



IODWCA Fleet Outreach Committee
December 4, 2018
Minutes (Draft)

Attendees:

Steve Madeira – WCA (Chair)	Rick Echard – NEH	Tormod Lie – NOR 1
Reine Larsson – SWE	Greg Mancusi-Ungaro – MHD	Rick Thompson – CHE
Paul Manning – SF	Charlie Van Voorhis – FIS	Craig Davis - WCA

The meeting opened with the Chair explaining the purpose of the Committee: to facilitate communications between Fleets and between the Fleets and the WCA. The idea is to enhance the foundation of the IOD community so that there is a solid foundation on which to build the class going forward.

Next were some reminders and announcements from the WCA:

1. Jan 1 is the deadline for presenting Championship Qualifier results for 2018. Asked the Fleet Captains to please submit them to the Class Secretary, Timmy Dietrich
2. Jan 1 is also the deadline for dues payments for 2019, however it is understood that the process can be labor-intensive so please do your best.
3. If there are Regatta Chairs or web sites for 2019 regattas, please provide to the WCA so they can be listed on the WCA website calendar
4. The WCA is always looking for content both for the web site and the Newsletter. There is probably content being created locally that can be shared easily so please let us know so we can expand publication.
5. There is a concern that some of the logos/graphics on the IOD web site are dated. Please review and let us know if that is the case for your fleet and we will correct.

There was some discussion as to whether there would be value in the WCA providing Regatta Toolbox access to make it easier to post results on the WCA web site. There was consensus that this would conflict too much with local arrangements, so the idea will not be pursued.

An additional discussion ensued (forgive me if I have the sequence of discussions is incorrect) about the keeping of history and the data on the class on the WCA web site. It was pointed out that several Fleets (SF and CHE in particular) have their own web sites that are up to date. The data that Herb Motley gathered for the Jubilee (75th anniversary) book has been transcribed to the WCA site and there is a desire to keep the data alive and accurate. Greg from MHD suggested that it is inefficient to have the changes transcribed to an email and then re-entered

into the web site. Could we not employ some sort of WIKI-type technology so that the custodianship can be shared? Steve took the task of determining whether Wild Apricot (provider of the WCA web site) had any ability to give access to limited swaths of data for group maintenance.

The Chair then asked the Fleets for any issues they would like to discuss. The subject of borrowed-boat-regatta insurance was raised. The question was whether the WCA could be helpful by acting as a consolidation point for some sort of insurance that individual fleets might find difficult or inconvenient to obtain. Rick T (CHE) stated his belief that this is a local issue and the WCA cannot add value, but others were less certain. Steve took a task to do some research and report back to the group.

The final topic was a discussion of regional inter-fleet regattas. All believed that it is an idea worth pursuing although it can be very challenging. Rick E (NEH) and Rick T (CHE) will discuss a possible Chester/NEH event and others thought a similar model might be possible in other geographies. The Amorita Cup was cited as a successful model. Calendaring was cited as an impediment, but Greg (MHD) put forward a concept that perhaps all Fleets could build a designated weekend into their calendar for Team Racing.

In that conversation, the status of the North Sea Cup was raised. Reine (SWE) said that scheduling problems have been difficult to overcome. The Sweden Fleet is looking at creating an Invitational event, like BIRW, so that folks from other geographies could be invited.

Finally, It was agreed that this meeting/Committee had value and should become a more regular event. Steve suggested meeting quarterly through the year but skipping the summer quarter (since we are hopefully all sailing) resulting in 3 meetings/year.

Next meeting was suggested as late February/early March. The hope is that with more lead time that more fleets could be represented next time (the underrepresentation in this meeting was noted and lamented). The Chair apologized for the short lead time for this meeting, thanked those who did make it, and committed to schedule further ahead next time.