



June 21, 2019

President's Report

Dear Board Members,

Happy 1st day of summer! There is an amazing amount of activity with summer in full swing from programs launching, new sailors taking their first sail and an active racing season.

My activities since our last Board meeting on May 13th have included:

- Leadership calls with Secretary, Treasurer, VP and Jack's team.
- World Sailing meetings in London that focused on 2024 Olympic Events and Equipment to be confirmed at November meeting for the IOC to confirm December 2019, long term comprehensive calendar of events/ranking for Olympic classes, and discussions re: proposal for governance reform.
- Olympic Sailing Committee's in person meetings in Bristol and collaborating with staff team to update the Board on Olympic activities on our June 3rd call.
- College Sailing Nationals in Newport, RI where I presented the Robert Hobbs Sportsmanship Trophy to Liam McCarthy, St. Mary's College on the final day. US Sailing partnered with ICSA to live stream the racing. ICSA and the host New England teams put on a tremendous event over 11 days.
- Lee Park's retirement party on June 5th. It was great to see some old friends of US Sailing who were able to join us celebrating 33 years of service to US Sailing!
- Lunch with Carter Gowrie and Whitney Peterson from the Gowrie Group and tour of NESS (New England Science and Sailing) site in Stonington, CT. Seeing firsthand the kids in the classrooms, the variety of boats and hands on activities and feeling the energy there was incredibly inspiring. It is obvious why they have won awards from US Sailing (proudly displayed in their office).
- Fundraising strategy discussion with Jack and interested prospective USSF volunteer that included a tour of the Bristol office.

On a personal note, I've also been able to spend some time on the water the last few weekends with my family racing on one of the new New York Yacht Club's IC37. It has been fun taking on the challenge of learning a new boat. The class mandates both male/female participation and allows for a 16 or under sailor to be on board and not count towards max crew weight. Our bow person this weekend wrote a nice article: [Girl Power on the IC37](#) that was published in Scuttlebutt on Monday that highlights these features.

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