



Florida Sailing Association  
US Sailing Area D Regional Sailing Association  
**Minutes of the 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**  
Thursday, December 2, 2021  
4:30 PM ZOOM

**Attendance:**

Charles Goes	Individual Member
Carol Robinson	FSA Leadership Team and US Sailing Judge
Dan Machowski	Area D Representative
Catherine Shanahan	US Sailing <b>Youth</b> Racing Events Manager
John Pearce	US Sailing <b>Youth</b> Director of Sport Development
Donna Sue Marks	FSA Leadership Team and St. Petersburg Yacht Club
Marissa Burrier	St. Augustine Yacht Club
C.H. Ritt	Englewood Sailing Association
John Riehl	Englewood Sailing Association
Kathryn Booker	Davis Island Youth Sailing
Ross Webb	Edison Sailing Center
Stephanie Webb	FSA Leadership Team and ESC
Connie Harper	FSA Leadership Team and Lake Eustis Youth Sailing
Alan Jenkinson	US Sailing Center Martin County
Henry Millette	Venice Youth Boating Association

**Absent:**

Clearwater Community Sailing	Florida Womens Sailing Association			
Halifax Youth Sailing Association	Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing			
Sarasota Youth Sailing	Windlasses			
Clearwater YC	Coral Reef YC	The Florida YC		
Lauderdale YC	Pensacola YC	Platinum Point YC		
Riley Baugh	Nick Cumbie	Maddie Ferretti	Brad Kendell	Roger Strube

Note: Documents referred to during the Annual Meeting can be found on the FSA website.  
Reminder that the leadership structure shifted from officer-based to a shared committee-based leadership format in 2020.

FSA Leadership Team member, Donna Sue Marks, welcomed the members and guests to the 2021 Annual Meeting at 4:35 PM via ZOOM. It was determined that a quorum was present to conduct the business of the organization (as per the By-Laws). Donna Sue commented that the original purpose of a regional sailing association was to foster, encourage and host ladder events. With the decrease in ladder events – at least within Florida (Area D) – FSA has crafted a support role to its members through Youth Regatta Grant Reimbursements, organizational Training Grant Stipends, education, and communications.

Former **Appeals** Chair, Carol Robinson, reported that the new Appeals Chair is Carrie Green, and that three appeals were heard and decided this year. Appeals may be filed by those who are members of an RSA. The appeals follow the national guidelines (RRS) but decisions can be taken to the national level, with US Sailing as the ultimate authority and decision-maker. All appeals are facilitated through email; members of the Appeals Committee represent a cross-section of sailing and clubs. Carol noted that all previous decisions have been upheld. In her final comments, Carol reiterated that it is up to all of us to “protect our sport” by certifying more judges and umpires. Area D Representative, Dan Machowski, agreed and encouraged RSAs to host training seminars.

**Financial Report** (refer to documents posted on the website): Stephanie Webb, Edison Sailing Center, reported on the memberships, bank balance, youth regatta reimbursements, training grant stipends, and balance sheet (income & expenses) for 2021.

- Youth Regatta Grant Reimbursements = 13 representing six member clubs \$1,190.00
- Training Grant Stipend \$300.00 to Lake Eustis
- January 2021 bank balance was \$8,643.19; October 2021 \$9,064.48 (this represents the latest bank statement received)
- Corporate filings (IRS, State) \$376.25
- Dues & Fees to US Sailing \$495.00
- Memberships = 12 Class A; 8 Class B and 7 Class C totaling \$2,747.00

**Area D Representative, Dan Machowski, a member of SAYRA:**

- **Area D** is comprised of three active regional sailing associations – Florida Sailing Association, Georgia Yachting Association, South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association as part of nine States: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, North and South Carolina. One RSA, Dixie Inland Yacht Racing Association, has taken a hiatus for the moment with its members being absorbed into GYA and SAYRA.
- Area D Rep’s role is to coordinate the RSAs
- **Leadership and US Sailing’s Chubb Championships** are rotated among the active RSAs. FSA will host the Chubb Championships again in 2023.
- To manage the organization and expectations among its RSAs, Area D works from an approved Memorandum of Agreement. This document has recently been revised and is posted on FSA’s website. Dan thanked Donna Sue and Stephanie for their assistance with the MOA’s revisions.
- Even with the exponential growth in high school sailing and big boat racing, it is the Junior Championships that compose the largest piece of our work. With Dan stepping down from the Chairmanship of the Chubbs, we need to identify a new Chair from FSA who will work with him in 2022 to prepare for the 2023 event.
- If Dan does not accept a second term as Area D Rep, it would fall to FSA to identify a possible replacement (as per MOA rotation) as early as 2023.
- Area D is one of the largest areas within US Sailing
- Sees his job as that of facilitator on behalf of junior and adult sailing

**Budget:** one of the responsibilities of the organization is to present an actual and proposed budget to the members at the Annual Meeting. A copy of the budget has been posted on FSA’s website for review. The 2022 budget passed with one abstention. It is imperative that FSA increase its membership to continue its benefits to members & organizations.

**Education:** FSA Leadership Team member, Connie Harper (Lake Eustis YSF), reminded members of the Tuesday Topics series – once monthly, 45 minutes of knowledge sharing. Be sure to send ideas to Connie; some that were suggested include new technology in racing, best practices for working with parents, recreational sailing, supporting interest in adult sailing. It was also suggested to invite the Regional Judge Chair (Edith Collins) and the Race Manager (JD Rosser) from SAYRA as guest speakers.

**US Sailing John Pearce and Catherine Shanahan:**

- John thanked FSA for its work within the regional associations
- Reminded members about NSPS in Savannah, January 2022
- Shared screen of the new Staff structure within US Sailing along with the volunteer Board of Directors
- Recent Stakeholders Summit (You Tube page) – an overview of the event is covered in the first 30 minutes
- The Chubb Championships will be held in Michigan 2022, August 9-14. SAYRA is hosting the qualifiers – triple-hand Ultimate 20's or VX1
- Regional Sailing Associations cover registration fees for finalists from their region
- Catherine oversees youth racing events
- New racing series called the US Open Sailing Series – 3 events in Florida
- It was asked of US Sailing (John and Catherine) to consider hosting clinics prior to Area D qualifiers for opportunities with triple-hand sailing/racing – help level the playing field for all sailors

There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

**Informal Announcements, Reminders and Notes:**

- ❖ Carol Robinson reminded members of the Ida Lewis and Leiter Cup experiences for junior women, ages 13-18. The events include clinics and racing with a strong sailor:coach ratio
- ❖ Welcome to Kathryn Booker, Davis Island Youth Sailing.
- ❖ Wayfarer Worlds to be held at LEYSF in March
- ❖ SPYC to host a disabled regatta Dec 4
- ❖ USSCMC's JO Dec 4-5
- ❖ Englewood's newest event, Lemon Drop, Dec 11
- ❖ SPYC will also host a kite/wing foiler event at the end of Jan in Pass-a-Grille
- ❖ Dan Machowski suggested inviting US Sailing medical committee chair, Dr. Steve Shapiro, as a guest speaker
- ❖ CPR can be acquired online through Red Cross