

NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes:

I. Call to order

- A. Roll Call:

II. New Business

- A. Qualifier for the Dellenbaugh (2 Spots) will be hosted at CC 3/26/27
 - 1. Top 2 to the Dellenbaugh at BR 4/2-3
- B. Women's ACC's Rd 1B will be hosted at Brown, Oct 1-2. Round 1A is at BC
- C. NE Dinghy tournament is returning to its original weekend #10, April 9-10 at MMA
- D. McMerrick Team Race has been added weekend #5, March 5-6 at RWU. The intent is to give opportunities to those teams not in Hap Moore or Sharpe that weekend, it will be filled via VIA PR, please request berths if you want one.
- E. Unclaimed Regional NEISA Berths return to NEISA on 2/1, I will begin to offer the available berths if you want one.
- F. Out of Conference drop Deadline is today, for regattas on Weekend #4 Feb 26-27. This is a 1 month deadline. Please take a look at your out of conference schedule, if it needs adjusting.
- G. Add/Drops must copy Me, the host, and the Intersectional email (if regional/cross-regional)
- H. Zachary Leonard: Hybrid Split Season (fall semi finals) vs. actual split season (fleet race nationals at the end of the fall; team race nattys at the end of the Spring)
 - 1. Split seasons mainly affect California teams, as they won't have a full season in the fall
 - 2. Hybrid system - no ACC's; New England Fall Championship (Schell) would no longer be the last event; Schell trophy would be before Semi-finals, which would be the last event.
 - 3. Selection committee would decide which teams get sent to semi-finals exactly 2 weeks before hand for plane ticket reasons
 - 4. Some discussion of TR in fall / fleet race in the Spring, but not really possible
- I. Zachary Leonard: Women's semi-finals offset by a week, not concurrent
 - 1. If split season, we would alternate years (women/coed) on which teams compete first
 - 2. Can equalize by *starting* one earlier, or by just alternating years in which goes first
- J. Jeffrey Breshahan: season limits haven't traditionally dictated team's schedules, but we need to start enforcing NESCAC rules in order to be regarded as a varsity sport; i.e.
 - a) 8 week component in the Fall, with hard stops on practice/competition

- b) 10 week component in the Spring, with hard stops on practice/competition
 - c) Many teams (club, d1,d3) are all currently competing at the same level, but some teams that have more resources will likely outperform those who don't
 - d) Helping define our season limits and get rid of loopholes
 - e) JB sent out memo with more details about week long components
- 2. Doug Clark: some schools will inherently have more resources than others, but geography often dictates the length of practice seasons due to weather, climate, etc. This is not necessarily due to season limits
 - 3. Zachary Leonard: Everytime NEISA brings up a hard beginning/end to practice, southern schools have threatened to limit the # of regattas that New England schools can send sailors to; cautionary to be slow/steady/thoughtful about this type of thing
 - 4. Matthew Lindblad: we must follow the NCAA rule, and define what we do; season limits is a great model, long term approach; roster limits/start and end dates might be unpopular; during Covid, NCAA went to a *days* limit; giving each school a number of practices instead of limiting which days to start/stop
 - a) Winter trips = problem

III. Closing

A. The next call will be sometime Wed - Friday Feb 23-25th

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 10:30am.