Performance Ranking Committee Report – 2015 Annual Meeting

1. The women’s performance ranking is working well, no changes are recommended.

The committee is continuing to look at a contingency plan in case several women’s ranked regattas are cancelled and will be ready for a recommendation during a spring executive committee meeting.

2. Discussion about number of coed scores to be kept, possibility of ending the ranking after weekend 9.

Several recommended topics regarding the performance ranking by members of NEISA prompted a long discussion of the performance ranking committee about a few potential major changes to the current system. The chart on the last page of the report shows a few different scenarios that the committee looked at. The columns are defined as follows:

-  Final – 2015 Final Score
-  Wknd 9 – Count 6 scores, no ranked regattas after weekend 9
-  5 scores – Count 5 scores
-  5 scores wknd 9 – Count 5 scores, no ranked regattas after weekend 9
-  Average – Average of the four categories above
-  Average Rank

Although the committee is not ready to make a recommendation yet, the numbers are definitely interesting and posed a few questions. The committee would like some feedback on the following items to then work on during the spring:

-  Who would be in favor of ending the performance ranking season after weekend 9?
-  With the number of competition weekends decreasing, is there a need to count fewer weekends than our current 5 + Fall Champs?

-- Five minute discussion --

3. ACC/ACT Score

The committee took a very close look at the way we currently score the Coed Atlantic Coast Championship and Tournament, in an attempt to increase the score of the ACT while maintaining the integrity of the ACC. Several ideas were tossed around, including scoring the ACC/ACT similarly to how we score our singlehanded championships, by removing all MAISA and SAISA teams and ranking the NEISA teams 1-16. The comparison between that idea and what we are currently doing is here:

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The committee understands the desire by many for the ACT to score higher and the face that the score for the ACT varies from year to year to be an issue. However, the committee concluded that the way we are currently scoring is the most accurate way to rank the regattas.
4. B-Level Scoring Value. The committee discussed two topics regarding the scoring of B-Level regattas.

- Reevaluation of where the winner of a B-Level regatta should be ranked at an A-Level. In our current system, the winner would fall between 8th and 9th at an A, which remains to be accurate.
- Consideration of counting certain B-Level regattas higher than others. While the committee was not in total agreement on whether some B-Level regattas should be counted higher than others, we have no recommendations at this time. We will continue this discussion.

5. Inclusion of Singlehanded Nationals in the Performance Ranking

The committee unanimously agreed that the Singlehanded Nationals should not be included in the performance ranking.

6. Slate of Regattas

The committee’s recommended slate of regattas is attached. There are a few changes to this year’s recommended slate.

- Remove Stuart Walker Trophy – not enough participation, required insurance
- Add Sacred Heart Trophy
- Remove Protest Trophy – not enough participation
- Remove Middlebury Cup – not enough participation
- Add Central Series at Boston College

This slate has the possibility of being modified only slightly in the spring depending on the recommendation on the first topic. None of the weekends prior to weekend 9 will change.

Proposal: Approval of the Slate of Regattas for 2016.

7. Committee membership

We ask that the conference commissioner appoint Mike Kalin, MIT, to the committee in replacement of Mike Komar. We would also like to thank Bern Noack, who is rotating off after this meeting, for a very long term of service on the committee. We are looking for one more member, please let any of us know if you’re interested in joining. Brian Swingly will be rotating off the committee next year so we will start to think about a new chairperson and new scorer.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Callahan (Roger Williams University)
Mike Kalin (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Frank Pizzo (Bowdoin College)
Bern Noack (Harvard University)
Stan Schreyer (Boston University)
Brian Swingly (Coast Guard), chair
**Regattas to Count for Performance Ranking**

2016

**Weekend 2**
WB: Toni Deutsch Trophy @ MIT  
A: Harry Anderson Trophy @ Yale  
B: Penobscot Bay Open @ Maine Maritime  
B: Pine Trophy @ Coast Guard  
B: Philip Harman Cup @ Maine Maritime  
C: Mt. Hope Bay Invitational @ Roger Williams

**Weekend 3**
WA: Stu Nelson Trophy @ Connecticut College  
A: Hatch Brown Trophy @ MIT  
A: Nevins Trophy @ Kings Point  
B: Lake Champlain Open @ Vermont  
C: Boston Harbor Invite @ Boston College  
C: Sacred Heart Trophy @ Sacred Heart

**Weekend 4**
WB: Regis Bowl @ Boston University  
A: Men’s Singlehanded Championship @ BC  
A: Hood Trophy @ Tufts  
A: St. Mary’s Fall Interconference @ St. Mary’s  
B: Chris Loder Trophy @ New Hampshire  
C: Salt Pond Invitational @ Rhode Island

**Weekend 5**
WA: Women’s Singlehanded Championship  
WB: Women’s Invitational @ Connecticut College  
A: Danmark Trophy @ Coast Guard  
B: Hewitt Trophy @ Dartmouth  
C: Smith Trophy @ MIT

**Weekend 6**
WA: Women’s Fall Interconference @ Navy  
A: NEISA Match Racing Championship  
A: Moody Trophy @ Rhode Island  
B: Barnett Trophy @ Bowdoin  
C: Roger Williams Invitational @ Roger Williams

**Weekend 7**
WA: Women’s Interconference @ Yale  
A: Captain Hurst Bowl @ Dartmouth  
A: Navy Fall Interconference @ Navy  
B: Great Herring Pond Open @ Mass Maritime  
C: Providence Invitational @ Providence College

**Weekend 8**
WA: Mrs. Hurst Bowl @ Dartmouth  
A: Sherman Hoyt Trophy @ Brown  
B: Oberg Trophy @ MIT  
C: Peak Foliage Invite @ New Hampshire  
C: Central Series @ Boston College

**Weekend 9**
WA: Women’s Victorian Coffee Urn @ Harvard  
A: NEISA Fall Championship (Schell and Tourney combined) @ MIT/UNH  
Weekend 10  
B: Hap Moore Trophy @ Coast Guard  
B: Sister Esther Open @ Salve Regina

**Weekend 11**
WA: Women’s Atlantic Coast Championship  
A: Atlantic Coast Championship/Atlantic Coast Tournament
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