IOD WCA CALL  
1-16-15

Roll Call: Dannie, Jenn, Herb, Sacha, Kin, Espen, Paul Zupan, Charlie, David

Books-We have to coordinate the accounting between us and Sandro. Now, whenever the local fleets sell books, they can keep the proceeds.

Worlds Format 2016 (Paul Zupan)
SF is hosting and has put together a committee to change the format to accommodate all of the new fleets. They want to issue 16 invitations and have everyone sail 8 races. That might cut down on the social events. They want to use 8 boats that are race ready and have a qualifying format. The number of races and the length of races seem to be the biggest concerns. Also, a concern in SF is that the wind doesn’t come in till the afternoon. (They could start later and race later, ie. noon-7:30.) To have consistent wind, you would have to go to a more remote area-have to switch host clubs. Other fleets use this type of qualifying series.

How to score? Pretty well defined-there are models, SIs already. The rotations are reshuffled either every race or every day, so everyone should get to race against everyone else in the qualifier. The group in the ‘silver fleet’ should have motivation to stick around. You could have a different event with different boats. They would have their last race on the same last day as the ‘gold fleet’. Run the qualifier over 2 days, 8 boats, 4 races each day, switch boats every race, allow one hour for each race. Some people on the water for a race, might then have to get off the water for the next race. Need strong support boats for transfers. By the end, you will have sailed every boat in the regatta. Finals will be spread over 3 days.

SF-next steps, they want to get a commitment from one of the Clubs for a date, then they will write NOR and SI. They will circulate a more refined format.

Exec needs to agree to proceed and will have to make revisions to the Championship Regulations. We should call these temporary Championship Regs for the SF Worlds, and if successful, we can change the Regs to include these guidelines when there are smaller fleets. Paul should make a brief presentation at a social event about what we’re thinking about, but not open it up for discussion. Charlie will run this idea past Mike Posey (new ISAF Judge).

We voted to proceed with this process.

Next call Friday, February 27th.