

# ACA Competition Council

## Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda

### Friday, March 29, 2024

Last Revised: March 26, 2024

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#### Conference Call Information

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Meeting ID: 214 672 221 475

Passcode: GAUhs7

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#### 1. Session Commencement

- a. Time: 00:00pm Eastern / 00:00pm Pacific
- b. Attendance
  - i.
- c. Pre-Read Materials / Homework
  - i. [USASurfski.com!](#)
    1. [USA COR National Series](#)
    2. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#)
  - ii. [ORC Meeting Minutes](#)
    1. [July 2023](#)
    2. [August 2023](#)
    3. [September 2023](#)
    4. [October 2023](#)
    5. [November 2023](#)
    6. [January 2024](#)
    7. [February 2024](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)

## 2. Session Goals

- a. Approve all documented [ORC Meeting Minutes](#) for publication @ ACA website
- b. Approve [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) for advancement to external pilot phase

## 3. Current Initiatives

### a. Community Representation

#### i. Organization Representation

1. International / ICF
2. Continental / COPAC
3. National / ACA
  - a. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
  - b. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
  - c. ACA Competition Council
    - i. February 26th Competition Council meeting recap
    - ii. February 28th: Competition Council panel discussion recap
    - iii. April 29th: Competition Council meeting (7pm ET)
  - d. ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee
    - i. **Action: Meeting Minutes Approvals (to ACA public website) – APPROVED [Matt will PDF-ize and send to Kaycee]**
4. Regional / Community
  - a. Lots of buzz starting up – colder states are thawing out

#### ii. Member Representation

1. Identification ([ACA Competition Member Tracking](#))
  - a. 111 unique “ocean racing” ACA competition members
    - i. [30 tagged as primary](#) (up from 28)
    - ii. [62 tagged as secondary](#) (up from 59)
    - iii. [22 racer-only](#) (new metric)
  - b. 21 unique “ocean racing” coaches
    - i. [4 primary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
    - ii. [19 secondary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
  - c. [22 ACA “non-discipline” members](#) have participated in National Series competitions YTD
    - i. **Action: Ask Michelle Flynn to send a message suggesting a switch to competition membership and/or primary/secondary ocean racing discipline. [Matt to send list of members]**
2. Generation
  - a. 2024 Athlete Drive
    - i. Launched [National Series](#) experiment
      1. Seven races included in rankings to-date + lots more to come
    - ii. Launched [Ocean Racing Athlete Network](#) (16 members)
    - iii. New Member Benefits + Perks
      1. [Julian Norton-Smith / Paddle 2 Fitness Discount](#)
      2. **Action: Jesse will also share discount code/URL for KP**
  - b. 2024 Coach drive

- i. Launched [Ocean Racing Coach Network](#) (9 members)
- 3. Communication
  - a. One-Way Communications
    - i. [ACA Ocean Racing Page](#)
      - 1. Added National Development Program section with link to [USASurfski.com](#)
    - ii. [ORC Email Newsletter #4](#)
      - 1. Aiming for mid-April
      - 2. Highlight National Series (calendar + rankings), Athlete Classifications, Member Networks, World Championships
    - iii. [USASurfski.com](#)
      - 1. Published [National Series](#) pages
      - 2. Published [Member Networks](#) page
    - iv. [USA Surfski Facebook Page](#)
      - 1. Multiple National Series updates posted
      - 2. Spread the word: Share the page with your FB contacts
  - b. Two-Way Communications
    - i. [USA Surfski Community Facebook Group](#)
      - 1. Still no members...
    - ii. ACA Ocean Racing Networks (Google Groups)
      - 1. [ACA Ocean Racing Athlete Network](#)
      - 2. [ACA Ocean Racing Coach Network](#)
      - 3. [ACA Ocean Racing Organizer Network](#)

## b. Competition Promotion

- i. Competition Organizers: "WIIFM?"
  - 1. Inclusion in ACA competition calendar
  - 2. Inclusion in USA Surfski race calendar
  - 3. Inclusion in USA Surfski national series
  - 4. Inclusion in email newsletter publications
  - 5. USASurfski.com website/social postings/mentions
  - 6. Event production/sanctioning guidelines/recommendations, upon request
  - 7. Inclusion in Organizer Network.
- ii. 2024 Ocean Racing Competition Calendar
  - 1. [2024 ICF Competition Calendar](#) (9 competitions)
    - a. 7 Basic International Events (Spain, Italy, Germany)
    - b. 1 Continental Championship (European)
    - c. 1 World Championship (Madeira)
  - 2. [2024 COPAC Competition Calendar](#)
    - a. No 2024 Pan Am COR competitions (continental cup series, continental championships) currently scheduled
  - 3. [2024 ACA Competition Calendar](#)
    - a. No 2024 USA COR competitions (national cup series, national championships) currently scheduled
    - b. Lots of community competitions now listed + more to come

- c. [USASurfski.com Race Calendar](#)
    - 4. Additional Domestic Races
      - a. [PaddleGuru](#): 30 COR competitions currently listed (up from 10)
      - b. [SurfskiRacing.com](#): 11 COR competitions currently listed (up from 0)
      - c. [NewEnglandSurfski.com](#): 20 COR competitions currently listed, plus two weekly summer series
  - iii. 2024 State Games of America Partnership
    - 1. [State Games of America / National Congress of State Games](#)
    - 2. [Bay State Games](#) (Massachusetts)
      - a. 3/7: Steering Committee kickoff meeting
      - b. 3/27: [Event proposal deck](#) finalized
    - 3. [Sunshine State Games](#) (Florida)
      - a. Jesse and/or Geoff update
      - b. We'll keep this on the agenda
      - c. Need to connect w/ John Edwards
- c. Athlete Qualification
- i. 2024 ICF COR World Championships “Benchmark” Competitions (new terminology)
    - 1. [22 competitions](#) have signed on to-date as benchmarks
      - a. **Geoff: Still some concern about liability (E&O), but better :**
    - 2. Regional Representation
      - a. Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Great Lakes, Pacific Northwest, West Coast, Hawaii
      - b. Missing: Gulf Coast
  - ii. [USA COR National Development Program](#)
    - 1. [USA COR Networks](#) (Status: External Pilot)
    - 2. [USA COR National Series](#) (Status: External Pilot)
      - a. Published @ [USASurfski.com](#)
      - b. YTD Stats:
        - i. 16 races included
        - ii. 107 “Overall” paddlers
        - iii. 29 “Members Cup” paddlers
        - iv. 18 Female paddlers
        - v. 89 Male paddlers
      - c. [National Ranking Points \(NRP\) Rubric](#) Adjustments
        - i. Course Length -> Fractional based on ICF Spec (12.4mi)
        - ii. Field Size -> Field Strength ([Classification Group](#))
    - 3. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) (Status: Internal Pilot)
      - a. [YTD metrics](#)
        - i. 0 “A” classifications
        - ii. 0 “B” classifications
        - iii. 0 “C” classifications
        - iv. 0 “D” classifications
        - v. 16 “E” classifications (9 net-new)
        - vi. 24 “U” classifications

**b. Action: Advance [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) to external pilot – APPROVED**

- i. Discussion: How do we make it easy for people to view ACS information ahead of races they're considering? Could we work with PaddleGuru? Race volume is pretty low right now – we could post estimates @ USASurfski.com based on the start lists for National Series competitions (if available), or on the previous year's race.

**d. Athlete Encouragement/Facilitation**

- i. [USA Ocean Racing National Development Fund](#)
  1. Current fund balance: \$50.00 (It was Matt)
  - 2. Action: Brainstorm inflow generation**
- ii. [2024 ICF COR World Championships @ Madeira, Portugal \(September 30 - October 6\)](#)
  1. Currently aware of only four athletes considering participation
    - a. Drayer [MA], Kalwick [HI], Leshner [MA], Murray [MI]
  2.  2024 ACA USA Canoe Ocean Racing National Team Participation Requirements
    - a. Published March information packet @ ACA site, USASurfski.com, and USA COR Athlete Network.
    - b. Still waiting for first bulletin to be issued by [Associação Regional de Canoagem da Madeira](#) (ARCM)
  3. Logistical support
    - a. Transportation
    - b. Accommodations
    - c. Team Considerations
      - i. Team Leader role designation
      - ii. Team Presentation (hats, jerseys, name/flag decals)
    - d. Equipment
      - i. IN: Nelo, Carbonology Sport (Senior category only), Elio, NK, Fenn
      - ii. MAYBE: Stellar, Epic
      - iii. OUT: Think, Vajda
      - iv. UNKNOWN: Allwave, Kai Wa'a, Flow, Connect
      - v. Will include rental information in logistics section of requirements document once available

**4. Additional Topics**

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**5. March Actions/Assignments Recap**

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**6. Next Session**

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**7. Session Adjournment**

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