

NEISA Commissioner's Report from the ICSA Meeting

NEISA Representatives in attendance:

Justin Assad, Dartmouth
Jake Bradt, Harvard, Undergraduate President
Frank Pizzo, Bowdoin
John Mollicone, Brown
Zack Leonard, Yale
Bobby Martin, BU
Chris Klevan, CGA

- 1) Charleston Spring is now Mar 12-13, 2016.
- 2) All-America Crews: The All America Committee added 10 Honorable Mention Crews; now the All-America list for crews shall include up to 20 AA Crews and an additional up to 10 HM crews.
- 3) The number of teams for the Women's Semi Finals was increased to 36 teams.
- 4) For Match Racing, we will use the ISAF Test Rules at the 2016 ICSA Match Race Championship.
- 5) For Match Racing, the format at the championship was modified in two ways:
 - a. The top 6 round robin seeding round is eliminated.
 - b. Quarters, Semis, and Finals will be decided by first to 3 points (wins). Priority is on keeping a first to three points format for the Quarters and Semi-Finals, and shortening the Finals, Semi-Finals, and lastly the quarterfinals, in that order, if there is concern about not completing the format in the allotted time. This is consistent with Match Racing outside of college sailing.
- 6) 2016 Nationals
 - a. -West Coast FJs on the city front.
 - b. There will be social events (dinners, etc.) during the evenings at SDYC.
 - c. There will be a Friends of College Sailing night, please encourage Parents and Friends to attend. Official comms will be sent to you by ICSA to forward to your families.
 - d. All coaching will be from land.
 - e. ICSA and PCCSC will make an effort to designate part of the pier as competitors and team representatives only. This will likely include some orange fencing with a small gate, and a wristband system. Teams will be able to designate how many wristbands they would like for their team.
- 7) 2017 Nationals will be at Chicago YC, and at least 1 fleet will be z420s with sta-masters (possibly two fleets). We will have a clarification by the ICSA Annual Meeting on whether Sta-Masters will be able to be adjusted at that championship.
- 8) 2018 Nationals – the NWICSA is in danger of not being able to host the spring nationals because of the need for 36 boats. They are working with ICSA and LP to explore options, and should have a definite answer by the spring ICSA

conference calls. If they cannot host the championship, hosts will be determined by the ICSA Exec Comm through a bid process.

- 9) Women's Sailing:
 - a. The Sailing World Women's National Rankings will be increased to 20 teams.
 - b. An Ad-Hoc committee was formed to research and implement development for women's sailing.
- 10) NEISA Championship Contingencies: Consensus was expressly granted that if Conference Championship back-up dates conflict with out-of-conference interconference regattas, and a conference championship back up date must be utilized, affected teams will be granted an exemption for the ICSA no-show penalty if they need to drop out of conference interconference regattas.
- 11) Singlehanded Sailors were approved to use their own sail control lines at ICSA Men's and Women's Singlehanded Championships.
- 12) The Championship Committee was directed to consider other options for allocation of National Championship berths, to be discussed at upcoming meetings. NEISA expressed that the current system is fair, but is precarious – if the current berth allotments begins to change due to conference size, particularly for team racing, but also for coed sailing, the competitive balance would not be equal.
- 13) The concept for the fall schedule was well received, though to keep the proposal moving forward the existing committee is tasked with bringing it to the other conferences of the ICSA and working with them to develop a finished product.