

29er Class Conference Call

Wednesday May 20, 2pm PST

1. Schedule

a. Garda – 2009 Worlds

Jen Glass and Peter Macdonald gave an update on the status of the US and Canadian teams planning to attend the Worlds. Chip Nilsen suggested we send out some PR when we get closer to the Worlds so we can share the great news that so many teams are attending from North America this year.

b. Bahamas – 2010 Worlds

Jerelyn Biehl is visiting the Bahamas Worlds site next week and will have more to report after the visit.

c. 2010 Nationals - Peter Macdonald has put in a request to Alamitos Bay YC via member Art Vasenius to host the 2010 Nationals. We're waiting on a response from them. If the response is negative we'll look to other locations. Discussion ensued around locations for following years and trying to move the event around so that participation could be encouraged from all corners. It was brought up that the North Americans are held at CORK and thus not all championships are on the west coast.

d. General Schedule – The conversation was opened up to discuss any other scheduling items. The group discussed the period of time before and after the 2010 Worlds including training / racing in Florida. Jerelyn mentioned she will find out more about shipping timing during her trip to the Bahamas Worlds venue. Based on this information we will be able to make a more informed decision about when boats will need to be shipped to the Bahamas and thus when we could possibly schedule events. It was brought up that North American teams wouldn't be likely to receive charters as the number of charters is quite limited and teams traveling from other countries would get first dibs.

2. Class Organization Structure

a. Update from Sub Committee – Jen, Chip and Dave Bernal have discussed via email and phone other class' structure and governance and compared to our own. Other classes are very similar to ours so we determined that we were going in the right direction. The main discussion centered around adding some positions to our board including four individual positions for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, instead of combining these duties into two positions. We also discussed that either existing positions or new positions should take leadership over a few key tasks such as communication with US Sailing, ISAF, recruitment and our schedule. Furthermore, as a class we have been remiss in filling area representative positions when reps step down.

The Sub Committee is going to continue to meet and discuss these items and will come back to the board on the next call with a report and recommendation.

Discussion ensued around some of the above items. General consensus is that everyone agrees that we should have open elections at the Class Meeting in September at the Nationals. We discussed providing an option to vote online. We also discussed that one main goal is to increase communication and having a dedicated secretary would help tremendously so that we could post meeting minutes to the class website and help with the distribution of information. Chip reminded us that the main purpose of the area reps is to help share information with their local class members. Please encourage any class members looking for information to ask area reps or anyone on the board.

3. International Class Update
 - a. Jerelyn reminded us that the International Class Meeting will be held during the World Championship this July in Italy. Anyone with submissions should send them to Dave Bernal or Chip Nilsen prior to June 7th so they can send them on to the International Class for inclusion on the agenda.
4. Measurer's Report
 - a. John P is out of the country.
5. Website Report
 - a. Jen thanks Jon Rogers for compiling the PCC Series results which have been posted to the site. A request was made for anyone attending a regatta to send a writeup to Jen so we can keep the site up to date with current events. Writeups don't need to be long, and photos are welcome.
6. Treasurer Report
 - a. Chip reported that our funds are still holding, no changes.
7. Open discussion
 - a. No open discussion ensued.

Next call will be Wednesday June 24th, 2pm PST.