked that since we are requiring them to come out for an additional event that we combine the Team Race Conference Championships and Coed Conference Championships into one weekend. **The proposed schedule and qualification system were seconded by John Olsen from UCSD. The motion passes.**

- D) Fall Schedule Reconfiguration – John then introduced the proposal for the fall schedule. The goal is to make a fall schedule which is efficient and productive with the short time we have on the water in the fall. The fall season is 2 months long from the 1st weekend in October to Thanksgiving. We also have three conference championships to squeeze into a tight schedule. It is important to get quality sailing in for the development of our conference. The proposed schedule is:

- Weekend #1 North and South JV regattas
- Weekend #2 Match Race PCCSC champs
- Weekend #3 Stoney Burke
- Weekend #4 PCCSC Singles and Women's PCC's
- Weekend #5 Gold/Silver/Bronze Regatta (alt. N-S)
- Weekend #6 Off (Singlehanded Nationals)
- Weekend #7 Fall PCC's
- Weekend #8 Off (Match Race Nationals)

The first motion was to approve the proposed schedule. Max Hutcheson seconded, all in favor. Motion passes. The second motion was to add another fleet race to this fall. John Olson seconded, all in favor. Motion passes.

- E) Championship Rotation Schedule – Stanford proposes that the conference come up with a championships rotation that can be set for the next 5 years including hosts. This rotation should not include UH. We should not go back to UH until the conference is more fiscally viable. If UH has a hard time funding competing in CA then we should use the extra money we have in reserves for this in our entry system that was approved years ago. We should keep things economically responsible for the 17 other teams in the conference. The motion was modified to consider adding UH into the rotation every five years. In 2016 all Spring Conference Championships will be in San Diego. 2015 will have Coed and Team Race at Stanford and Women's in Santa Barbara. 2017 will have Coed and Team Race down south and Women's will be somewhere in the SF bay region. **Jeffrey Tedmori seconded. Motion passes.**

- F) Championship Judging Proposal – Stanford proposed that the Conference requires on the water judges for our conference championships Singles, Fall PCC's and Coed PCCSC's. Maybe women's too. This is so we are in line with the ICSA and the current conference championship conditions. **Max Hutcheson seconded. Motion passes.**

- G) Match Racing Charter Fees – Stanford proposes charter fees for match racing should follow standing rules of \$50.00 per day; sails included. **Max Hutcheson seconded. Motion passes.**

- H) Women's Teams at Fall PCC's – Stanford proposes that we allow each school to send a women's team to the Fall PCC's. The women's team must meet the same requirements as the coed team in regards to number of sailors and boats. **Paige Tripp seconded. Motion passes.**

- I) Scheduling Process – Stanford proposes that we reconfigure the scheduling process to use previous Spring Coed Championships and Fall PCC's include all 3 divisions. If there is a tie then the score from the Fall PCC's breaks the tie. For the women's scheduling we would use the

previous springs PCCSC champs and Fall PCC's. If there is a tie Fall PCC's breaks the tie. **Kate Anderson seconded. Motion passes.**

J) The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.