

NESSA Annual Meeting
Sunday November 6, 2022
Moses Brown School

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Chris Crane at 1040
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Attendance:

Barrington High School	Ben Chwalk
Cape Cod Academy	Rob Hurd
Dartmouth High School	Chris Murray
East Greenwich HS	Robert Russell
Martha's Vineyard RHS	Andrew Burr
Milton Academy	Patrick Broome
Moses Brown School	Chris Crane
Portsmouth Abbey School	Jonathan Harley
Robert E. Fitch High School	Prescott Littlefield
Rogers High School	Brad Donnelly
Saint John Paul II High School Hyannis	Gabor Menyhart
Sharon HS	Gary Werden
St. George's School	Roy Williams
St. Georges School	Ben Greenfield
Tabor Academy	Kelly Walker
The Hotchkiss School	Richard Davis
The Williams School	Prescott Littlefield
Wellesley High School	Larry Lovett

2. REPORTS:

A. Secretary's Report – Rob Hurd

- a. Minutes from the November 2021 NESSA Annual Meeting have been displayed on the NESSA website since November 2021.
- b. Based upon the new by-laws approved last year, any school that is a member (dues paid for this school year) can vote. List of member schools is in Appendix A.

- c. Attendance sheet is being passed around. Make sure you put your name and school name are recorded properly.
- d. As of November 4, 2022, NESSA membership stood as follows:
 - Active Members – 51
 - Pending Members - 5
 - Members last year – 68Dues payments are due by the Annual Meeting.
- e. Correspondence: All official correspondences are done via the website and the NESSA list-serves. Each school is responsible for checking the website and ensuring they are on the list-serves. Information for how to subscribe to the list-serves is on the website.
- f. Tech Score:
 - Each school is responsible for ensuring that their Tech Score info is accurate and posted in a timely manner. Information posted after the close of the regatta is subject to a penalty (20 pts./div in a Fleet Race) in accordance with ISSA PR.
 - Also, please see ISSA PR 1.2 (a) regarding competitor's being named in the database before being eligible to compete.
- g. Probations:
 - 1. Schools on probation because of violations to Article L of the By-Laws.
 - Manchester-Essex RHS (skipped Herreshoff Qualifiers) (through 2024-5-21)
 - 2. The following schools have been removed from the probation list:
 - None
 - 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation:
 - none

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and are encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

B. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Good working relationship with Bottom-line Bookkeeping
- b. P/L sheets and balance sheets for fiscal year 2021-2022 and fiscal year 2022-2023 (to-date) are posted in Appendix B.
 - Asset Balance (Bank and PayPal) is \$12,666.69 as of November 4, 2022
 - Fall Host sites have not been reimbursed
 - These funds include \$3,500 worth of Baker/NIT ticket deposits from the 7 schools (Barnstable HS, Dartmouth HS, Duxbury HS, Falmouth HS (ME), Fairfield Prep, Greenwich HS, North Kingstown HS) that need to be returned.

C. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jonathan Harley & Andrew Burr

SPRING 2022

NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy) - May 1, 2022

Qualifying Regattas:

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| 1. Hyannis YC (Hyannis, MA) | 11 schools/ 11 races per div. | C420 |
| 2. Milton Acad./BC High (Quincy, MA) | 9 schools/8 races per division | C420 |
| 3. Portsmouth Abbey (Bristol, RI) | 10 schools/6 races per division | C420 |
| 4. UComm Avery Point (Groton, CT) | 11 schools/ 7 races per div. | FJs |

Championship Regatta - May 8, 2022

MIT (Cambridge, MA)	16 schools/ 11 races per div.	FJs
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REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: It was a full day of racing at MIT in sunny conditions with lots of wind. Base wind was 15-20 mph, gusting to as high as 35, from the East. Eleven races were contested in each division using a 2x port triangle course with the start and finish at the bottom. Two protests were filed, resulting in a single DSQ. Five redress were filed with two granted. One team was penalized 10 points in each division for not wearing pinnies. With the high breeze and gusts, there was a lot of planing on the downwind reaches. Just off the MIT dock, the gybe mark lived up to its nickname, the “entertainment mark.” Quite a few sailors got baptized in the Charles, sometimes 2 or 3 boats at once.

Thanks go out to PRO Fran Charles and his able assistant Lucy, starting races at a good tempo in challenging conditions. Two local college sailors manned the finish boat throughout the day, Caleb Niles, '22 Northeastern, and Abby Murray, '23 BU. Wally Corwin manned the dock, assisting sailors when equipment needed attention or replacement. Chris Crane spent most of the day in a safety boat, assisting sailors that went swimming. Carl Zimba was the event scorer.

Congratulations to the Brunswick School for winning the 2022 NESSA Fleet Racing Championship and taking home the George O'Day Trophy. Following closely behind was the Hotchkiss School and the Portsmouth Abbey School. All three will go on to represent NESSA at the ISSA Fleet Racing Championship. The following 4 schools, St. George's School, Tabor Academy, Greens Farms Academy, and Barrington HS, have the opportunity to represent NESSA at the Phoebe King Regatta.

3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy) – May 21-22, 2022

Qualifiers - Saturday May 21

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| 1. Hyannis YC (Hyannis, MA) | 7 schools/ 6 races per div. | C420 |
| 2. Sail Newport (Newport, RI) | 6 schools/ 6 races per div. | C420 |
| 3. Grass Island (Greenwich, CT) | 3 schools/ 6 races per div. | C420 |
| 4. BHYC (Boothbay Harbor, ME) | 6 schools/ 6 races per div. | C420 |

Finals - Sunday May 22

Community Boating Center (Dartmouth, MA)	14 schools/ 7 races per div.	C420s
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3. NESSA Team Racing Championships (President's & Terk Trophies) - May 14-15, 2022

Twenty-three schools competed for berths in either the President's Trophy (1-8) or the Terk Trophy (9-16) based upon the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee rankings) approved by the membership.

Saturday, May 14: The top eight teams showed up for the President's trophy and teams ranked 9 through 15 for the Terkelsen at Connecticut College, May 14th - 15th. Wind looked to be sketchy, but turned out to be excellent both days with moderate southerly's on Saturday and a building Southwesterly on Sunday. A moderate outgoing current on the Thames River kept things interesting and boats played the left side of the course, on both upwind legs.

Sunday, May 15: By far one of the most competitive fields at the New England Championships in a long time with extremely tight racing all day, both days. Congratulations to The Hotchkiss School and St. George's for qualifying for the Baker, this weekend in Texas.

Thank you to Conn College and Jeff Bresnahan for hosting our New England championships.

Huge thanks to the PRO - Roger Rawlings The Umpires, CHUMP - Andrew Nugnes, Andy Nutton, Graham Landy, Gary Werden, and Prescott Littlefield. Scorer - Carl Zimba and Wellesley high school coach, Larry Lovett, for doing a fantastic job with boat rotations.

An excellent weekend of sailing. Good luck to everyone moving on to the Baker and NIT.

President's RESULTS:

1. The Hotchkiss School (16-4)*
2. St George's (15-5)*
3. Brunswick School (14-6)***
4. Green Farms Academy (8-12)**
5. Portsmouth Abbey (7-7)***
6. Tabor Academy (6-8)**
7. Barrington HS (2-12)
8. Portland HS (0-14)

Terk RESULT:

1. Fairfield Ludlowe HS (13-2)**
2. Milton Academy (12-3)
3. Greenwich Academy (10-5)
4. Wellesley HS (5-10)
5. Lincoln Academy (5-7)
6. Martha's Vineyard RHS (3-9)
7. Dartmouth HS (0-12)
- Sharon HS (0-0)##

Qualified, but unable to attend due to Covid

* = Qualified for ISSA Baker trophy

** = Qualified for ISSA Founders trophy

*** = Qualified for ISSA Founders trophy, but unable to attend.

FALL 2022

4. 2023 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

Saturday, September 24: Racers arrived to find a gusty but dying northwest wind. Six races were completed on a windward-leeward start and finish in the middle course. The line was closed and no one was caught off guard by that. Shifty conditions kept the racing close. In the ILCA 7 class, the top two started to separate themselves from the others, but the battle for third flip flopped through the day. In the ILCA 6 class, the top three also started to separate themselves from the pack.

Sunday, September 25: Sunday dawned with a building southwest breeze that was forecasted to build all day ahead of the front pushing through the area. Six more races were completed in each division, a windward-leeward start and finish in the middle course.

In the [ILCA 7 class](#), Ben Shepard '23 (Brunswick School) pulled ahead throughout the day and Wyatt Bischoff '23 (Tabor Academy) established himself in silver medal position, but the battle for third went down to the final races, where Sam Riley (Martha's Vineyard RHS) edges out Jake Demos (The Prout School). All three qualified for the Cressy.

In the [ILCA 6 class](#), Cal Kinnear '25 (The Hotchkiss School) won the final race and beat out Jack Bolton '23 (St. George's School) on the tie breaker. Conrad Straden '24 (Darien HS) was the third qualifier for the Cressy.

Hyannis YC was an excellent host, making the sailors and spectators feel welcome. Thanks as well to the Race Committee (Judy Quinn and MK Mezzetti) and the judges (Brent Jansen, Mike Hersey, Matt Hersey, Richard St Onge, Bill Abbott).

5. <u>NESSA Fall Intersectional Qualifiers</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Qualifier</u>
A. Casco Bay Fall Open ** – SailMaine	September 10	Barrington HS (RI)
B Arnold Brown Regatta ** – Sail MV	September 17	St George's School (RI)
C. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)**	October 1	Lincoln Academy (ME) Sharon HS (MA)
D. Great Oaks Quals. – Sail Black Rock	October 16	Cape Cod Academy (MA) Portland HS (ME) Martha's Vineyard RHS (MA)
E. NBKI Quals. - New Bedford Yacht Club	October 16	St George's School (RI)

** Fall ACCs qualifier

SPRING 2023

NESSA Teams Racing Championships

Saturday and Sunday – May 6-7

Presidents Trophy

Site: TBD (420s)

Terk trophy

Site TBD (420s)

Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

Qualifying Regattas – Saturday May 13

1. Lakeville, CT (FJs)
2. Bristol RI (C420s)
3. Portland, ME (C420s)
4. Hyannis, MA (C420s)

Finals: Sunday May 14

Site: Quincy, MA (420s)

Women's (Herreshoff Trophy)

Qualifying Regattas - Sunday May 27.

Sites: 2-3 TBD

Finals: Sun May 28

Site: Sail Newport (420s)

Fall 2023- tentative

- **ACC Qualifiers**

Casco Bay Open

Saturday September 9

Arnold Brown Regatta

Saturday September 6

NESSA Fall Funfest

Saturday October 7

- GOR Qualifier:

Saturday October 14

- NKBI Qualifier:

Sunday October 15

- NESSA Singlehanded Championship (Healy Trophy): Sat Sept 30 - Sun Oct 1

- Cressy will have three divisions in 2023

☐ 12 ICLA 7

☐ 12 ILCA 6 (male)

☐ 12 ILC 6 (female)

C. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Chris Crane

NESSA Report to 2022 ISSA Annual Report:

NESSA had 90 teams registered for the year. The annual district meeting was held online on November 7, 2021. The district was able to hold all of its three New England Championship this spring. The Herreshoff Trophy was sailed at New Bedford Community Boating Center. Thirty-three schools signed up for one of four qualifying regattas. St George’s won the finals beating out 13 other schools. The NESSA Team Race Championship (President’s and Turk trophies) were sailed out of Connecticut College the week before the Baker. Thirty schools competed all spring to earn a berth into one of the two regattas. After an eight team double round robin with a double final four, The Hotchkiss School captured the President’s Trophy and earned a berth to the Baker. St George’s was second and also qualified for the Baker. Fairfield Ludlowe HS won the Turk and qualified for the NIT, along with Green Farms (4th at President’s). Tabor Academy (6th at President) secured the third berth at the NIT. The NIT was hosted in NESSA with 10 teams competing on Lake Massapoag in Sharon MA. Tabor Academy emphatically won the event. Green Farms Academy (2nd) Fairfield Ludlowe (6th) and host Sharon HS (10th) also attended. The NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O’Day Trophy) was sailed over two weekends, with qualifiers on May 1st at forty-one schools competing at four different venues. The finals were held at MIT the following weekend on a blustery but sunny day. Brunswick School captured their first O’Day trophy and qualified for the Mallory along with The Hotchkiss School and Portsmouth Abbey School. St George’s School, Tabor Academy, Green Farms Academy and Barrington High School qualified for the Phebe King with St George’s School and Tabor Academy’s spots were filled by BC High and Milton Academy. NESSA also recognizes the continued support of High School sailing in NESSA by community sailing centers such as SailMaine, Sail Newport, Courageous Sailing Center and New Bedford Community Sailing Center. These organizations serve as premier racing venues but also more importantly in hosting “developmental” programming and competition. Our annual district meeting is scheduled for Nov 6, 2022.

Change is coming. Chris announced that this would be his last year as President. Rob is planning to step away from some portions of the secretary/treasurer role to focus more on being ISSA VP. We will need people to step up and fill the void.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

1. ISSA Annual Meeting Report – Chris Crane.

- ISSA Approved five of the six [DEI Sub Committee's recommendations](#) designed to help foster more opportunities for female skippers.
 - Encourage schools to host JV type regattas. NESSA already does this a lot.
 - Set up a female clinic at college sites for 2023. Looking to finalize this over the winter
 - NESSA Girl's championship. NESSA has been doing this since 1988,
 - Female on NKBI teams. Happened this year
 - All girls division at Cressy starting in 2023.
- ISSA is working to define what "female" means. Proposals will be coming over the winter.

2. Baker/NIT Ticket Deposits:

- NESSA will no longer be purchasing group tickets to the Baker or the NIT.
- Over the summer, we returned deposits to most schools.
- There are still seven schools (Barnstable HS, Dartmouth HS, Duxbury HS, Falmouth HS (ME), Fairfield Prep, Greenwich HS, North Kingstown HS) that we need to return funds to. That will happen before the spring season.

3. Stephan Leslie Award Nomination.

- Sharon HS.

Sharon HS was slated to host the 2020 NIT. Then covid hit and things did not get back to "normal" until spring of 2022. Despite a two-year pause, when many of the movers and shakers in the SHS program had graduated and moved on, the squad was able to host one of the best NITs in its short history.

Lake sailing can lead to tricky wind conditions. This year's NIT was no exception. While 10 schools from coast to coast arrived on time and were ready to go, the wind was not. And we sat until 2 pm before a steady breeze filled in. But the Race Committee was ready, getting quality races off in a quick fashion. Recognizing that high school sailors got hungry and we were going to be at the venue much longer than anyone had planned, Sharon HS sailors took it upon themselves to make individual team pizza orders at their own expense. This thoughtful act was much appreciated when the sailors (and coaches) finally hit the beach as the sun was setting.

From race management, to communication, to logistics, Sharon HS had a well thought out plan that they executed flawlessly. Sportsmanship is sometimes hard to describe, but you know it when you see it. The manner in which Sharon HS ran the NIT is now the standard that others should subscribe to.

4. By-Laws/ District Rule changes

- Motion by Rob Hurd (NESSA Secretary/Treasurer) to delete the following [District Procedural rule](#) because they now appear in the ISSA Procedural rules.
 - Article O - Team Scoring Penalties
 - Article P - Combined Regattas

Discussion:

- Is the NESSA Rule different from the ISSA? Yes. Penalty for no life jackets and pinnies was 20 pts/div. The new ISSA rules changed that to 10 pts/div.

Motion carry by unopposed

- Motion by Gary Warden (Sharon HS) to amend the first sentence of article K (e) of the district rules. “Schools must sail at least seven (7) ~~ten (10)~~ scheduled meets prior to the Championship.”

Discussion:

- *Season is shorter with Team Racing champs being earlier. Tough to get in 10 meets in the five weeks of April.*
- *Easter, school vacation, travel for schools on the edge of the district all make it difficult to get the required meets.*
- *Last year, there were several schools that qualified for the Team that had not reached the 10 threshold by the end of April. Clearly the extra week helped some schools get over the threshold.*
- *Discussion focused on the fact that 7 seems too few, while there was consensus that 10 might be too many this year. Gary offered to change the number to eight (8).*

The following motion passed unopposed.

“Schools must sail at least eight (8) ~~ten (10)~~ scheduled meets prior to the Championship.”

- Motion by Andrew Scrivan (Brunswick School) to change the NESSA Teams (Presidents and Terk Trophy) format from Umpiring in accordance with RRS to back to Limited Umpiring

Discussion:

- *Without someone to champion this motion, there was no appetite to change back to a system that no longer exists in the rule book.*
- *Since the Presidents trophy is designed to get NESSA schools ready for the Baker, we should use the same system used at nationals, which is umpired.*
- *Discussion moved towards how to coach kids to sail in an umpired event and more importantly how to be respectful towards umpires/judges.*
 - *Coaches need to understand what umpires are looking for. [Read the Umpires manual.](#)*
 - *Sailors need to understand the rules better. See the [Team Racing Call Book](#)*
 - *Everyone needs to be more respectful towards officials. [See this video.](#)*
- *Umpires should be paid. ExComm will develop ways to find funding to pay umpires for this year’s NESSA Teams.*
- *Can NESSA put together a list of umpires.*

5. Nominating Committee. District Committee (aka ExComm) slate

- District Director: Chris Crane
- Committee members:

Rob Hurd	Jonathan Harley
Andrew Burr (C&I)	Gary Warden (MBL)
Sam Scribner (Northern)	Henry Millette (FCSL)
Patrick Broom (CSA)	Brad Donnelly (RI)
Prescott Littlefield (CT)	
- Slate was approved

4. ADJOURN at 1210

	NESSA MEMBERSHIP STATUS		Appendix A
	2022-2023		
	School Name		
1	Barrington HS	31	Moses Brown School
2	Boothbay RHS	32	Mount Desert Isle HS (ME)
3	Boston College HS	33	Needham HS
4	Branford HS	34	Newton CDS
5	Brewster Academy (NH)	35	North Kingstown HS
6	Brien McMahon HS (CT)	36	Portland HS
7	Brunswick School	37	Portsmouth Abbey
8	Cape Cod Academy	38	Robert E Fitch HS (New London, CT)
9	Cape Elizabeth HS (ME)	39	Salisbury
10	Champlain Valley Union HS (VT)	40	Sharon HS
11	Cheverus HS (ME)	41	St. George's School
12	Darien HS	42	Staples HS
13	Dartmouth HS	43	Tabor Academy
14	Duxbury HS	44	The Hotchkiss School
15	East Greenwich HS	45	The Prout School
16	Fairfield Ludlowe HS	46	The Sound School
17	Fairfield Prep	47	The Williams School
18	Falmouth HS - ME	48	Wellesley HS
19	Greely HS	49	Wheeler School
20	Greens Farms Academy	50	Xavier HS
21	Greenwich Academy	51	Yarmouth HS
22	Greenwich HS		
23	Guilford HS		
24	Hingham HS		
25	Joel Barlow HS (Redding, CT)		
26	Lincoln Academy		
27	Marblehead HS		
28	Martha's Vineyard RHS		
29	Milton Academy		
30	Monomy RHS		

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Accrual Basis

NE School Sailing Association

Profit & Loss

July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Program Income	
Membership Dues NESSA	3,745.00
Membership Dues ISSA	1,700.00
Regata Entry Fees	3,925.00
Total Program Income	9,370.00
Total Income	9,370.00
Gross Profit	9,370.00
Expense	
Racing Expense	
Host Fees	3,650.00
Trophies	540.00
Meals	162.39
Total Racing Expense	4,352.39
Professional Fees	
Bookkeeping	2,396.25
Total Professional Fees	2,396.25
Operations	
Postage Expense	115.55
Total Operations	115.55
Other Types of Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	269.55
Paypal Processing Fees	561.06
Total Other Types of Expenses	830.61
Total Expense	7,694.80
Net Ordinary Income	1,675.20
Net Income	1,675.20

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Accrual Basis

NE School Sailing Association

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2022

	Jun 30, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America	8,856.29
PayPal	3,164.42
Total Checking/Savings	12,020.71
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,710.00
Total Accounts Receivable	1,710.00
Total Current Assets	13,730.71
TOTAL ASSETS	13,730.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	2,817.15
Unrestricted Net Assets	16,137.73
Net Income	-5,224.17
Total Equity	13,730.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	13,730.71

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Accrual Basis

NE School Sailing Association

Profit & Loss

July 1 through November 1, 2022

	Jul 1 - Nov 1, 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Program Income	
Membership Dues NESSA	1,750.00
Membership Dues ISSA	-100.00
Regata Entry Fees	895.00
Total Program Income	2,545.00
Tickets	-3,000.00
Total Income	-455.00
Gross Profit	-455.00
Expense	
Racing Expense	
Regatta Expense	10.00
Trophies	187.06
Total Racing Expense	197.06
Other Types of Expenses	
Bank Service Charges	119.80
Paypal Processing Fees	292.16
Total Other Types of Expenses	411.96
Total Expense	609.02
Net Ordinary Income	-1,064.02
Net Income	-1,064.02

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Accrual Basis

NE School Sailing Association

Balance Sheet

As of November 1, 2022

	Nov 1, 22
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Bank of America	9,476.49
PayPal	1,750.20
Total Checking/Savings	11,226.69
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	1,440.00
Total Accounts Receivable	1,440.00
Total Current Assets	12,666.69
TOTAL ASSETS	12,666.69
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	2,817.15
Unrestricted Net Assets	16,137.73
Net Income	-6,288.19
Total Equity	12,666.69
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,666.69

District Committee Meeting (ake ExComm) Annual Meeting

Agenda:

Participants:

- Chris Crane
- Rob Hurd
- Prescott Littlefield (CT)
- Gary Warden (MBL)
- Jonathan Harley
- Andrew Burr (C&I)
- Patrick Broome (CSA)
- Sam Scribner (Northern)
- Brad Donnelly (RI) - Had to leave early
- Election of Officers:
 - President (District Director) - Chris Conley
 - Chris Crane was nominated and elected District Director/President for 2022-2023.
 - Chris made it clear that this would be his last year and he would be stepping down in November 2023.
 - After some discussion, Andrew Burr was recognized as the heir apparent. As such, he was elected to represent NESSA on the ISSA board, replacing Jonathan Harley
 - Vice-President(s) - Jonathan Harley & Andrew Burr
 - Secretary - Rob Hurd
 - Treasurer - Patrick Broome
 - Patrick will start to learn the Treasurer's job and coordinate with Bottomline Bookkeeping.
- Assignment of task for 2023
 - **O'Day - Prescott**
 - 4 qualifying sites and finals location is secure
 - Now that Mallory is in FJs, Prescott will investigate if there is a suitable FJ venue for the finals
 - **Herreshoff - Brad**
 - Finals set for Sail Newport
 - One qualifying site at Sail Newport; Two others needed
 - Boothbay Harbor has volunteered to host again.
 - **Teams - Gary & Sam**
 - Andrew, Sam, Gary, and Henry to discuss.
 - Option 1: Presidents at Indian Harbor, Terk at Milton/BC or Sharon
 - Option 2: Gary to contact Fran regarding hosting both - Presidents in 420, Terk in FJs.
 - Not ideal, if we want to shift O'Day to a FJ venue like MIT.
 - **Healy - Henry**
 - Time to look into venues.
 - Will need three separate starts