

NESSA Annual Meeting Minutes
6 November 2005

Call to Order by Acting-President Doug Heil at 1030

1. Secretary's Report (Rob Hurd)

- a. Minutes from the November 2004 NESSA Annual Meeting were posted on the NESSA website in December 2004. Are there any questions, comments, or corrections at this time? Move that we waive the reading of the minutes and that the minutes from November 2004 be accepted:
MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- b. Based upon by-law changes made in November 2004, any regular member who has paid 2005-2006 dues and is in attendance has voting privilege for this meeting. That number stands at 37 as of this 5 November 2005.

A New Member School may request a change of status from New to Regular Member if they meet the requirements as listed in Section I; Article C: Membership of the By-Laws. The schools requesting such a change this year are: **Dartmouth HS, Cheverus HS, and Dover-Sherborn HS**. The Secretary/Treasurer puts these schools with his full endorsement.

SCHOOLS VOTED TO REGULAR MEMBERS STATUS WITH NO DISCUSSION OR OBJECTION

- c. Attendance was taken when you registered. Please make sure you signed-in so that you are on the official list.
- d. As of 4 November 2005, NESSA has 65 paid members and 10 schools listed as "pending". There were 64 paid members one year ago. There are still several schools from past years that are now inactive member. I expect we will see some re-enrollment, which should bring our projected 2006 membership to 80+ schools. Per NESSA by-laws Section I, Article C, sub-section 3, schools that do not pay their dues by the annual meeting "may not appear in the annual official NESSA active Membership List and may not be eligible for all NESSA sponsored regattas." Last year 6 school cost NESSA a berth at both the Mallory and the Baker. Schools that can't support the organizations rules and regulation can't expect to share in the benefits. Therefore, all members from 2005 must have checks postmarked by December 20, 2005 or they will be declared ineligible for the NESSA championship regattas. The Secretary/Treasurer is offering this 6-week extension for those who have not paid their dues yet.

A MEMBER ASKED THAT NESSA NOTIFY SCHOOLS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING REGARDING THE POLICY FOR NESSA DUES. ROB NOTED THE COMMENT AND STATED THAT AN E-MAIL WOULD NOTIFY THESE PEOPLE. THE STATUS OF EACH SCHOOL IS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE.

e. Probations:

- a. The following schools have violated Article L of the By-Laws and are presently on probation.
- i. Nantucket HS (Until 10-09-06) – late cancellation from Fall Funfest
 - ii. North Quincy HS (Until 10-09-06) – No show at the Fall Funfest
 - iii. Casco Bay HHS (Until 10-09-06) – late cancellation from Fall Funfest
- b. The following schools have been removed from probation because they served two years without further incident.
- Notre Dame Academy (until 4-17-05) – No Show at O'Day Qualifier for the second time in two years. (4-20-03 and 4-17-04)
 - St Sebastian's School (Until 4-26-05) – No show at O'Day Qualifier
 - Stonington HS (Until 4-26-05) – No show at the O'Day Qualifier
 - Duxbury HS (Until 10-12-05) – No show at the Fall Funfest
 - Portsmouth Abbey (Until 10-12-05) – Showed without a full team at Fall Funfest.
- c. The following schools are not eligible for NESSA regattas for one year for a second violation of Article L while on probation.
- none

- f. The NESSA e-mail list will continue to be our main source of information. Every school must have a contact on the list. Be sure to alert your school's IT people about the list as some people have experienced problems with their spam filters/junk mail blockers

To send a message to the list: NESSA@topica.com
To subscribe, send a blank email to: NESSA-subscribe@topica.com
To unsubscribe, send a blank email to: NESSA-unsubscribe@topica.com
NESSA will no longer conduct any mailings

g. The Website (www.NESSA-Sailing.org) is working well. Lots of good information on it. Check it out.
NO QUESTIONS ON THE SECRETARY REPORT. IT IS ACCEPTED.

2. Treasurer's Report (Rob Hurd)

- a. Balance in the account as of 1 July 2005 = \$4743.01
- b. Last Year – expenses exceeded income by - \$2.77 (Complete financial report is attached)
- c. The Treasurer recommends continuing the policy of charging a small regatta fee (\$10 per school to be collected at the Qualifying sites for the O'Day and a non-refundable fee of \$15 for consideration for the NESSA Teams, to cover website and on-line posting). Should we also start charging a \$5/sailor fee at the Healy?

DISCUSSION:

Q: WHAT IS THE \$5 FOR?

A: FEES, REGISTRATION, DUES.

ROGER RAWLINGS MOVES TO APPLY THE FEE. NO OPPOSITION BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

d. 2006 Budget is projected as balanced. Those wanting copies may e-mail the Secretary/Treasurer
TREASURERS REPORT IS ACCEPTED

3. Vice-President's Report (Doug Heil)

A. 2005 Review

NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 23, 2005

5 Qualifying Sites and Chairs:

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| 1. UMass Boston/BC High | Mary Farrell (BC High) |
| 2. Univ. Southern Maine | Steve Williams (Cheverus HS) |
| 3. St. George's School | Roy Williams (St. George's School) |
| 4. East Lyme/Williams(WYC) | Ted Sherman (East Lyme/Williams) |
| 5. Hotchkiss School | Roger Rawlings (Hotchkiss) |

Qualifying Round

5 sites with 8-10 teams per site, a total of 46 teams sailed qualifying races across NE in light & Shifty wind, rain, downpours, fog, 20+gusts, raw and cold temperatures. 3 schools from each site advanced to the Championship. Thank you to our hosts for running races in difficult and varying conditions to qualify 15 schools in 1 day, allowing the finals to be run the following day. *Advanced to Championship:* St George's, Tabor Academy, Milton Academy, Portsmouth Abbey, Brunswick School, Hotchkiss School, BC High, North Kingston HS, Duxbury HS, Martha's Vineyard RHS, Marblehead HS, Belmont Hill, Greenwich HS, Williams School, Hingham HS.

Championship Regatta

Tabor Academy Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy)

15 schools sailed 9 races per division in pouring rain turning to brilliant sunshine by the end of the day at Tabor Academy. A fine job by the Tabor team and coaches for running a quality event in shifting SE-SW, 10-20 knot winds. 5 protests were heard by the team of judges resulting in 4 DSQ's. St George's School was the NE Champion who qualified to represent NESSA at Nationals along with Tabor Academy, Milton Academy, and Portsmouth Abbey

NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

May 21-22, 2005

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard Doug Heil (Martha's Vineyard RHS)

The top 8 schools were selected by resume based on criteria set forth by the NESSA Officers. MVRHS in conjunction with Sail Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven YC, and Edgartown YC provided boats, facilities and race management in challenging conditions for this years Championship. Thank you to the MV team for their race management, quick repairs and moving the fleet to the alternate site in a tricky Nor'easter.

Qualifying Round: A Nor'easter with 20-25 knot winds moved racing into the Vineyard's Lagoon Pond. 28 races were sailed using a Digital N for a full round robin on a cold and cloudy day with on and off rain. Tabor, Hotchkiss, St. Georges and Milton were the 4 Top finishers in the Qualifying Round and advanced to the Championship.

Championship Round: The Nor'easter passed for day 2 and gave way to sunshine and 5-12 knot shifty winds from the east, allowing racing to be moved back to Vineyard Haven YC. 12 races for a double round robin were sailed in the Vineyard's outer harbor. Tabor was crowned NE Champ and St. Georges 2nd. Both represented NESSA at the Baker.

NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

May 15, 2005

Mass Maritime Academy

Ian MacLeod (Mass Maritime)

13 schools traveled to Mass Maritime in Bourne, MA for a good day of racing on Herring Pond. A brisk wind on the pond made playing the shifts crucial to being successful in this regatta and kept teams struggling within points of each other. Hingham HS won the Herreshoff Trophy beating out Cheverus HS by only 4 points. Hats off to Ian and the MMA Cadets for hosting the regatta for the Women of NESSA with a new 420 fleet and for providing a cookout at lunch.

NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy) – 2006

September 25, 2005

Sail Maine

Steve Williams/ Jeff Cummings (Sail Maine)

Terrific sailing conditions in Portland for this year's Healy with WSW-SW 12-20 winds, decent chop, current, and overcast skies in the low 60's. 9 races in both divisions were sailed using Trapezoid courses with separate inner and outer "sausages" for radial and full rigs. Winning the Radial division and a berth to the Cressy was John Moulthrop (Hotchkiss), followed by Martin Sterling (NAPS), Jesse Kirkland (Tabor), Elizabeth Berry (Greenwich), who won the next 3 places to also qualifying for the Cressy. Ian Cook (St. Georges) won the Full division and advanced to Nationals. Just behind Ian were Harry Weyher (Taft), Cam Cullman (Hotchkiss) and Juan Maegli (Portsmouth Abbey) to represent NESSA in Hawaii. Thank you to Steve Williams, Jeff Cummings and the Sail ME staff, for running a quality Healy with solid racing in Maine

Arnold Brown Regatta

September 18, 2005

Vineyard Haven YC

Doug Heil (Martha's Vineyard)

The first Great Oakes qualifier for the fall season was held on MV a day after Ophelia brushed the island. In the wake of the storm was a beautiful day with bright blue skies and wind from the west at 5-10. 9 teams came to MV in the Spirit of Arnold Brown and sailed 8 races in each division. Xavier quickly jumped ahead and won the event and the first Great Oakes berth. MV followed in 2nd just ahead of Naval Academy Prep by 2 points.

NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)

October 9, 2005

Community Boating

Carl Zimba (Mass Bay League)

Columbus Day weekend means the Fall Fun Fest on the Charles River, hosted by the Mass Bay League and Carl Zimba. Serving as a Great Oakes Qualifier, 18 schools sailed the Fun Fest for 8 races in each division in a 5-10 knot north breeze. The Cape Cod Mercury's "leveled the playing field" and made this an exciting and "Fun" regatta. Temps were in the 50s and the skies were overcast, but no rain. North Kingston edged out East Lyme by 1 point for the top 2 places and the next 2 berths to the Great Oakes Regatta. Hats off to Carl Zimba and the Mass Bay League for running the event and to Community Boating for opening their doors to NESSA.

Casco Bay Fall Open

October 2, 2005

Sail Maine

Jeff Cummings (Cheverus HS)

This was the second Great Oakes qualifier regatta for the fall season. There was a lack of wind so No races were sailed.

B. 2006 Season

Hosting a regatta is great opportunity to energize and strengthen a team, grow HS Sailing in the area, and do a service to HS Sailing and NESSA. Any school/coach wishing to Host an event or Volunteer to Chair an event, should contact Doug Heil. New Regatta Chairs and Venues are exciting, encouraged and welcomed.

2006 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 22-23, 2006

Qualifying Regatta's - Saturday, April 22, 2006

1. Tabor Academy (Marion, MA)
2. St. Georges (Newport, RI)
3. Cedar Pt YC Westport, CT (Fairfield County)
4. Community Boating, Inc (Boston, MA)
5. SailMaine (Portland, ME)

420s AT ALL SITES

NOTICE OF RACE AIMS TO GO OUT ON
FEBRUARY 1ST.

Championship Regatta – Sunday, April 23, 2006

Site needed for 15 teams

POSSIBLE SITES: HOTCHKISS, USCGA

2006 Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

Saturday and Sunday – May 20-21, 2006

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard, MA

Regatta Chair – Doug Heil

2006 Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

Saturday/Sunday – May 13-14, 2006

Nantucket Community Sail, Nantucket, MA

Regatta Chair – Nick Judson

NICK – TWO DAY EVENT FOR TRAVEL
PURPOSES. SATURDAY AFTERNOON RACING AND
SUNDAY MORNING RACING. STEAMSHIP AND

HY-LINE WILL ENABLE GOOD
TRANSPORTATION.

Q: HOW MANY BOATS? 16 BOATS

Q: DOES IT HAVE TO BE TWO DAYS? NOT
NECESSARILY, BUT WE ARE TRYING TO
ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE GETTING ON AND
OFF ISLAND.

2007 Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

Sunday – September 25, 2006 (tentative)

Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich CT

Regatta Chair- Jonathan Nye

2006 Arnold Brown Regatta

Sunday September 17, 2006

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard

Regatta Chair – Doug Heil

2006 Casco Bay Fall Open

Sunday October 1, 2006

Sail Maine – Portland ME

Regatta Chair- Jeff Cummings

2006 Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)

Sunday – October 8, 2006

Community Boating, Boston

Regatta Chair- Carl Zimba

VP's REPORT IS ACCEPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION

4. President's Report (Jim Terkelsen)

Dear Doug and Rob,

Due to my recent acceptance to the position of Head Sailing Coach at Eckerd College, it has become necessary for me to resign as President of NESSA.

I am very proud to have worked with such a class organization as NESSA. The sailors, coaches, volunteers and the Officers are what make NESSA a leading district in ISSA. The contacts and friendships, which I have developed over the years of being connected with high school sailing, have been very fulfilling and I will certainly miss the constant communication with the people in New England and our shared visions of high school sailing.

Although I am moving onto the college ranks, if there is anything I can do to assist high school sailing or NESSA, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please accept my resignation as of April 1, 2005.

Respectfully,

Jim Terkelsen
Barnstable Sailing Coach
NESSA President

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Dear NESSA School,

It is with sadness that Doug Heil and I accept the resignation of Jim Terkelsen as NESSA President effective April 1, 2005. Jim has served the organization well for eight years in the capacity of both Vice-President and President. Jim's commitment to NESSA never wavered. Even though he was a coach, he was able to step back and see the "big picture." Whether it was securing judges, booking venues, or talking to new faculty advisors/coaches, Jim always spent the time necessary to make sure that everything was done well and in the best interest of NESSA. We are proud of the job Jim has done as a NESSA officer and support him as the new Head Coach of Eckerd College Sailing.

Jim was equally dedication to Barnstable HS. He helped bring the program from infancy to national power that it is today. The "Barnstable model" is the foundation that many of the Cape and Island schools used to build their programs. He should be proud of the legacy that he leaves here on the Cape.

Doug and I will miss Jim's expertise, presence, and leadership. He will be a tough act to follow, but NESSA will move on. To that end, because of the timing of Jim's job chance, Doug and I have decided to split the presidential duties now preformed by Jim until June. Doug will focus primarily on domestic policy. In accordance with NESSA protocol, he will become acting-President until the next NESSA meeting. He will continue on with his Vice-Present responsibilities as well. Rob will focus on international policy by become the ISSA representative until a new President is elected. He will also continue with the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer. Over the summer, we will seek out a third person that can assume the duties of Secretary/Treasurer beginning in September. If you are interested in being considered for that position, you should contact Rob Hurd (RSHurd@hotmail.com) before June 1, 2005.

Your officers are sad to see Jim go, but we are confident that the organization will move forward. NESSA has always been a coaches group with a strong sense of involvement. We have been in good hands for a while and will continue to be under our new leadership as well.

ROB PLANS TO EXPRESS THE LEAGUE'S THANKS FOR JIM'S 8 YEARS OF SERVICE

6. Nominating Committee's report (Roger Rawlings)

Proposed Slate of Officers for Nov 2005 – Nov 2007

President: Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy)
Vice – President: Doug Heil (Martha's Vineyard RHS)
Secretary/Treasurer: Evan Olmstead (Greenwich HS)

OFFICER'S ACCEPTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION

7. Old Business

a. **Report on the 2006 Baker** to be hosted by NESSA at Vineyard Haven YC on Martha's Vineyard (Doug Heil)
MVRHS LOOKING FOR A P.R.O. FOR MARK AND BAKER FOR HELP WITH HOSTING BOTH EVENTS

b. **Report on the 2007 Cressy (Fall 2006)** to be hosted by NESSA at Indian Harbor YC, Greenwich CT (Kevin Baker/Jonathan Nye)

As far as an update goes, there is not a lot to report. The incoming regatta chairman and fleet captain are aware of the event. Do not believe the RC chair has assigned a PRO but this is not an issue. I have identified a number of

people to serve with me on the organizing committee. Among our early tasks will be to secure housing and reach out to Connie Smales regarding her experiences and any recommendations for next year's version. We are proceeding under the assumption that we are still talking about the last weekend in October. We have a fair amount of flexibility at that time of year so if the event needs to move earlier/later (within reason) that would not be an issue. Over the course of the next few months we'll be working on our regatta documents and hospitality arrangements. We may also try to organize alumni reunion regatta prior to the actual event. We are looking forward to making this a first-class regatta – one the kids and all involved will enjoy. We are also looking forward to hosting the Healy in late September. Rob's earlier note suggests the last Sunday (9/24).

- c. **Report from the ISSA Annual Meeting** in Newport Sept 24, 2005. (Rob Hurd)
 - o Larry White stepped down as ISSA present in September and Tim Hogan (PCISA) became the next president of ISSA. Tim's leadership will be different than Larry's so we can expect some changes in how ISSA does business. The next few months will be taken up by figuring out how to move forward and what changes to make if any.
 - o NESSA was well represented at the meeting, with Rob Hurd, Roger Rawlings, and Kevin Baker all present, as well as Carl Zimba and Doug Heil.
 - o Roger, as an ISSA VP, will be heading up the special projects for ISSA; Rob Hurd will head the Council of District Directors for the next year.
- d. **Baker Tickets.** With the Baker scheduled for Martha's Vineyard, NESSA will NOT be doing a group ticket purchase this year. The issue will be revisited for 2007
- e. **Executive Committee:** In accordance with the By-laws, the NESSA president appoints the following members to the executive committee until further notice. Rob Hurd (NESSA President), Doug Heil (NESSA VP), Evan Olmstead (NESSA Secretary/Treasurer), Roger Rawlings (Past President), Kevin Baker (ISSA Rep & FCSL President), Carl Zimba (MBL President)
- f. **NESSA Coach's Symposium.** Rather than hold one symposium over the winter, we are going to try and set up regional symposiums in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts/Rhode Island areas. The idea will be to allow more people to be involved by cutting down the travel time and focus some of the discussion on how NESSA and ISSA can help that particular region of the district. More information will be e-mailed out in the winter when dates and locations are finalized.

8. New Business:

a. Explanation of the new NESSA Team Racing Championship experimental format.

Goal: To see if it is possible to include more teams in this championship without "adding" too much or altering the 8-team Mark format. NESSA will use this "Wild Card Weekend" format for 2006 and reevaluate at the November 2006 Annual Meeting.

<i>NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy) – 2006 format</i>
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- 1. **Selection:** Schools will be ranked first to last using the criteria listed below. The field will be expanded to 12 schools in the following manner.
 - A. The top 4 schools will automatically qualify for the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy).
 - B. Schools ranked 5-8 who qualified for the Mallory Trophy will automatically qualify for the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy).
 - C. Schools ranked 5-12 will participate in a wild card sail-off the weekend of the Mallory for the final slots at the NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy). Format will be posted in the NOR.
- 2. **Computer rankings:**
 - A. 50% of a school's overall ranking will be tabulated by a computer program, plan J, tabulating points based upon three criteria.
 - i. One-third of the points are based upon winning percentage against NESSA schools
 - ii. One-third of the points are based upon winning percentage against "top 20" NESSA schools in 2006
 - iii. One-third of the points are based upon a "strength of schedule" formula that takes into account your opponent's record and your opponent's opponent's record.
 - B. 50% of a school's overall ranking will be tabulated by the combined rankings of the executive committee as appointed by the NESSA president. Members of the executive committee will rank all the schools that

register properly, excluding their own, from first to last. If there is a tie in rankings, then the executive committee ranking will break the tie.

b. Discussion on moving Fleet Racing entirely to the fall season.

Question: Can we run our New England Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy) in the fall and still have a top-notch event where our best teams excel

Possible Fall O' Day Trophy format.

1. The O'Day would be held the last weekend in October. It would be a 2-day regatta starting on Saturday at 0900 and ending by 1600 on Sunday.
2. Schools would qualify in one of three ways.
 - a. Top 5 from the previous year's O'Day (over the past 17 years, 90% of those who finished in the top 5 one year qualified for the O'Day finals the next year)
 - b. The top finisher, who has not already qualified, at select fall regattas.
 - i. Arnold Brown Invite
 - ii. Casco Bay Fall Open
 - iii. Fall Funfest
 - iv. USCGA Invite
 - v. Others with NESSA approval.
 - c. The remaining slots are filled at a "last chance" regatta held the weekend before the O'Day.
3. Top schools, based upon ISSA quotas would qualify for the ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory Trophy) to be held in the spring.

Pros:

- More chances to qualify. Don't rely on the results of one day to reach the finals.
- A two-day final means more races and a chance for the better teams to rise to the top.
- O'Day and O'Day qualifiers are removed from the spring season hereby opening up another weekend for team racing.
- O'Day is usually the third weekend in April. That is only three weeks after most program start. A regatta on the last weekend in October would mean that schools have been sailing for 7-8 weeks, making this championship a true test of abilities over the course of the season.
- Weather is often much better in the fall.
- Helps better sell the cross country-track argument to the Athletic Directors
- Helps our seniors show case their talents better BEFORE the college admissions process is complete.

Cons:

- Most schools can only sail one season and therefore would have to choose fall or spring.
- Many of our biggest school programs don't sail in the fall and therefore their facilities, which we have relied upon for so many years will/may not be available.

Possible Fall O'Day Trophy Format Discussion:

Would it make sense to put our fleet racing events in the fall? Should we have O'Day on Halloween weekend and have our fleet racing qualifiers in the fall?

Rob encourages us that we take this discussion back to our school and explore what the hurdles are for making it happen.

DISCUSSION:

Caroline: Would there be any penalty if the school chose just to do one over the other?

Athletic directors would determine, but probably not. Penalty is not being able to qualify for the Mallory.

Clemmie: What does that do to the O'Day? Right now we have 5 sites with 10 teams. Would we have those same number in the fall?

R: I don't know. Your team may have more of a chance to qualify by sailing more events. The number might go down, but possibly not that much. What worries me about the current system is the possibility of one qualifying site not getting three races. This would eliminate this.

Brent: The other benefit is that in the fall sailors are coming off of summer sailing (as opposed to being rusty after the winter). Sailors could still compete without practice days.

Rob: You could sail as a club status without having weekly practices. Ideally, the Mallory would also come to the fall, and that may be a bigger challenge.

Q: How many of the schools here are practicing for those events. (Over six hands went up) Concerns. Boats get beat up. Budgetary concerns. Huge issues with budgetary processes of the schools. Many schools have a limited number of boats. Practices for schools with only six or eight boats available (for practice and regattas).

Comment: I think the participation levels in the northern states could be greatly enhanced by having participation in the fall.

Q: Is this an ISSA or NESSA move?

Rob: This is a NESSA discussion right now. As a member of the ISSA board I can push the issue there, too.

Carl: It has been a topic at the national level.

Evan: Consider also assisting with some of the budgetary concerns that go along with adding a season of use to the fall.

Comment: Community sailing puts boats away in the fall.

Aroline: No venue. I'd be concerned about taking sailors away from soccer or other fall sports.

Rob: I agree with the concerns there, but also you might pick up spring sailors. I see it as a track/cross country model.

Dartmouth HS coach: Fall for our program is used to rehab boats after the summer. Doesn't mean we couldn't do it, but I don't see us being able to get boats for another two-month span.

Byron LaMotte: Challenge of spring is doing team racing and fleet racing. It ends up weakening both causes because you can never focus on one. Great idea to move to the fall season for fleet racing. You will run into a lot of schools that want to make sure kids are able to do different sports. Smaller teams that might only have six sailors lose close to all or all sailors. I think you would see a drop-off in the fall.

Comment: I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DO A SURVEY.

Rob: I'm looking for people to come back with data.

Comment: You may see a different team in the fall than in the spring. You may be able to attract some sailors in the fall that you couldn't attract in the spring.

Aroline: Concern – private school coaches who coach another sport in the fall could not coach sailing in the spring.

Comment: Budgetary concerns – hire someone to coach both seasons.

Milton coach: Is there a way to move the Mallory to behind the Baker?

Rob: You have to have a week between the Mallory and Baker. We've talked about flipping them. You could run the O'Day qualifiers the weekend of the Mark, and it would make a better season of what we're doing. You need support of mid-Atlantic, North West, Midwest.

Carl: Put the Mallory and Baker on same weekend and make teams choose.

Rob: What I would like people to do is to go back to the Ads, student activities, etc. Find out logistically how easy or difficult it will be to do that.

Byron LaMotte: Develop a form or survey to send out and have coaches complete and use for data.

Action taken: Each representative shall go back to their school and ask about a fall fleet racing season to gauge interest and possible problems. Each representative should be prepared to make a full report at the next NESSA meeting. Regardless, not action shall be taken before fall 2007.

c. Discussion on High School Sailing eligibility requirements.

Goal: To gauge the temperature of NESSA on this issue so that it can be presented to the ISSA board for discussion if necessary.

Question: There are some schools that have Post Graduates on their teams. Is this what High school sailing should be about?

Discussion:

Brent: Four-year restriction seems reasonable.

Comment: Knowing who the kid is at NAPS who was recruited, why not let them sail?

Comment: At the Healy Mike Marshall finished fifth, was prevented from going. The kid from NAPS had been at CRESSY the year before.

Rob: Is there a ground swell that the ISSA should come up with a more defined eligibility requirement?

Carl: Bringing this up with ISSA would be invaluable.

Comment: At college, sailors get eight semesters in six years.

Aroline: School policy should determine eligibility.

Carl: Any school can sail any school. It is an issue at national qualifiers.

Comment: What about middle schoolers?

Rob: You have to be 9th grade or above.

Doug: Read procedural rule ISSA 1.2. Must go through ISSA.

Rob: Should we bring this up at the national body?

Membership: "Yes"

Action Taken: Rob will broach the issue at the later ISSA board meeting.

d. Red Flag Issue.

Last year there was some confusion regarding the use the red flags during protest. In order to remind, establish, and maintain standard at the local, regional, and national level, all High School meets and regattas should prescribe to the following protocol.

- a. For team racing events, red flags are required as prescribed in Appendix D2.1
- b. For fleet racing event, red flags are not required unless the vessels racing are 6 meter or longer.

9. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 12:19PM