

SAYRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

September 1, 2010

Participants:

Commodore: Craig Milliken

Secretary: Priscilla Parker

Jr. Sailing Program: Todd Chambers

US Sailing Representative: Sarah Ashton

Commodore Elect: Arland Whitesides

US Sailing Championship Chair: Treez Decker

Jr. Sailing Program: Ryan Hamm

Date: September 1, 2010

Re: SAYRA Executive Committee Conference Call

Commodore Craig Milliken called this meeting in accordance with section 3.02 of the By-Laws of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association (as amended January 2007). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS EVENTS:

Milliken provided participating Executive Committee members with a summary of the events relating to the new US Sailing Women's Singlehanded Championship as follows:

1. Martine Zurinkas, a SAYRA member and Chair of the US Sailing Men's and Women's Singlehanded Championship Committee, made the SAYRA Executive Committee aware of the opportunity to donate and name the trophy for the US Sailing Women's Singlehanded Championship. Martine included the US Sailing Trophy Committee Guidelines for our review.
2. This information was distributed to all SAYRA Executive Committee members with a request to respond "pursue" or "pass".
3. The consensus was to pursue this opportunity and this call was scheduled.
4. In the time between the response request and the call, SAYRA Executive Committee members were provided with a copy of the values of all US Sailing Championship trophies and a Deed of Gift for the most recent US Sailing Championship trophy. Preliminary discussions were held with a SAYRA member close to the Hanley family to gauge their potential reaction, which was positive.

Ms. Sarah Ashton, SAYRA's US Sailing Representative, also spoke of the effort to donate the Staton Peele trophy, awarded for sportsmanship as part of the US Sailing Men's Championship for the Mallory trophy.

DISCUSSION:

1. The US Sailing Trophy Committee Guidelines were discussed.
 - a. Representatives of LNYC and CYC-NC were able to explain the reason for the maintenance funds based on their experiences with the US Sailing St. Petersburg trophy.
 - b. The donation of keeper trophies was discussed. The consensus of the group was this should be the responsibility of the host club.
2. The SAYRA Helen Hanley Memorial Fund is unique in its financial encouragement of SAYRA sailors in taking advantage of participating in US Sailing Championship and Training events. The consensus of the group was SAYRA should take the lead in this opportunity and not rely on the decision or the financial support of the Hanley family.
3. The consensus of the group was to pursue this opportunity with the stipulation we would do so in a manner that this award would compliment other awards for winning US Sailing Championships.

DECISIONS:

A plan, bounded by the following guidelines, was put together as follows:

1. The SAYRA Executive Committee will commit to US Sailing to furnish an award for the US Sailing Women's Singlehanded Championship and funding the maintenance fee as outlined in the US Sailing Trophy Committee Guidelines with a budget of \$5,000 for the award and \$3,000 for the maintenance fund.
2. The SAYRA Executive Committee will contact representatives of various SAYRA clubs to see if there are trophies for inactive events that would be suitable for reuse for this purpose.
3. Funding:
 - a. The SAYRA Executive Committee will solicit donations from individuals and organizations to offset the cost of this effort.
 - b. The SAYRA Executive Committee and HHMF Committee will allow HHMF donations with a designated use for this purpose to provide donors with the maximum tax advantage and realizing donations to the HHMF general fund may drop during this effort.
 - c. The SAYRA Executive Committee will consider use of general operating funds.
 - d. Concerns were expressed when the use of current HHMF funds was discussed. Member clubs and individuals donated to the HHMF assuming funds would be used for the purposes outlined in the SAYRA Yearbook. The use of current HHMF funds will be considered as a last resort and only with approval of the Board of Stewards at the 2011 SAYRA Annual Meeting.

ACTIONS:

1. Craig Milliken will contact US Sailing, Bill Ross and Martine Zurinkas to advise them of our intent and plan. ***(9/7 Status: Complete. Lee Parks with US Sailing advises a letter of intent is not needed; the award needs to be in place before next year's event and the \$3,000 maintenance fund can cover the keeper trophies. Lee will also start working a "words" for the Deed of Gift.)***
2. Sarah Ashton and Arland Whitesides will contact representatives of SAYRA clubs concerning the donation of an existing award.
3. Sarah Ashton will prepare a draft of the "Deed of Gift", proposed inscription for the award and wording for "marketing" this opportunity.

Please review and provide any comments to me this week. I will issue the official minutes next week.

Respectfully submitted,



SAYRA Commodore