

ACA Competition Council Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda Friday, February 28, 2025

Last Revised: February 28, 2025

Conference Call Information

February 28 2024 @ 5:00pm ET / 2:00pm PT

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1. Session Commencement

- a. Time: 00:00pm Eastern / 00:00pm Pacific
- b. Attendance
 - i.
- c. Pre-Read Materials
 - i. [January ORC meeting minutes](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)
 - i.

2. Session Goals

- a. Vote: Approve January ORC meeting minutes for distribution

3. Current Initiatives

a. Community Representation

- i. Organizational Representation
 1. International Representation / [ICF](#)
 - a. Matt has joined the [ICF Ocean Racing group @ What's App](#)
 - b. [Marian Sarbu](#) is involved in a number of [ICF initiatives](#) - he's everywhere!



2. Continental Representation / [COPAC](#)
 - a. Unsure what the status of COPAC is at this point
 - b. No meetings, no news postings, only three events listed (not ocean racing).
 - c. Brazil/MolokaBRA happening with/without COPAC
 - d. Focus is mainly on Olympics, but COPAC will respond to ICF/ACA needs
 3. National Representation / [ACA](#)
 - a. [ACA Safety, Instruction, and Education Council](#)
 - i. Not a lot of crossover w/ Competition
 - ii. Some lightweight discussion about coaching curriculum
 - iii. Geoff: SafeSport status? Jesse: Still required.
 - b. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
 - i. New state directors have been added!
 - c. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
 - i. Nothing to Report
 - d. ACA Competition Council
 - i. Competition Council still going through long reboot cycle
 1. Have had difficult establishing quorum at meetings
 2. Currently working to approve new operating procedures
 - ii. Coaching working group has posted a [page and video](#)
 - e. [ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee](#)
 - i. Approve [January meeting minutes](#)
 - ii. Approved!
 4. Regional / Local Community Representation/Engagement
 - a. Matt: Now owns SurfskiRacing.com, getting 2025 Bay State Games up and running
 - b. Jesse: Surfskiers are hopping into OCs??? At least people are ocean racing...FCPA and outfitters are doing well, but community is struggling, people moving to outrigger
 - c. Greg: Sound Rowers race series started (La Conner + Peter Marcus)
 - d. Geoff: Florida State Championship!
- ii. Member Representation
1. Member Identification ([ACA Competition Member Tracking](#))
 - a. Metrics/KPIs
 - i. 297 relevant ACA members (up from 272)
 - ii. 168 unique “ocean racing” ACA competition discipline members
 1. 85 [active primary](#) (up from 63)
 2. 90 [active secondary](#) (up from 83)
 - iii. [129 ACA “non-discipline” members](#) (up from 126)
 1. 66 competition members (up from 58)
 2. 63 individual members (down from 68)
 - b. 2025 Member Drive



- i. Worked with Michelle Flynn to send emails to members
 - 1. Switch notices to individual members
 - 2. Renewal notices to expired competition members
 - 3. Notices to competition members w/o OR discipline
 - c. Athletes
 - i. 2024: 181/892 (~20%) National Series ACA members
 - ii. 2025: 59/175 (~34% | +5%) National Series ACA members
 - d. Coaches
 - i. 25 unique “ocean racing” coaches
 - 1. [6 primary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
 - 2. [21 secondary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
 - e. Organizers
 - i. 2024: [152 confirmed competitions](#) / [185 races](#) tracked (2024 total)
 - ii. 2025: [53 confirmed competitions](#) / 26 races tracked (YTD)
 - 1. Matt: Will reach out to RD's again in March – quiet so far
 - 2. Follow-up: Plasticized card w/ ACA QR code to Join page and National Series results page – Geoff will take the action
- 2. Member Communication
 - a. One-Way Communications
 - i. [ACA Ocean Racing Page](#)
 - 1. Matt: Post past minutes
 - 2. Matt: Update National Team Info for 2025
 - 3. Matt: Update officer titles for ORC members
 - ii. [ORC Email Newsletter #7 \(Winter 2025\)](#)
 - 1. Aiming for early March
 - 2. Q1 recap / Q2 outlook
 - iii. [USASurfski.com](#)
 - 1. Need to update Worlds/Continental info packets
 - iv. [USA Surfski Facebook Page](#)
 - 1. 101 likes (+3), 192 followers (+6)
 - b. Two-Way Communications
 - i. [USA Surfski Community Facebook Group](#)
 - 1. 0 group members
 - ii. [ACA Ocean Racing Networks](#) (Google Groups)
 - 1. 35 Athlete Network members (no change)
 - 2. 12 Coach Network members (no change)
 - 3. 11 Organizer Network members (no change)
 - 4. 14 Club Network members (no change)
- b. Competition Promotion/Production
 - i. [International Competition Calendar \(ICF\)](#)
 - 1. Level 4 / Basic International Events



- a. Eurochallenge - May 1-3, 2025
 - b. Series Cantabricas - May 2025
 - c. Madeira Ocean Challenge - October 4-5 2025
 - 2. Level 3 / Continental Championships
 - a. None currently listed
 - 3. Level 2 / World Cups
 - a. None currently listed
 - 4. Level 1 / [World Championships](#)
 - a. 2025 - Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa (October 17-19, 2025)
 - i. Need to identify people planning to participate
 - ii. Michelle Flynn has info re: uniforms – sooner vs. later
 - b. 2026 - Villajoyosa, Spain (October 10-12, 2026)
 - c. 2027 - Tahiti (Date TBD)
 - d. 2028 - Cherbourg, France (Date TBD)
 - ii. [Continental Competition Calendar \(COPAC\)](#)
 - 1. [Pan American Continental Championships](#)
 - a. 2025 - Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil (August 22-31, 2025)
 - b. Geoff:
 - i. MolokaBRA is happening regardless, but unsure of “Pan Ams” – Brazilians don’t really care re: COPAC, and don’t really care re: ACA
 - ii. Working on putting together a logistics package with a contact.
 - iii. They have skis and paddles available, and USA can get priority.
 - iv. Roundtrip airfare likely ~\$700-800.
 - v. Would like to present to ACA membership by April, 60-90 days to decide.
 - vi. Someone can self-nominate as the team leader
 - iii. [National Competition Calendar \(USASurfski.com\)](#)
 - 1. 2025 USA COR National Series
 - a. 18 [competitions completed](#) (YTD)
 - b. 26 tracked races (YTD)
 - 2. 2025 USA COR National Championships
 - a. Need to connect w/ Chris Hipgrave about Gorge stuff
 - b. Matt to schedule a meeting in March
 - c. Jesse: We should have stickers made for the backs of the ACA medals
 - i. Need to connect w/ Jed about dimensions (maybe ACA will do this for us?)
- c. Athlete Development/Qualification
 - i. [USA COR National Development Program](#)
 - 1. No developments since last meeting
 - 2. Jesse: A/B/C events – “test pieces” and “main events”
 - a. Consider changing nomenclature for large regional races to “championships”



- b. Review 2024 series calendar and identify potential “regional” and/or “state” championship events.
 - ii. [USA COR National Series](#) (Status: External Pilot)
 - 1. [National Ranking Points \(NRP\) Rubric](#)
 - a. Current version: 1.4 (prev: 1.3)
 - b. No rubric changes since last meeting
 - 2. [YTD Metrics](#)
 - a. 175 [“Overall” paddlers](#) (+144)
 - b. 59 [“Members Cup” paddlers](#) (+50)
 - c. 36 [Female paddlers](#) (+32)
 - d. 139 [Male paddlers](#) (+112)
 - 3. Observations/Notables
 - a. Feels like a slow start, but actually one race ahead of 2024
 - iii. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) (Status: External Pilot)
 - 1. [Athlete Classification System \(ACS\) Rubric](#)
 - a. Current Version: 2.0 (prev: 1.3)
 - b. No rubric changes since last meeting
 - 2. [YTD Metrics](#)
 - a. A: 0 total classifications earned (no change)
 - b. B: 1 total classifications earned (+1)
 - c. C: 9 total classifications earned (+9)
 - d. D: 20 total classifications earned (+20)
 - e. E: 41 total classifications earned (+40)
 - f. U: 19 current classifications (+1)
 - 3. Observations/Notables
 - a. Stronger races already held this year!
 - i. B: Hanohano (Short)
 - ii. C: Hanohano (Long), La Conner, Hal Rosoff (Long)
 - d. Athlete Encouragement/Facilitation
 - i. [USA Ocean Racing National Development Fund](#)
 - 1. Current fund balance: \$290.00
 - 2. What do do with it?
 - ii. Athlete Outreach
 - 1. National Team Recruiting (WIIFM?)
 - a. Need to identify people planning to participate @ Worlds + Continentals
 - b. Set a date for announcing 2025 National Team.

4. Additional Topics / Parking Lot Items

a.

5. Actions/Assignments Recap

a. Geoff



- i.
- b. Greg
 - i.
- c. Jesse
 - i.
- d. Matt
 - i.

6. Next Session

- a. Friday, March 28th @ 5:00pm ET / 2:00pm PT

7. Session Adjournment

- a. Time (Eastern/Pacific): 00:00pm ET / 00:00pm PT (N minutes)

