

US Sailing - Sailor Athlete Council (SAC) – Sailor Athlete Council Member Job Description

Background: US Sailing is required to have a Sailor Athlete Council (SAC). Any 10-Year or 10-Year+ Athlete may serve as a member of the Sailor Athlete Council. The US Sailing Representative and Alternate Representative to the Team USA Athletes' Commission also serve on the Council.

Summary Description: The Sailor Athlete Council has the responsibility to function as prescribed by the US Sailing Bylaws and Regulations as well as to ensure that those prescriptions meet the requirements of the USOPC. The Council is also responsible for designating Sailor Athletes for the purpose of increasing the most active American sailors' participation in the governance of the sport and US Sailing as the National Governing Body, and, lastly, to provide a forum for US Sailors to exchange information and assist one another in solving mutual challenges.

Specific Responsibilities:

- 1) To provide effective communications between Sailor Athletes and US Sailing
- 2) To review, from time to time, the definition of 'Sailor Athlete' to ensure compliance with the definition of 'Athlete' promulgated by the USOPC.
- 3) To make reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors about matters affecting Sailor Athletes.
- 4) To participate in the Nominating Committee to assure the nomination and election of sufficient Sailor Athletes to the Board of Directors of US Sailing.
- 5) To approve the nominations and prescribe the procedures, in conjunction with the US Sailing Nominating Committee, for the election of Sailor Athletes to the Board of US Sailing, subject to voting by the 10-Year Sailor Athletes.
- 6) To provide to the President the name of 10-Year and 10-Year+ Sailor Athletes as candidates for appointment to specific committees of US Sailing such as Finance, Governance and the International Selectin Committee; to provide to the President the names of (10-Year, 10-Year+ or Actively Engaged) Sailor Athletes as candidates for appointment to any other committees of US Sailing not specifically required to have only 10-Year and 10-Year+ Sailor Athletes.
- 7) To conduct the nomination and election process for the US Sailing Representative and Alternate Representative to the Team USA Athlete's Commission.
- 8) To conduct its' affairs in compliance with the US Sailing Sailor Athlete Council Bylaws and to review and update those Bylaws as needed.
- 9) To host a meeting, open to all currently competing Sailor Athletes, at least quarterly.
- 10) To meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the Council.
- 11) To elect the Officers of the SAC as prescribed in its' Bylaws.