

MISSA 11/10/2012 Fall Meeting Notes

To: Frank Ustach, incoming President, MISSA

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1. Matt DuBois, outgoing President of MISSA, called the meeting to order and took roll call of teams present.

2. State of the District & Treasurer's Report. Handouts distributed.

3. Don Shea reported on ISSA Meeting:

Location of upcoming races discussed: CRESSY likely will need to be moved to the Naval Academy, which will have enough boats and better venue. (Some discussion of Laser Performance contract.)

ISSA Mallory Nationals at Chicago Yacht Club-Belmont, May 4-5, 2013.

ISSA announced that US Sailing offers up to \$4000 to support sending a team to a British Team Racing event June/July 2013. Strongest team racing teams interested should get an application completed.

ISSA Planning to revise procedural rules (by Bill Campbell) will take effect for MISSA January 2013. The goal is for US high school racing to work better with college racing scoring and computer program.

Website: Highschoolsailing.org. Each region will need to provide up to date content. NORs, pictures, etc. *Sailing World* would like to publish content, but ISSA does not want to publish rankings.

Discussion of Fees. The norm in much of the country is \$20/student, less driving, one day events, with fewer meals, and no t-shirts, etc. MISSA's average is \$60. Don challenged all in MISSA to lower costs.

4-5. Review & Discussion of 2013 and 2014 Preliminary schedules. Minor corrections and specifics discussed.

Columbia Yacht Club offered to host Mallory Qualifier on April 27th, 2013.

The official name for the September 28th CYC-Belmont regatta is "Autumn" Classic.

Lake Forest and Detroit Country Day will both host "Spooktaculars" on Oct. 26-27, 2012

6. Election of Officers, for 2012-2014. Slate approved by verbal vote with no objections.

7. Final comments . Matt DuBois commented on 15 years of service. He saw number of teams expand from 12 to over 50. rom 12 teams to 50+ teams. He expressed his pride and asked all to keep in mind that high school sailing is different than college sailing. High School sailing should focus on participation and growth and let intense competition come later. Therefore, keep costs low, have fun, and promote sportsmanship.

8. New Business and Additional Discussion:

Lynn Frikker proposed getting one medical form and consider one hold harmless form. Discussion followed: Some teams have been using a US Sailing form. New Trier worked with lawyers to create a format and procedure. Other clubs have their own formats. Discussion recommended that all use standardized forms that can be found on the MISSA site to the extent possible for each organization.

Don Shea said some districts are using online payments for registration for dues and regatta payments. Although more expensive, that form of payment has worked well.

Cappy Capper brought up important safety issues. He urged all to do all they can to insure safety. US Sailing bringing up two key issues: entrapment and head injuries. There is a general lack of data on numbers of sailors who arrive at ERs as a result of head injuries. Please provide data to Cappy and US Sailing on approaches to entrapment and numbers of head injuries. There are not yet any clear conclusions about helmets. All teams were urged to review what to look for when a sailor needs to be brought to the hospital.

Respectfully submitted:

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