

MISSA MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011  
COLUMBIA YACHT CLUB

Sharon Garber called the meeting to order following the first day of racing for the Mallory Qualifier. Team Roll Call: Minnetonka, New Trier, St. Ignatius, Blake, Traverse City, Oconomowoc, Arrowhead, Marquette, Wayzata, Benilde St. Margarets, Southwest, Lake Forest, Lake Forest Academy, Brother Rice, Evanston, Loyola, North Shore, Grosse Pointe North.

: Review of Proposed 2011-2012 Racing Schedule:

- Cressy Qualifier at Chicago Yacht Club 9/24-9/25, followed by College Singlehanded Championship at CYC
- Great Oaks Qualifier West is slated for Lake Geneva, but may be changed to Pewaukee if necessary. Format will be 1 team per school, same as Great Oaks Championship.
- Pewaukee is interested in hosting a regatta 11/5-11/6 and will follow up.
- MN State Singlehanded Championships is only open to sailors who attend school in MN . (Il State Champs this spring will be open to all states although only IL sailors qualify for title.)
- Spring 2012 Calendar is not yet complete.

Discussion over moving Mallory Qualifier to Great Lakes Championship

- Suggested by Matt Dubois (not present)
- Vote against adopting change was unanimous.
- Reasons stated: different seasons=different sailors, Great Lakes is 3 class event (A-B-Laser) vs Mallory only A-B, less emphasis on competition in spring
- Next spring shifts back to typical regatta schedule anyhow (this year's change stemmed from College National dates and lack of umpires)

Regional Reports

- All regions gave positive reports. West (MN) looking forward to Baker Qualifier, commented there will be shrouds on flags as at Nationals.

Baker Qualifier

- to be held 4/30-5/1 at LMSS, MN.
- 11 teams confirmed as of meeting
- Pinneys required, drysuits optional but water is still in 30's
- MISSA sails to be transported by New Trier to MN (currently at Don Shea's house)

## ISSA Website

- Sharon reported Regatta Network will be used for district registration in Fall

## Regatta Registration Deadlines

- Problems with last minute cancellations
- Result in added costs and regatta openings
- Idea of adding a late drop-dead fee suggested by Maggie
- Discussion: ? day/time, universal rule or discretion of host, reinforcement issues in past, JV vs Varsity events, consequences could be liable for payment or can't attend next regatta.
- Motion to adopt a 5 pm, Tuesday deadline for all non-JV events:
- Group vote and drop-dead rule passed for Varsity events.
- Coaches need to be upfront with sailors/parents regarding new policy
- Regatta Network-can it be used for MISSA events
- Used successfully for Cressy Qualifiers by Traverse City in fall

## JV vs Varsity Regattas

- JV regattas/divisions encouraged for developing and mixed teams
- MN holds JV series on weekends
- CYC Rickover Regatta to be held 5/22 (can't have placed 4th or higher)
- Discussion of holding JV event same time as Great Lakes at Columbia this fall.
- Kurt agreed to support idea and "look into it."
- 7th-8th grade feeder programs discussed, and growing teams in general
- Issue:coaching availability when more than 1 regatta held per weekend
- District level teams vs. school teams?
- Issue: top level sailors who don't belong to team
- Who can attend JV events?
- Sharon requested NOR's earlier so teams can review eligibility

## Summer Regattas in Midwest

- 7/5-7/8 Area K Qualifiers, Traverse City, MI
- 7/16-7/18 420 Nationals, Sheridan Shore, Wilmette, IL

## National Events

- District need 52 teams to get 2nd spot at Baker
- June 1st is cut-off for registration for current year
- Currently: 2 spots @ Mallory, 1 spot @ Baker, 2 spots per division @ Cressy

## Rankings

- Fundamental change made last year to old system
- Proposed adopting college method-coaches rank teams
- Coaches should give Matt feedback on how to implement

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