

29er Class Conference Call

Wednesday June 24, 2pm PST

On call: Dave Bernal, Chip Nilsen, John P, Jen Glass, John Fraser

Garda Update

Dave reported over 180 teams are registered. Looks like it will be a great event. The US is sending a large team and they have organized coaching and team gear.

2010 Schedule

ABYC is full for 2010 but is interested in hosting the 29er US Nationals in another year. As for the 2010 Nationals the Board is hoping to put the event with the Youths to encourage participation. The 2010 Youth Champs location and timing has not yet been determined. Looking to set up our Nationals schedule farther in advance for coming years. Alternatively for 2010 we feel we can have the event in the Gorge again.

New USA Org Structure (read below)

Dave Bernal lead the call through the suggestion from the subcommittee (Dave, Chip, Jen) covering the new Org Structure for the class. Comments welcome. All were supportive.

John P would love to see a list of all tasks association would like to take care of ranked by importance. Group on the phone will do this individually and send to Dave and Dave will compile and share. Do so by next Weds July 1st. Jen, Dave and Chip will meet again the week of July 6th.

Next Steps: Gain approval by board, share with class membership, solicit nominations

International Class

Dave Bernal's 8 years as North American VP on the International 29er board have come due and his term limit is now completed. Willie McBride will take over these duties and will attend the Annual Meeting in Lake Garda, Italy in July.

Jen Glass is nominated for Intl Class President and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting

World Council – CEO position proposed by GBR. USA will vote negative. Believe the structure currently in place appropriately represents an international class structure as necessary by ISAF.

Website

Please send content to Jen to post! Jen has site content planned around the Worlds coming up.

Measurer

Lots of changes were made over the winter to the class rules – please read your class rules! John P will be ready to measure at this year's Nationals.

John mentioned there is no education / communication from Class Chief Measurer to John – can someone in Garda help make this more transparent so that John can do his job – he doesn't know what is going on internationally.

John is not sure if he is supposed to be the measurer at the 2010 Worlds

Treasurer

Chip – nothing new. Hoping for more Membership Dues to appear as we get closer to the Nationals.

Maxam Family Trophy

Dave – has the trophy maker in England ready to go for the Maxam Trophy. Just needs to choose the type of wood.

John Rogers would like a crew trophy as well. This isn't in the budget. John was considering a fundraiser for the crew trophy. Dave will connect with John R regarding funds.

John P, Dave and Chip are all in favor of having the perpetual trophy to stay at Coronado YC to avoid being lost by sailors. Jen thinks the trophy should be held by the winner for the year but an agreement to return it should be signed and a fee set for failure to do so. Dave will go forward with discussing with Coronado YC for a permanent home.

Other

John P – perpetual request to the board for the class to accept advertising dollars and provide advertising to dealers. John believes kids have a hard time figuring out where to buy parts. Jen will add a link to the dealers on the website.

Discussed an email list where advertisers could send deals / opportunities. Tabled to class meeting to discuss with others.

Next call will be July 22nd

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President; Presides at all meetings, enforces Class Rules, and provides for the general provision of the welfare of the Class.

VP: Assist President in the discharge of his/her duties and officiate in his/her absence. Also, acts as a good-will Ambassador, on behalf of the Class, to host yacht/sailing clubs and/or sailing associations.

Secretary: Coordinates the National Racing Schedule (including US Open and Junior National Championship, North American, PCCs, NE Champ, etc.). Keeps the minutes of the Class meetings, keeps correct roll of membership, keeps list of 29er hulls and their whereabouts, notifies membership of upcoming elections, and administers the 29er elections.

Treasurer: Administers the finances of the Class, including collection of dues and disbursement of all monies.

Advisory Board: Consisting of up to 6 honorary members, repeatable two year terms. They shall not vote or hold elective office. Their principle duty is to provide an advisory roll subject to the special action of the Class that may include, but not limited to, membership program, racing schedule, coaching program, regional programs, and any other business of the Class.

Head Coach: Coordinates coaching for the Class, keep list of current coaches, and assists in administering logistics for training events.

Measurer: Coordinate all measurement efforts and monitor compliance with class rules.

Regional Representatives; Represents geographic regional interests, votes on motions for the Class, and assists with all programs.