NEISA Awards Committee Report

The NEISA Awards Committee comprised of Amanda Callahan (Chair), David Thompson, John Mollicone, Frank Pizzo and new this year, Stan Schreyer, honors outstanding performances of NEISA Sailors in the weekly Sailors of the Week Releases and through the All NEISA Teams. NEISA’s representation on the All-America Committee comes from the NEISA Awards Committee. In 2016, Frank Pizzo, John Mollicone and Amanda Callahan were NEISA’s representatives on the All-America Committee; 37 of the conference’s talented sailors were named to the All-America Team. The committee works hard to ensure NEISA’s top performers are well represented in these post season awards.

In 2016, we created a Student Leadership Award to recognize extraordinary leadership and achievement by an undergraduate whose efforts have made a significant contribution to the development, progress, and success of his or her club, team, or conference. We will be looking for nominations for this in late March, so that we can promote our NEISA leaders at the ICSA level (nominations for the ICSA are due April 15). We’ll be looking for nominations for sportsmanship in the same time frame.

During the summer, we finally distributed physical All-NEISA certificates to members of the All-NESIA teams in 2015 and 2016 so they have a tangible reminder of their achievements. We also recognized the winners of the NEISA Hall of Fame awards (Honor Roll and MacArthur Service Awards) in the same way.

Last year on the national level, the All-American Committee expanded the number of All American crews so the new allocation is as follows: Up to 20 All American Crews, and additional Honorable Mentions, together totaling not more than 30

Looking ahead to 2017, we encourage sailors and coaches to continue to nominate sailors that they think deserve Sailors of the Week recognition. We will not award Sailors of the Week during the spring season on Conference Championships weekends. We will continue to solicit forms for All NEISA Crews at least a week before the Reed Trophy.

Go NEISA!

Respectfully Submitted,

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