

ACA Competition Council Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Last Revised: April 1, 2025

Note: No ORC meeting occurred in March 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. [February ORC meeting minutes](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)
 - i. Jesse: [Ocean Racing Exchange](#)
 - ii. Geoff:
 1. International Competitions
 2. Loom video - RD's How to submit results to ORC

2. Session Goals

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



3. Current Initiatives

a. Community Representation

i. Organizational Representation

1. International Representation / [ICF](#)
 - a. Marian is still running w/ the marketing
 - b. Geoff has been communicating w/ “French Ocean Racing Committee” – St. Martin (Caribbean), East Coast (Nationals).
2. Continental Representation / [COPAC](#)
 - a. NTR
3. National Representation / [ACA](#)
 - a. [ACA Safety, Instruction, and Education Council](#)
 - i. NTR
 - b. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
 - i. NTR
 - c. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
 - i. NTR
 - d. ACA Competition Council
 - i. Competition Council meeting, Thursday March 27th
 - ii. Operating Procedures were approved
 - iii. Coaching Working Group: “What do we do now?”
 - e. [ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee](#)
 - i. Approve [January meeting minutes](#)
 - ii.
4. Regional / Local Community Representation/Engagement
 - a. Matt: A couple April races to attend, local community downwind
 - b. Jesse: Coaching people in eight different states.
 - i. FL still hibernating.
 - ii. Georgia no paddling in winter (too cold) – indoor erg stuff.
 - iii. Texas limited ACA awareness, TWS, sit-and-switch, very popular. Chattajack (TN) – Flatwater Surfski Championship opportunity?
 - iv. Hybrid surfski/sprint training/comp opportunities – “classically trained” youth athletes (technique, stability, physical fitness).
 - c. Greg: A couple races in the PNW (Sound Rowers, PNWORCA) – Ana Swetish won both :)
 - d. Geoff: Vero Beach + some club races

ii. Member Representation

1. Member Identification ([ACA Competition Member Tracking](#))
 - a. Metrics/KPIs to be post-reported
 - i.
 - b. 2025 Member Drive



- i.
 - c. Athletes
 - i.
 - d. Coaches
 - i.
 - e. Organizers
 - i. 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 \(Spring 2025\)](#)
 - 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.
 - 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)
- iii. [National Competition Calendar \(USASurfski.com\)](#)
 - 1. 2025 USA COR National Series (KPI Updates TBD)
 - a.
 - 2. 2025 USA COR National Championships
 - a. Matt spoke w/ Chris Hipgrave last week
 - b. Follow-up – 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. Follow-up– 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](#) (TO BE UPDATED)
 - a.
 - 3. Observations/Notables
 - a. Matt hasn’t had time to crunch numbers
- 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](#) (TO BE UPDATED)
 - 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. Some feedback received – confusion about race scoring
- d. Athlete Encouragement/Facilitation
 - i. [USA Ocean Racing National Development Fund](#)
 - 1. Current fund balance: \$290.00
 - 2. What to do with it?
 - a. Plastic ACA QR Code “join cards” \$70
 - b. Stickers for Nationals medals \$90
 - ii. Athlete Outreach
 - 1. National Team Recruiting (WIIFM?)
 - a. Need to identify people planning to participate @ Worlds + Continentals
 - b. Set a date for announcing the 2025 National Team.

4. Additional Topics / Parking Lot Items

- a. Jesse: Ocean Racing Exchange
- b. Geoff: International Competitions
 - i. Modify existing package – minimum standards for ACA support
 - 1. Ski rental (spare paddles, PFDs?)
 - 2. Accommodations → Shared accoms for saving \$
 - 3. Airline identification (maybe not as important)
 - 4. Ground transportation
 - 5. Official documentation, visas, passports, US Embassy
 - 6. Multiple on-water sessions, pre/post paddles
 - 7. Amenities/Entertainment
 - 8. Local guide/contact

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)

