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BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

April 18, 1998

REPORT OF BBYRA REPRESENTATIVE TO US SAILING.

The Spring Meeting of USSA was held at Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 19-22, at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS, MARCH 20 and 21st:

Bylaws Committee: Mr. Everingham presented the following resolution which was approved.

RESOLVED that the following amendments to the Association's Bylaws, having been prepared by the Bylaws Committee at the request of the Appeals Committee in accordance with Article Eleven, paragraph 4 of the Bylaws, is hereby initiated by the Board of Directors and shall be mailed and presented for approval by the voting members of the Association at the next annual meeting; all as prescribed in Article Sixteen of the Bylaws:

1. Article Eleven 1(c) shall be amended by deleting (i) the words "and except that one member of the Appeals Committee shall be selected by the Appeals Committee as described in paragraph 2 on this article" and (ii) the comma that precedes such words, so that paragraph 1(c) will read in its entirety as follows:
  - (c) All members of standing committees, including chairmen, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors; except that the members of the Nominating Committee shall be selected as described in paragraph 7 of this article.
2. Article Eleven, paragraph 2(a) and 2(b) shall be amended to read in their entirety as follows:
  - (a) Composition - the committee shall be composed of a chairman and five additional members. The committee shall appoint a secretary who shall not be a member of the committee.
  - (b) Terms - Terms of the members of the committee shall be three years or until their successors are appointed. Such terms shall be staggered so that the terms of two members expire each year. The chairman and the secretary each shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is appointed.

Championship Committee:

- 1) The Board approved Joseph D. McCann (Area B), James R. Craig (Area F) and Deborah Schoenherr (Area E) as area representatives to the
- M Mallory Cup Committee.

Recognition and Awards:

US SAILING One-Design Regatta Award. President Muldoon presented the US SAILING Regatta Award to Inland Lake Yachting Association and Oshkosh Yacht Club for the ILYA Centennial Celebration Regatta.

Judges Committee:

Jim Capron reported on the revision of the Judges Manual and the creation of the newly designed National Training Seminar and assessment test as well as the plans for "repackaging" of these materials for regional training and testing of judges.

Championship Committee:

The Board of Directors approved the appointment of Steve Lee as Alter Cup Chairman, effective May 1, 1998.

General Services Committee:

The following resolution was presented and approved:  
RESOLVED that a task force be established to develop a business plan for the US SAILING website, including a documented strategy and implementation plan which reflects a total annual cost of no more than \$100,000.

The Board approved a motion to authorize the use of up to \$30,000 from operating reserves between now and the 1998 Annual General Meeting toward the development of the US SAILING website, the expenditure to be treated as a capital expenditure.

Competitor Eligibility Review Committee:

New regulation added:

B. Regulation

Amend the US SAILING Regulations to add a new paragraph to Section 4.00 Special Committees:

4.20 Competitor Eligibility Review Committee.

The Competitor Eligibility Review Committee consists of a Chair and eight or more additional members. The Committee determines the eligibility status of competitors under Appendix R.

Draft for CERC consideration:

To amend Appendix R1.1 as follows:

Delete R1.1 Replace with:

R1.1 Group 1, Amateur Competitor

(a) A Group 1 competitor is one who does not benefit financially from an activity that contributes to the performance of racing boats, and who has not been engaged within the past 12 months in activity that would make him a Group 2 competitor or activity within the past 24 months that would make him a Group 3 competitor. A Group 1 competitor may occasionally accept reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses of travel, living accommodations, entry fees and meals necessary for participation in an event.

(b) A competitor who, before he has reached his 24th birthday, is engaged or employed fewer than 90 work days in a calendar year in an activity that would otherwise make him a Group 2 or 3 competitor shall not have that activity recognized for the purpose of Appendix R.

Inshore Committee:

The major discussions focused on a recommendation for PFD use by Inshore sailors, the issues on Rule 16 on hunting, and the format for American Sailor.

During these meetings Inshore discussed in detail a resolution recommending that Inshore sailors wear PFD's while on the water and that race organizers and classes put this recommendation in the Notice Of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Inshore subsequently met to determine how to better serve our small boat sailors. The main focus was on communication of existing services and programs and on continuing education. It was clear that supporting the needs of racing sailors was equally important with educating new comers to the sport. Educational ideas for seminars INCLUDED Learn to Race and Learn to Sail Clinics, boat rigging and maintenance, trailering boats, license requirements for state and local government, weather, sail trim, how to be safe on the water and to have fun. People felt that developing tools for local sailors to give seminars was essential. It was proposed that US SAILING partner with respected sailors who give seminars on rules, tactics and other issues by providing zipcode sorted mailing labels and membership information for the clinic organizer allowing them to use US SAILING logo to add value to their programs

One-Design Council:

The ODCC strongly recommends that US SAILING do everything within its power to persuade ISAF to reintroduce the intent of old Racing Rule 35 for fleet racing.

*Anti Hunting*

Multihull Council Report:

The new format for the US SAILING Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup is working very smoothly. Under the new format, the finals are scheduled for the spring. Advantages are two fold. First, the finals no longer conflict with class championships which are scheduled in the fall. Second, the spring date allows sponsoring boat manufacturers the entire spring and summer season to sell the boats which they provided for the event, making it more likely that the manufacturer will participate.

Women's Sailing Committee:

Attached is a copy of the Brighton Declaration on Women and Sport: It was requested that the Board endorse the Declaration.

Committee on Sailors with Special Needs:

The recent St. Petersburg NOOD regatta was a notable coup for disabled sailors. Nine disabled skippers competed in a 25-boat open fleet. The Atlanta Gold Medal winning GBR team finished in 9th place overall with to USA team "Wind, Wheels and Water" consisting of John Kostanecki, Waldo Esparza, Hugh Elliot and Rob Daily (AB foredeck) in 10th place overall. A copy of the 1998 US Disabled Sailing Team is attached.

Racing Rules Committee:

Proposed Rule 16.2 - Anti-hunting.

16.2 When a port-tack boat is keeping clear of a starboard-tack boat, the starboard-tack boat shall not change course if doing so would immediately compel the port-tack to change course. See attached Appeal 75.

CSA:

See attached Proposed Clarification.

Respectfully submitted.  
Roger Brown , P/C 1998



## **CSA Discussion draft – 3/20/1998**

### **PROPOSED CLARIFICATION**

Whereas the US Sailing Board of Directors in October, 1997 adopted a resolution relating to the wearing of personal flotation by offshore sailors,

Whereas a significant number of directors voting on the October, 1997 resolution were under the impression that they were voting on a proposed recommendation rather than a potentially mandatory prescription, and

Whereas US Sailing, while adhering to the concept of individual responsibility set forth in Fundamental Rule 1.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, wishes to emphasize to offshore sailors the importance of exercising their individual responsibility to wear personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions,

Now, therefore it is **RESOLVED**

That the resolution adopted in October, 1997 relating to the wearing of personal flotation by offshore sailors is hereby clarified to read: The 1998/99 edition of the Recommendations for Offshore Sailors shall contain a recommendation which reads as follows:

“ US Sailing strongly recommends that offshore sailors pay particularly close attention to their individual responsibility under Fundamental Rule 1.2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing to wear personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.”

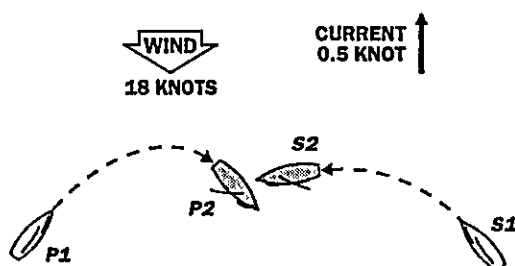
## APPEAL 75

### *Jackrabbit vs. China Cloud*

Rule 14, Avoiding Contact  
Rule 16, Changing Course

*When a right-of-way boat changes course, the keep-clear boat is required to act only in response to what the right-of-way boat is doing at the time, not what the right-of-way boat might do subsequently.*

#### FACTS AND DECISION OF THE PROTEST COMMITTEE



On a windward leg in winds of 18 knots, *China Cloud* (S) and *Jackrabbit* (P) approached each other on opposite tacks. P bore off to avoid S. S also bore off, and P continued bearing off in order to pass astern of S. S also continued to bear off, healing further to leeward as a result. There was contact between the masts and rigging of the two boats, and P's mast was broken.

The protest committee disqualified S for breaking rule 16 and she appealed.

#### DECISION OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Rule 10 required P to keep clear of S. However, when S was changing course, rule 16 required her to give P room to keep clear. The definition Room includes space for P to maneuver "in a seamanlike way." The written facts and the diagram established that P would have kept clear if S had not changed her course and continued to do so. By continually reducing the space and time available to P to maneuver, S finally made it impossible for P to keep clear. S's action was a clear breach of rule 16.

S also broke rule 14 and was subject to being penalized under that rule because, as the right-of-way boat, she failed to avoid contact that resulted in damage.

The appellant argued that P could have tacked or gybed, and claimed that this was P's obligation. This is a misunderstanding of the obligations of a keep-clear boat under rule 10 and other right-of-way rules. A keep-clear boat is required to act only in response to what a right-of-way boat is doing at the time, not what the right-of-way boat might do subsequently. P did as she was required, by changing course in such a way that S, had she not continued to bear away toward P, would have had "no need to take avoiding action" (see the definition Keep Clear).

In failing to keep clear, P broke rule 10, but that was a consequence of S's breaking rule 16. Therefore P is exonerated under rule 64.1(b).

The protest committee's decision to disqualify S is upheld, under rules 14 and 16.

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## 1998 US DISABLED SAILING TEAM NAMED

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (March 13, 1998) -- US SAILING, national governing body for the sport, has named its first-ever US Disabled Sailing Team. Created to recruit and develop athletes for upcoming Paralympiads, the US Disabled Sailing Team will annually distinguish the top-three ranked sailors in each of the two Paralympic classes -- Sonar and 2.4 Meter. The 1998 rankings were determined by a selection committee appointed by US SAILING's Sailors With Special Needs Committee and are based on racing results from calendar year 1997.

The following members of the 1998 US Disabled Sailing Team are listed in ranking order one through three.

**Named in the Paralympic Sonar class (skipper and two crew):** 1996 Paralympic Bronze Medalists John Ross-Duggan, Chris Murphy and Jim Leatherman (Orlando, Fla./Annapolis/Baltimore, Md.); John Kostanecki with Waldo Esparza and Hugh Elliot (Naperville, Ill./Seffner, Fla./Alexandria, Va.); and Paul Callahan with Keith Burhans and Richard Hughes (Newport, R.I./Irondequoit, N.Y./Philadelphia, Pa.).

**Named in the Paralympic 2.4 Meter class (skipper):** 1997 North American Paralympic 2.4 Meter Champion David Schroeder (Miami Beach, Fla.); Richard Hughes (named in the Sonar class above); and Richard Doerr (Tampa, Fla.).

### PARALYMPIC REGATTA 2000

Sailing will be a full medal sport for the Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia, with the Paralympic Regatta scheduled for October 20-27, 2000, less than three weeks after the Sydney Olympic Regatta. At the 1996 Paralympic Games in Lake Lanier, Ga., sailing (in Sonars) served as an exhibition event and attracted 15 countries.

"Although US SAILING's Sailors With Special Needs Committee has existed for many years, the Paralympic connection is recent and adds a new dimension to our Olympic planning," said Olympic Sailing Chairman Bob Hobbs (Vernon, Conn.), whose committee will facilitate proposals for funding from the U.S. Olympic Committee. "We are excited to include this segment of the sport in our Olympic goals and to recognize these sailors."

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1998 World Disabled Sailing Championship, organized by the IFDS (International Foundation of Disabled Sailors), will be held August 6-12 in Newport, Rhode Island, and sailed in Sonars. The U.S. Trials in St. Petersburg, Fla., May 1-3, will qualify two teams for the Worlds, which will be co-hosted by the New York Yacht Club and Shake-A-Leg Newport, a non-profit organization with a world-renowned adaptive sailing program.

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## A SCOPE AND AIMS OF THE DECLARATION

### 1 SCOPE

This Declaration is addressed to all those governments, public authorities, organisations, businesses, educational and research establishments, women's organisations and individuals who are responsible for, or who directly or indirectly influence, the conduct, development or promotion of sport or who are in any way involved in the employment, education, management, training, development or care of women in sport. This Declaration is meant to complement all sporting, local, national and international charters, laws, codes, rules and regulations relating to women or sport.

### 2 AIMS

The overriding aim is to develop a sporting culture that enables and values the full involvement of women in every aspect of sport.

It is in the interests of equality, development and peace that a commitment be made by governmental, non-governmental organisations and all those institutions involved in sport to apply the Principles set out in this Declaration by developing appropriate policies, structures and mechanisms which:

- ensure that all women and girls have the opportunity to participate in sport in a safe and supportive environment which preserves the rights, dignity and respect of the individual;
- increase the involvement of women in sport at all levels and in all functions and roles;
- ensure that the knowledge, experiences and values of women contribute to the development of sport;
- promote the recognition of women's involvement in sport as a contribution to public life, community development and in building a healthy nation;
- promote the recognition by women of the intrinsic value of sport and its contribution to personal development and healthy lifestyle.

## B THE PRINCIPLES

### 1 EQUITY AND EQUALITY IN SOCIETY AND SPORT

a Every effort should be made by state and government machineries to ensure that institutions and organisations responsible for sport comply with the equality provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

b Equal opportunity to participate and be involved in sport whether for the purpose of leisure and recreation, health promotion or high performance, is the right of every woman, regardless of race, colour, language, religion, creed, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, political belief or affiliation, national or social origin.

c Resources, power and responsibility should be allocated fairly and without discrimination on the basis of sex, but such allocation should redress any inequitable balance in the benefits available to women and men.

### 2 FACILITIES

Women's participation in sport is influenced by the extent, variety and accessibility of facilities. The planning, design and management of these should appropriately and equitably meet the particular needs of women in the community, with special attention given to the need for childcare provision and safety.

### 3 SCHOOL AND JUNIOR SPORT

Research demonstrates that girls and boys approach sport from markedly different perspectives. Those responsible for sport, education, recreation and physical education of young people should ensure that an equitable range of opportunities and learning experience, which accommodate the values, attitudes and aspirations of girls, is incorporated in programmes to develop physical fitness and basic sport skills of young people.

### 4 DEVELOPING PARTICIPATION

Women's participation in sport is influenced by the range of activities available. Those responsible for delivering sporting opportunities and programmes should provide and promote activities which meet women's needs and aspirations.

### **5 HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT**

**a** Governments and sports organisations should provide equal opportunities to women to reach their sports performance potential by ensuring that all activities and programmes relating to performance improvements take account of the specific needs of female athletes.

**b** Those supporting elite and/or professional athletes should ensure that competition opportunities, rewards, incentives, recognition, sponsorship, promotion and other forms of support are provided fairly and equitably to both women and men.

### **6 LEADERSHIP IN SPORT**

Women are under-represented in the leadership and decision making of all sport and sport-related organisations.

Those responsible for these areas should develop policies and programmes and design structures which increase the number of women coaches, advisers, decision makers, officials, administrators and sports personnel at all levels with special attention given to recruitment, development and retention.

### **7 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Those responsible for the education, training and development of coaches and other sports personnel should ensure that education processes and experiences address issues relating to gender equity and the needs of female athletes, equitably reflect women's role in sport and take account of women's leadership experiences, values and attitudes.

### **8 SPORTS INFORMATION AND RESEARCH**

Those responsible for research and providing information on sport should develop policies and programmes to increase knowledge and understanding about women and sport and ensure that research norms and standards are based on research on women and men.

### **9 RESOURCES**

Those responsible for the allocation of resources should ensure that support is available for sportswomen, women's programmes and special measures to advance this Declaration of Principles.

### **10 DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

Government and non-government organisations should incorporate the promotion of issues of gender equity and the sharing of examples of good practice in women and sport, policies and programmes in their associations with other organisations, within both domestic and international arenas.



**The first international conference on women and sport, which brought together policy and decision makers in sport at both national and international level, took place in Brighton, UK from 5-8 May 1994. It was organised by the British Sports Council and supported by the International Olympic Committee. The conference specifically addressed the issue of how to accelerate the process of change that would redress the imbalances women face in their participation and involvement in sport.**

**The 280 delegates from 82 countries representing governmental and non-governmental organisations, national Olympic committees, international and national sport federations and educational and research institutions, endorsed the following Declaration. The Declaration provides the principles that should guide action intended to increase the involvement of women in sport at all levels and in all functions and roles.**

**In addition, the conference agreed to establish and develop an international women and sport strategy which encompasses all continents. This should be endorsed and supported by governmental and non-governmental organisations involved in sport development. Such an international strategic approach will enable model programmes and successful developments to be shared among nations and sporting federations, so accelerating the change towards a more equitable sporting culture worldwide.**

## **BACKGROUND**

**Sport is a cultural activity which, practised fairly and equitably, enriches society and friendship between nations. Sport is an activity which offers the individual the opportunity of self-knowledge, self-expression and fulfilment; personal achievement, skill acquisition and demonstration of ability; social interaction, enjoyment, good health and well-being. Sport promotes involvement, integration and responsibility in society and contributes to the development of the community.**

**Sport and sporting activities are an integral aspect of the culture of every nation. However, while women and girls account for more than half of the world's population and although the percentage of their participation in sport varies between countries, in every case it is less than that of men and boys.**

**Despite growing participation of women in sport in recent years and increased opportunities for women to participate in domestic and international arenas, increased representation of women in decision making and leadership roles within sport has not followed.**

**Women are significantly under-represented in management, coaching and officiating, particularly at the higher levels. Without women leaders, decision makers and role models within sport, equal opportunities for women and girls will not be achieved.**

**Women's experiences, values and attitudes can enrich, enhance and develop sport. Similarly, participation in**



## 1998 USA Junior Olympic Schedule

### Nationals

June 23-28 USA Junior Olympic National Sailing Championship  
American YC, Rye, NY  
Classes: Laser, Club 420, 470, Europe dinghy  
Contact: American YC 914/967-4800  
Application deadline: *April 10, 1998*

### Regionals

June 6-7 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Midwest  
Crescent Sail YC, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, Optimist  
Contact: Crescent Sail YC 313/885-7575 or LHSPC@msn.com

July 16-19 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - California  
Santa Barbara YC, CA  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, CFJ, Club 420  
Contact: Santa Barbara YC 805/965-8112 or KentPierce@compuserve.com

July 18-25 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Texas Youth Race Week  
Texas Corinthian, Lakewood & Houston YC's, TX  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Club 420, Optimist  
Contact: Barbara Brownback 713/790-0290

July 20-23 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Larchmont Junior Race Week  
Larchmont YC, NY  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Blue Jay, Club 420, Optimist  
Contact: Eva Spelman 914/834-2440  
Registration deadline: July 10

July 21-24 USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Narragansett Bay Junior Race Week  
Ida Lewis YC & Sail Newport Sailing Center, Newport, RI  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Sunfish, Optimist, Club 420, Int'l 420, Capri 14  
Contact: NBYA 401/254-1494 or phrfadmin-nb@juno.com  
Pre-registration deadline: July 10

- July 26-27    AAU Junior Olympic Games/Sailing Festival  
Hampton Roads, VA  
Classes: Optimist  
Contact: Gary Bodie 757/727-5912 or GaryBodie@aol.com
- July 27-28    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Mid-Atlantic  
Island Heights YC, Island Heights, NJ  
Classes: Laser Radials, Byte, Club 420, Optimist  
Contact: Buzz Reynolds 908/522-0748R, 908/232-4200B or  
breynolds@croll.com
- Aug. 7-8      USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Rochester  
Rochester YC, NY  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Byte, Club 420, Optimist  
Contact: Rochester YC 716/342-5511 or 103236.1521@compuserve.com
- Aug. 17-19    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Mass. Bay Sailing Youth Regatta  
Hull YC, Hull, MA  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Club 420, Optimist, Turnabout  
Contact: Peter Bent 978/281-3200
- Aug. 22-23    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Northwest Youth Championships  
Seattle YC, Seattle, WA  
Classes: Laser, Laser 2, Byte, El Toro, Optimist & any class with 5 entries  
Contact: Tora Christenson 360/825-2379 or ttaylorc@aol.com
- Aug. 25-26    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - CBYRA Fun Days  
Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD  
Classes: Laser, Byte, Optimist  
Contact: Bob Christman 410/269-6697 or PAButcher@aol.com
- Nov. 21-22    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival  
US Sailing Center of Martin County, Stuart, FL  
Classes: Club & Collegiate 420, Laser, Laser Radial, Vanguard 15,  
windsurfers, Optimist  
Contact: Nan Walker 561/334-8085
- Dec. 26-30    USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival - Orange Bowl International Youth Regatta  
Coral Reef YC, Miami, FL  
Classes: Laser, Laser Radial, Byte, Laser 2, Optimist  
Contact: Jay Chen 305/666-2496 or JSChen@aol.com