



The Florida Sailing Association

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Florida Sailing Association, US Sailing Regional Sailing Association, Area D

2019 Annual Report to US Sailing and FSA Organizational & Individual Members

The Florida Sailing Association's 2019 Annual Meeting, usually held the first weekend in December, was cancelled for lack of a quorum to conduct the business of the organization. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to approve the organization's budget for the following year and to elect Officers to conduct Association business. A report from Donna Sue Marks, Commodore, was posted on the Association's website. There were no appeals heard by Committee Chair Carol Robinson during 2019. FSA extends its appreciation to Carol and her knowledgeable committee for sharing their vast experience in this important role. As per the by-laws, terms of office for the Appeals Committee as well as the elected officers were completed in December. There being no names entered for nomination, Donna Sue Marks will continue one more year as Commodore; Stephanie Webb will serve another term as Secretary-Treasurer; and Carol Robinson will also serve one more year as Chair of the Appeals Committee. Currently, there are two vacancies in Officer positions: Vice Commodore (who also serves as the Adult Regatta Chair and oversees Area D Championship Events) and Rear Commodore (who oversees membership & serves as Chair of Youth Regattas). The Rear Commodore position continues to be shared by Donna Sue Marks & Stephanie Webb. A Nominating Committee will be appointed in the spring.

US Sailing conducted a survey of Regional Sailing Associations' leadership last fall in part to ascertain the level of engagement of organizations within their regions and the efficacy of RSAs as a volunteer arm of US Sailing. Results from that survey will be posted on the Association's website once they are available. A group of Area D representatives met at the Sailing Leadership Forum to share concerns & interests.

Benefits of membership in FSA include the Youth Regatta Reimbursement program and the Organizational Training Grant program, both of which are funded through annual memberships. During 2019, the Treasurer reimbursed \$1,635.00 to 14 families representing four member organizations and holds one Training Grant awaiting reimbursement. Documentation of successful completion has not yet been submitted. FSA continues to receive thanks from families who appreciate these benefits. FSA also has a supply of medals on hand for championship events.

2019 Members:

Will Stocke, Sarasota
Jason D'Agostino, Sarasota
Bryan White, Sarasota
Dalton Tebo, Sarasota
Davis Island Yacht Club
Dunedin Youth Sailing Association, Inc.
Edison Sailing Center
The Florida Yacht Club
Florida Women's Sailing Association
Lake Eustis Youth Sailing Foundation
Lauderdale Yacht Club
Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program
Platinum Point Yacht Club
Sarasota Yacht Club
Sarasota Youth Sailing
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
USSC Miami
Venice Youth Boating Association
Windlasses

FSA assisted US Sailing in facilitating the October SE Regional Symposium held at Mt. Dora Yacht Club. Justin Sterk, Safe Sport Compliance Officer for US Sailing, led the well-attended RSPS. Minutes from that meeting can be found on the FSA website.

From the Treasurer: We began 2019 with \$9,005.56 and ended the year with a balance of \$8,261.44. A complete financial report can be requested by contacting the Treasurer. Major expenses for the year included annual dues to US Sailing, youth grant & training grant reimbursements, corporation & IRS filing fees, and Area D pro rated championship fees.

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