



**IOD WCA Call
4-14-16**

Present: Peter Rugg, Kin Yellott, Charlie Van Voorhis, Jennifer Miller, Sacha Simmons

In Attendance: Paul Manning, Roy Weedon

Minutes from last call Feb. 11th approved unanimously.

2016 Worlds: Boats will be raced this weekend by different skippers to make sure they are in working order. Eight boats are ready, with another 4-5 boats being worked on. We have received a spreadsheet detailing the boat readiness of the fleet. Fleet is committed to the regatta. A dozen people attended their last planning committee meeting. Many are seasoned, having worked on 1 or 2 of the past Worlds. Current sails-Main is on its third year of three years, jib is in 2nd year of two years. They have other sails in their inventory with the same wear and tear. Planning to field 8 boats with 2 in reserve. Probably will have 16 teams, but will be capable of 20. Decision will be made on June 1st depending on interest and boat readiness.

They are trying to have a spectator platform (ferry) for the teams not racing to watch the races and also be on the race course when it is their turn to race to avoid going into the harbor.

They will address concerns about currents and tides on the next call. Only planning to have three big social events so if they need to sail into the evenings to complete races, they are capable of doing so. Asked for housing assistance from other clubs like Storm Trysail.

Treasurer's Report: Yellott- since last call, spent \$85.00 and 3.5 hours shipping books, received invoice from CMB for \$332.50, received purchase order for 12 books. Have not yet received any fleet dues.

Secretary Report: Miller- All qualifiers for 2016 are in except for LIS and Marblehead which will hold them early this season.

Committee Reports:

Communications-Butterworth (Not present)

Great article on the King Edward Gold Cup on the website.

Technical-Van Voorhis-Next meeting scheduled in two weeks.

IOD Class Hall of Fame: We should not limit the number of entrants each year.

World Sailing Membership: NOR for 2017 Championship. Embedding the qualifiers into the NOR for the Champs, we have 80-100 entrants which meets the requirements for World sailing. Future qualifiers will have to be completed by a certain time. As soon as the draft is completed, we will publish, so the qualifiers can all be completed in time for Championship series for next year.

Less is more in the NOR. We shouldn't have to repeat something that is already stated elsewhere. Kin and Charlie will have 'red line edits'.

The verbal conversations with ISAF have been encouraging. Lee Parks has responded, Gary Jobson and Dina have not yet.

Mediation with SFIOD: We need to have a conversation with the SF exec and technical committee about application of class rules. Charlie and the rest of the technical committee (Lars, Shawn Mulrone and Craig Davis) will reach out with the backing of the WCA exec.

Resolution: The exec authorizes the technical committee to reach out to the SF exec. to discuss the impasse within the SF fleet conflicts between class and fleet rules. If the SF exec does not respond, the WCA exec will discuss sanctions at the next meeting

So moved by Charlie, 2nd Sacha. Passed unanimously.

Preliminary Report of Strategic Planning Committee: Well put together and comprehensive. Probably can't hire a coordinator (money issue), an annual directory would be obsolete before it's published. Info on website.

Charlie's thoughts:

Biggest assets-classic boats, inexpensive to sail in beautiful venues around the world.

Biggest downside-too many of the boats are badly maintained. We should try to help the fleets improve on this.

Many of the people Rick spoke with are not competitive racers. Maybe expand the sample size?

Too many bottlenecks for communication. Maybe the WCA should communicate directly with the fleets, not just the fleet captains.

We will organize a fleet captain call with the strategic planning committee.

Other Business: None

Next Call: Thursday, May 12th 10:30 NY Time (1430Z)

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