

October 13, 2016
NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call

Motions:

- 1.) None

Action Items:

- 1.) Ask Rules Committee for interpretation of Procedural Rules on substitutions between regattas on the same day
- 2.) Contact Brian Swingly if you know anyone available to umpire the Schell/Urn

Minutes:

- 1.) Call to Order (Pizzo)
 - a.) Roll Call of Executive Board (online) (Pizzo)
 - b.) Attendance
 - i.) Executive Board: Lynn, Forsberg, Coakley, Pizzo, Charles, Swingly, Weidenbacker, O'Connor, Mollicone, Welsh, Florio
 - ii.) Other: Joe Morris (Yale), David Thompson (Dartmouth), Alex Levine (Middlebury), Greg Wilkinson (BC), Dave White (SHU/FF), "Taylor" (Mitchell), Caroline Patten (UVM), Quentin Chaffee (Brown)
- 2.) Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
 - a.) Performance Ranking Committee (Swingly)
 - i.) No updates
 - ii.) Have been posted through two weeks ago
 - iii.) Mike Kalin (MIT) just finished scores, takes a long time
 - iv.) Should be more streamlined after this week
 - v.) Can be found under "Ranking" tab on NEISA website
 - b.) Scheduling Update (Pizzo)
 - i.) Lots of late drops recently
 - ii.) When there is room, we can schedule 2nd teams at conference minors
 - (1) Cannot have second teams at conference majors
 - (2) Host has first priority
 - (3) Then host must approve other second teams
 - (4) Email Frank Pizzo earlier to get 2nd team on an alternate list
 - (5) Can prevent scrambling on Fridays and last-minute drives
 - c.) Schell/Urn/Tournament (Swingly)
 - i.) Conn. College, Mitchell, and Coast Guard are hosting event

- ii.) Big Picture items
 - (1) Schell and Urn will take place at Coast Guard
 - (a) Using additional fleet of Conn College FJs
 - (2) Tournament will take place at Conn College venue
 - (a) Using Coast Guard club 420s
 - (3) Let us know who will be at Tournament
 - (a) Helps when rigging boats and planning logistics
- iii.) Schell and Urn
 - (1) Some problems with having 4 divisions and 3 fleets operating out of same venue
 - (a) Lots of bodies, takes a while to rotate divisions
 - (b) Attempting to streamline and limit confusion as much as possible
 - (2) Format is similar to team race
 - (a) Each race has race number, type of boat sailed in it, and which division is sailing that race
 - (b) Generally, each division sails Z420s, then Conn FJs, then CGA FJs, then on dock for a rotation
 - (c) Rotation repeats itself after every 24 races
 - (d) After race 24, all divisions will have 6 races
 - (e) After race 48, all divisions will have 12 races
 - (f) After race 72, all divisions will have 18 races
 - (3) People
 - (a) Greg Wilkinson will be NEISA rep at event
 - (b) John Storck will be PRO
 - (c) Peter Johns has been helpful drafting SIs and will be chief judge
 - (d) Currently lacking good crew of judges
 - (e) Have 3 judges, would like more
 - (f) Let Brian know if you know anyone available to judge
 - (4) Logistics
 - (a) Each team will get sheet giving race format and which boats/which races/which division
 - (b) Will run all inner trapezoid courses
 - (i) Windward → Gate → Windward → Reach → Finish
Downwind
 - (c) Should take 4.5 hours to run full 24-race rotation
 - (i) Approx. 13.5 hours for full 72-race rotation
 - (ii) That doesn't account for false starts, mark changes, delays, wind delays
 - (iii) Will be impossible to actually get 18 races in all divisions, but could definitely get 12-14 races
 - (d) Considering alternate colored marks for fleets to go to for their first beat

- (i) So don't have to wait for fleet in front to round windward mark before starting next race
- (ii) Could be something slightly different in SIs that will allow RC to send fleet to different colored mark for first beat with rest of the race normal

(5) Thoughts or Questions?

- (a) Fran Charles: Any thoughts on a second race course to increase efficiency?
- (b) Pizzo: Yes, we haven't decided against it, but the way we have it is just as efficient. We will definitely give ourselves all possible options
- (c) Walter Florio: I'm sure any of the Conn Sailors would be happy to set up the boats if you need it
- (d) Pizzo: Thanks, Walter.

d.) Substitutions at Urn and Shell Trophies

- i.) Rotation will be a little tough, now have to figure out the crew substitution rules between Urn and Schell
 - (1) What is the deal with substituting between regattas?
 - (2) Greg Wilkinson: At ICSA level, there has been a discussion for several years about needing to button up substitution rules in terms of people sailing multiple regattas in one day. Discussions have seemed like a no-brainer that you should prohibit people from sailing more than one regatta in one day. Mitch Brindley agrees but believes that the procedural rule prohibits it, but I disagree that they say that. My team has actually done this a bunch and had people sailing singlehanded championships sail the end of the Danmark on the same day. I shouldn't be allowed to do it and don't think it's the way we should be doing things. If it is permitted by the procedural rules, which I do think it is, do we even want people sailing in the Schell in one set and the Urn in the next? I don't think so and Justin sent out an email saying that we should motion to prevent people from sailing two regattas in the same day.
 - (3) Fran Charles: I disagree; if people are done sailing at their regatta and want to sail at that event at that time, let them sail. We are limiting the great women's sailors from jumping into a coed event and show their stuff. Going between regattas is just fine.
 - (4) John Mollicone: I agree with Fran. We've done this before with the Schell/Urn when both are at MIT. If we've done this before, how can we just say now that we can't without a procedural rule being clear about it? It just doesn't make sense to me to make an SI about it.
 - (5) Charles: Actually, the SIs cannot overrule procedural rules without approval from the president of the ICSA
 - (6) Pizzo: Well the President of the ICSA already thinks that the procedural rules prohibits it

- (7) Swingly: Actual rule is “After competing as either skipper or crew shall not sail for another team from their college”
- (8) Swingly: Seems like a really unfair advantage for the teams that have the capability to do so
- (9) Pizzo: How would that work out in the rotation?
- (10) Wilkinson: It would basically work out so Erika and Nikki would never be sitting on the dock
- (11) Pizzo: Not the same as with Harvard/MIT because those are two separate events, they aren’t hosted at the same venue
- (12) Mollicone; You could have a female skippering at the Schell and then switch to the Urn on Sunday if you can’t make ACCs to have better chance of making Women’s ACCs
- (13) Swingly: We did that Nikki’s freshman year, that exact scenario, and I don’t think we should have been able to
- (14) Charles: If women are competing at a high level, I think they should have the opportunity to beat up on the women’s and coed crews. We shouldn’t take away that opportunity
- (15) Pizzo: But if you get into a scenario when the regatta is trying to catch up on races but there is a bit of a delay, there will be a lot of switching between. Won’t be the same, you would be sailing the whole event in both regattas
- (16) O’Connor: Clearly the intent of the rule is to prohibit it, and if we like the wording or not we should stick to the intent of the rule.
- (17) Pizzo: I agree, it is poorly phrased but the intent is pretty clear
- (18) Pizzo: Other scenario that is further complicated by this is crews. They could be sailing and switch divisions once but what about between regattas? They could end up sailing a ton of races and this is more than meets the eye
- (19) Mollicone: Should we have the rules committee make a decision? I think we should get an interpretation of it, we have already had discussions on it at the national annual meeting but didn’t get anywhere
- (20) O’Connor: I don’t think we need an interpretation. Just because it has been broken in the past doesn’t mean it should be again
- (21) Pizzo: What part of the rule can be interpreted as allowing it?
- (22) Wilkinson: Every college has one team. We don’t have a Schell team, an Urn team, and a Nickerson team. We have one team, just like everyone else
- (23) Wilkinson: John might be right, an interpretation from the rules committee might be the way to go
- (24) Wilkinson: We could force a response if we copied Mitch
- (25) Swingly: I think that’s our only option here, now that I’m reading it

(26) Pizzo: Any more discussion? Sounds like we have no motion but we need an interpretation from the rules committee about the substitution rules between events

e.) Spring Championship Update

i.) Women's at Brown (Mollicone)

- (1) About to place order for 2nd fleet of boats
- (2) Boats would be ready by March
- (3) Will have 18 FJs alongside 18 Z420s
- (4) All Z420s recently refurbished, new jibs with new cut from LP and North Sails
- (5) Judges lined up
 - (a) A few Brown alums
 - (b) Would like a few outside judges as well
- (6) 2 Fleets on the water, hopefully coach boats anchored by course
 - (a) One coach per team on the water

ii.) Coed at BC (Wilkinson)

- (1) Nothing exciting to report
- (2) Need to make sure but April 29-30 is Week 13
 - (a) Need to provide Marina Bay with certificate of insurance
 - (b) Dates on that are important
 - (c) Have commitment from Coast Guard and Conn to bring powerboats
 - (d) Will solicit more powerboats from Boston area schools in coming weeks

iii.) Team Racing at Tufts (No Tufts reps on call)

- (1) Need update
- (2) Most intensive spring championship

iv.) Deciding Hosts (Pizzo)

- (1) Done at annual meeting
- (2) 2018 championships will be determined in Dec. 2016
- (3) Singlehanded decided at same meeting
 - (a) Need to know if placing bid for combined vs. individual championship format

3.) New Business

a.) Women's Team Recruiting

- i.) Very important to have high women's team participation
- ii.) Have been empowering regional reps to encourage them to sail 4 women at a regatta
- iii.) Lots of events coming up that will be good opportunities

b.) 2018 Nationals Bid

- i.) Some talk from Boston schools

- ii.) Greg Wilkinson: Will put out call for bid for 2018 - straight up bid process - very soon. Bids will be due around Dec. 7th. Winter meeting agenda gets finalized around them. Idea of rotation between conferences seems like it needs modification because 2017 nationals were moved by necessity and 2018 nationals given up by conference voluntarily
- iii.) If we were to put forth a bid, it should be as detailed as we've seen in the past. May be requirements for submitting online forms and an actual presentation that can be read in attachment form. Will be due Dec. 7th.
- iv.) Pizzo: That's good to know, there were some NEISA schools interested in making a 2018 bid.

c.) Report Times & Standardization

- i.) 10:30 Saturday report time everywhere and 9:00 Sunday report time everywhere
- ii.) What are people's thoughts? Should it be standardized? It can be confusing, especially for out of conference teams
- iii.) Diana Weidenbacker: Sailors have loved it. Has saved money and that's huge for a club team. No Friday hotel expenses. People are more awake and breeze usually doesn't materialize until later in morning, so it maximizes use of good breeze without waiting around.
- iv.) Charlie Welsh: Super nice having later report times, but the downside is the report time not being particularly clear when you go to an event
- v.) Wilkinson: I've loved it but having to check every day of every regatta every weekend is a pain. We need to standardize it so you don't have to check all the time
- vi.) Pizzo: I agree. Hopefully we make moves in that direction. BU and URI were against the 10:30 report time at their venues and I'd like to get their thoughts
- vii.) Ex. Regis Trophy started at 9 and wrapped up at 3:45, could've started at 10:30 and ended around 5
- viii.) Welsh: I'm not speaking on Stan's behalf, I've done that before and it hasn't gone well. I personally support it
- ix.) Joe Morris (Yale): Zack asked me to say this. Being in a central location, it has saved us a ton of money by not having to stay at hotels unnecessarily

4.) Announcements and Time of Next Meeting (Pizzo)

- a.) Next meeting: November 10, 2016