

# ACA Competition Council Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda Friday, April 25, 2025

Last Revised: April 22, 2025

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## Conference Call Information

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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](#)
  - ii. [April 1 ORC meeting minutes](#)
  - iii. [ICF ORC Questionnaire](#)
  - iv. [ACS Rubric. v2.1](#)
  - v. [2025 Worlds Requirements](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)
  - i.

### 2. Session Goals

- a. Vote: Approve February and April 1 ORC meeting minutes for distribution
- b. Vote: Approve ACS Rubric, v2.1

### 3. Current Initiatives

- a. Community Representation
  - i. Organizational Representation
    1. International Representation / [ICF](#)
      - a. Marian has sent a [questionnaire](#) for us to complete



2. Continental Representation / [COPAC](#)
    - a.
  3. National Representation / [ACA](#)
    - a. [ACA Safety, Instruction, and Education Council](#)
      - i.
    - b. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
      - i.
    - c. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
      - i. Matt: Portland, Maine race director interested in PAC
      - ii. Matt: Chicago, Illinois race director interested in PAC
    - d. ACA Competition Council
      - i. Competition Council meeting, Thursday May 29th
      - ii. Council still having a bit of a hard time gaining momentum
    - e. [ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee](#)
      - i. Approve [February meeting minutes](#)
      - ii. Approve [April 1 meeting minutes](#)
  4. Regional / Local Community Representation/Engagement
    - a. Matt: April paddling has begun (brrr), community is thawing out
    - b. Jesse:
    - c. Greg:
    - d. Geoff:
- 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 (Ctls, Worlds)
        3. Matt: Update officer titles for ORC members
      - ii. [ORC Email Newsletter #7 \(Spring 2025\)](#)



1. Aiming for end of April
2. Q1 recap / Q2 outlook
- iii. [USASurfski.com](http://USASurfski.com)
  1. Need to update Worlds/Continental info packets
- iv. [USA Surfski Facebook Page](#)
  1. 112 likes (+9), 203 followers (+9)
- 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. N Competitions Completed YTD
    - b. N Competitions Projected EOY
    - c. N Athletes Participated YTD
    - d. N Athletes Projected EOY
  2. 2025 USA COR National Championships



- a. Matt has requested the latest participant list from Chris Hipgrave, email non-members about Nationals opportunity.
  - b. Medals
    - i. This is basically the only concrete thing we need to do for Nationals
    - ii. We should have stickers made for the backs of the ACA medals
    - iii. Need to connect w/ Jed about dimensions (maybe ACA will do this for us?)
    - iv. Who from ORC can lead?
- 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 has crunched numbers!
      - b. Matt: Recap of Hanohano scoring discussion w/ George “Wes” Inskeep
        - i. Consider revising course length modifier
  - iii. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) (Status: External Pilot)
    - 1. [Athlete Classification System \(ACS\) Rubric](#)
      - a. Current Version: 2.0 (prev: 1.3)
      - b. Proposed Version: 2.1
        - i. Revises content for clarity
        - ii. Adds ACS Scenarios A9 + A11 (Gorge Downwind Champs)
        - iii. External Pilot status → Accepted/Deployed
    - 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.



#### 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
      - i. There is bureaucracy to navigate
      - ii. Logistics need to be figured out
      - iii. Who will be on-site team leads?
    - b. Set dates for announcing the 2025 National Teams.
      - i. Probably should be right before competitions.

#### 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, May 30th @ 5:00pm ET / 2:00pm PT

#### 7. Session Adjournment

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

