

**2018 NEISA Annual Meeting
December 2, 2017**

Championship Committee Report

1. After completing a year of work as an ad hoc committee, the championship committee is ready to become a standing committee. The committee will assume all managing responsibilities for the following NEISA championships and qualifiers:
 - a. NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl)
 - b. NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy)
 - c. NEISA Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy)
 - d. NEISA Match Race Championship (White Trophy)
 - e. NEISA Women's Singlehanded Championship (Olympians Trophy)
 - f. NEISA Men's Singlehanded Championship (Monotype Trophy)
 - g. Women's Victorian Coffee Urn
 - h. Erwin Schell Trophy
 - i. Staake Trophy
 - j. New England Dinghy Tournament

2. The committee's main objective is to ensure NEISA's championships are being run professionally, consistently, and efficiently from year to year. To achieve these goals, representatives from the committee are working closely with hosts to provide continuity and advise on best practices. We ran in-depth debriefs with all regatta personnel after each championship in 2017 and will be able to use these lessons to help our hosts continue to improve our championships going forward. The committee member who is working with each specific host will also serve as the NEISA Representative at that championship.

3. Spring 2018 Championship Updates
 - a. NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl) – Brown University
 - i. Rep: Skip Whyte
 - b. NEISA Women's Championship (Reed Trophy) – US Coast Guard Academy
 - i. Rep: Stan Schreyer
 - c. NEISA Team Racing Championship – Connecticut College
 - i. Reps: David Thompson, Greg Wilkinson

4. Championship Selection Protocol
 - a. The committee discussed changing the limitations on hosting for the Reed and Alumni Bowl from three to two years but did not have a strong opinion one way or the other. Discussion and straw poll. If the conference feels strongly about this we will draft a proposal for an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
 - b. The committee would like to recommend exemptions to this rule for teams who will be using an alternate venue or who have made major structural changes to their venue. We will work on a proposal for an upcoming Executive Committee meeting.
 - c. The majority of the committee would like to postpone the selection of the Spring 2019 championships until Spring of 2018 and establish this timeframe for selection in future years.

PROPOSAL 1 – Amend the NEISA Rules and Regulations to the following:

5.1.1 The Championship Committee will seek bids for conference championships each year. The conference will then vote to select the host. Fall events will be voted on during the NEISA Annual Meeting. Spring events will be voted on during a conference call prior to Spring Weekend 14. Bids will be solicited at least one month prior to the vote and distributed to the conference at least one week prior to the vote.

5.2 DELETE ENTIRE SECTION

5. Championship Contingency Plans

PROPOSAL 2 – Amend the NEISA Rules and Regulations to the following:

5.3.1 In the event that the NEISA Coed Championship (Coast Guard Alumni Bowl) or the NEISA Women’s Championship (Reed Trophy) cannot be sailed, the regatta will be rescheduled to Weekend 14. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the most recent Performance Rankings will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships.

5.3.2 In the event that the NEISA Team Race Championship (Fowle Trophy) cannot be sailed, it will be rescheduled for Weekend 11. If the second attempt cannot be sailed, the NEISA Seeding Committee will determine the teams who qualify to advance to the next round of championships.

6. ACCs no longer exist in our current schedule.

PROPOSAL 3 – Amend the NEISA Rules and Regulations to the following:

5.4.6 DELETE ENTIRE SECTION

7. Championship Selection

- a. 2018 Staake Trophy – Connecticut College, US Coast Guard Academy, University of Rhode Island
- b. 2018 NEISA Singlehanded Championship – Boston College
- c. 2018 NEISA Match Race Championship – NO BIDS
- d. 2018 Schell Trophy – Dartmouth College, Connecticut College
- e. 2018 Urn Trophy – Bowdoin College, Connecticut College
- f. 2019 New England Dinghy Tournament – NO BIDS
- g. 2019 NEISA Women’s Championship – Yale University, Brown University*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- h. 2019 NEISA Team Race Championship – Connecticut College
- i. 2019 NEISA Coed Championship – US Coast Guard Academy, Bowdoin College

8. If 4b passes, the committee will solicit bids for the 2019 Spring Championships during the spring season for a vote prior to the end of the season. Teams will be able to vote via conference call or email. Hosts are reminded they should have a complete plan in place when submitting a bid, including a confirmed PRO (who is not currently associated with the host school) and a confirmed Chief Judge/Umpire. The committee very much appreciates all who submitted bids for 2019 but feels the conference would be better served if everyone spent more time working on their plans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Schreyer – Boston University
Brian Swingly – US Coast Guard Academy (chair)
David Thompson – Dartmouth College
Skip Whyte – University of Rhode Island
Greg Wilkinson – Boston College