

**USF18 Class Association Annual Meeting
October 24, 2013**



Meeting minutes in Red

Call to Order- Mike Easton, USF18 Class Chairman

- Meeting called to order at 5:49 pm by Mike Easton

Area Reports-

Northern Area- John Bauldry

- CRAM and CRAW very active in Michigan and Wisconsin
- Northern area champs were held at the Central Coast Catamaran Championships regatta
- A strong event schedule is in place in Michigan and Wisconsin but weaker in other parts of the area

Southern Area- Dave Ingram

- Southern area champs at Spring Fever regatta
- New F18 perpetual trophy for the Steeplechase

Eastern Area- Jeff Dusek

- Eastern area champs at the Hyannis Regatta
- Strong summer series averaging 15+ boats at each event
- Held youth clinics with Sail Newport during spring training in April

Western Area- Dan DeLave

- No report given

Mid-Western Area- John Tomko

- After some tough seasons, seeing some new growth
- Looking forward to hosting F18 Nationals in Corpus Christi

Treasurers Report- Sandra Tartaglino

- Current balance \$16,500
- Currently 95 class association members

Old Business-

- New fleet scales

- Motion passed to allocate funds towards the purchase of new fleet scales
- Youth development
 - Ideas for youth development should be passed to Mike Easton or Jeff Dusek
- Measurement

New Business-

- 2014 Nationals Venue- Steve Piche, Corpus Christi Yacht Club
 - Steve Piche presented bid for 2014 Nationals on behalf of Corpus Christi Yacht Club
 - Planning to host third week of October in Corpus Bay
 - CCYC has hosted several world class events including US Sailing Youth Champs, and Melges 24 Worlds
 - Sailing will take place in a large bay approximately 20 mile circumference
 - Anticipate 70-80° F and 10-15 knt SE breeze building to 15-20
 - Hosting out of Radisson Hotel on North Beach
 - Bid passed unanimously
- Proposed redistricting plan
 - Western North District- Oregon and North
 - Western South District- South of Oregon
 - Plan to continue discussion about further division of Northern district
- Fleet development
 - Website contributions
 - Mike Easton expressed need for regatta reports from all districts
 - Jeff Dusek will be happy to post reports to USF18.com (Jeff.dusek@gmail.com)
 - Jeff Dusek expressed need to send regatta results to Alex Van Brunt for the national rankings list
- 2014 International Events
 - Worlds: Balyholme Yacht Club, Ireland, July 5-11
 - If interested make sure to contact manufacturers with charter boat needs ASAP
 - Americas: Likely Argentina in December
 - Need to discuss Americas with Argentinians
- F18 Class Merchandise- proceeds go to US Class

Class Leadership Elections-

- **Board Members**
 - Chairman- Mike Easton
 - Vice-chairman (2)- John Bauldry and Alex Van Brunt
 - Treasurer- Sandra Tartaglino
 - Secretary- Jeff Dusek
 - Class Measurer- Dave Ingram

- **Area Representatives**
 - Northern- John Bauldry
 - Southern- Karl Langelfield
 - Eastern- Jeff Dusek
 - Western
 - North- Ian Sloan
 - South- Phil Meredith
 - Mid-western
 - John Tomko

Meeting Adjournment- Mike Easton, USF18 Class Chairman

- Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm by Mike Easton