

ACA Competition Council

Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 24, 2024

Last Revised: May 22, 2024

Conference Call Information

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Meeting ID: 254 259 291 915

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1. Session Commencement

- a. Time: 4:03pm Eastern / 1:03pm Pacific
- b. Attendance
 - i. Geoff Pearson
 - ii. Jesse Lishchuk
 - iii. Matt Drayer
- c. Pre-Read Materials
 - i. [ACA ORC April 2024 Agenda/Minutes](#)
 - ii. [USASurfski.com About/Join Pages](#)
 1. [For Athletes](#)
 2. [For Coaches](#)
 3. [For Organizers](#)
 4. [For Clubs](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)

2. Session Goals

- a. Approve April meeting minutes (Approved)
- b. Devise Fundraising go-forward plan

- c. Devise Coach development go-forward plan

3. Current Initiatives

a. Community Representation

i. Organization Representation

1. International / [ICF](#)
 - a. No updates
2. Continental / [COPAC](#)
 - a. Geoff has a new contact @ COPAC
3. National / [ACA](#)
 - a. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
 - i. No updates
 - b. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
 - i. No updates
 - c. ACA Competition Council
 - i. April 29th: Competition Council meeting recap ([agenda](#))
 - ii. "USA Paddling" CC branding proposal
 - iii. Strategy: NCSG / NSGA collaboration
 - d. [ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee](#)
 - i. Approve [April meeting minutes](#)
 - ii. June 19th: The "rebooted" ORC's one year anniversary!
 - iii. Bylaws, elections, officers
4. Regional / Community
 - a. Matt: Oxbow, Mystic River, Salem League Series
 - b. Jesse: K2N Paddle Pursuit Podcast ([link](#)), D&R race
 - c. Greg: GCC Vortex Series #1
 - d. Geoff: ECSC Competition Planning (possibly "Canoe" inclusive)
 - e. Jed: [Ski to Sea](#)
 - i. ACA fielding three teams
 - ii. Matt sent inquiries to 10-12 potential silent auction fundraiser donors

ii. Member Representation

1. Member Identification ([ACA Competition Member Tracking](#))
 - a. 103 unique "ocean racing" ACA competition discipline members
 - i. [44 tagged as primary](#) (up from 35)
 - ii. [71 tagged as secondary](#) (up from 68)
 - b. 21 unique "ocean racing" coaches
 - i. [5 primary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
 - ii. [21 secondary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
 - c. [52 ACA "non-discipline" members](#) currently observed in National Series competitions
 - i. 27 pending "discipline addition" responses
 - ii. 25 not yet contacted (June 1)
2. Member Generation
 - a. 2024 Athlete Drive


- i. ["For Athletes" WIIFM page](#)
 - ii. New Member Benefits + Perks
 - b. 2024 Coach drive
 - i. ["For Coaches" WIIFM page](#)
 - ii. When (and who) to begin work on the NDP coaching element?
 - c. 2024 Organizer drive
 - i. ["For Organizers" WIIFM page](#)
 - ii. Organizer Outreach (YTD)
 - 1. [168 domestic competitions](#) currently tracked
 - 2. 168 organizers contacted YTD re: National Series participation
 - 3. 127 organizers have responded affirmatively
 - 4. 41 organizers have not yet responded
 - 5. 0 organizers remaining to be contacted
- 3. Member Communication
 - a. One-Way Communications
 - i. [ACA Ocean Racing Page](#)
 - 1. Latest ICF COR WC information packet published (May 24th)
 - ii. [ORC Email Newsletter #5](#)
 - 1. Time to begin drafting Summer issue
 - 2. Suggested Topics
 - a. Season YTD Recap
 - b. National Series Updates
 - c. National Development Program Updates
 - i. Request for Coach Feedback
 - ii. 1:1 Coaching Support (Book a support meeting) – this could also be an ask of the Coach Member Network
 - d. Continental Championships
 - e. World Championships Updates
 - f. New Member Benefits
 - g. Summer Race Calendar (thru Sep 30th)
 - iii. [USASurfski.com](#)
 - 1. New WIIFM pages
 - 2. Updated "Join" references
 - 3. Updated World Championships page
 - 4. Most popular page: [National Series](#)
 - iv. [USA Surfski Facebook Page](#)
 - 1. 56 likes, 104 followers
 - 2. 12 posts this month
 - 3. Coalescing toward regular postings on Wednesdays
- b. Two-Way Communications
 - i. [USA Surfski Community Facebook Group](#)
 - 1. 0 group members

- ii. [ACA Ocean Racing Networks](#) (Google Groups)
 - 1. 24 Athlete Network members
 - 2. 10 Coach Network members
 - 3. 10 Organizer Network members
 - 4. 14 Club Network members

b. Competition Promotion

- i. 2024 Ocean Racing Competition Calendar
 - 1. [2024 ICF Competition Calendar](#) (13 competitions)
 - a. 11 Basic International Events (no change)
 - b. 2 Continental Championship (+1)
 - c. 0 World Cup Events (no change)
 - d. 1 World Championship Events (no change)
 - 2. [2024 COPAC Competition Calendar](#)
 - a. [2024 Pan American COR Continental Championships](#)
 - i. Event is officially announced/published ([Bulletin 1](#))
 - ii. 30 August 2024 (Friday) to 8 September 2024 (Monday)
 - iii. Fortaleza, Ceara, Brazil (MolokaBRA course)
 - iv. Notice sent to Athlete, Coach, and Club member networks
 - v. [Info page](#) posted at USASurfski.com
 - 3. [2024 ACA Competition Calendar](#)
 - a. 13 upcoming events (up from 11)
 - b. No 2024 USA COR national cup or national championship currently planned
 - c. 2025 National Championships
 - i. Geoff/Jesse:
 - 1. USLA has no problem with the concept
 - 2. 2024 w/ USLA in Texas is a no-go (too soon)
 - 3. 2025 (FL, VA, or CA) w/ USLA is more likely
 - a. Need to consider the Gorge as well
 - ii. Matt: Initial w/ Jed re: process (TL;DR: Identify host organization)
 - 4. [USASurfski.com Race Calendar](#)
 - a. 112 competitions listed @ [USASurfski.com Race Calendar](#)
 - b. ~50 competitions have occurred YTD (74 events/races)
 - 5. USA Surfski Facebook Event Calendar
 - a. 99 events added to [Event Calendar](#) (all caught up)
 - b. Tagged organizer pages as co-hosts
 - c. Wednesday shout-outs for upcoming weekend races
 - 6. Additional Domestic Races
 - a. [PaddleGuru.com](#): 27 “ski” competitions currently listed (down from 30)
 - b. [SurfskiRacing.com](#): 10 COR competitions currently listed (down from 11)
 - c. [NewEnglandSurfski.com](#): 20 COR competitions currently listed, plus two weekly summer series (no change)
 - d. [SoundRowers.org](#): 14 COR competitions currently listed (no change)
- ii. 2024 [State Games of America](#) Partnerships ([member states](#))
 - 1. [Bay State Games](#) (Massachusetts)

- a. Full-on planning/preparation mode
 - b. Competition Date: Sunday, July 21st
 - c. Site permit + safety plan submitted, [registration launched](#)
 - 2. [Sunshine State Games](#) (Florida)
 - a. [Sprint Competition](#), June 1st
 - b. [Marathon + Distance Competitions](#), June 2nd
 - 3. [National Congress of State Games](#)
 - a. BSG staff is very involved with NCSG / SGA
 - b. Matt to explore further post-BSG
 - iii. [National Senior Games Association](#) (HQ - Clearwater, FL)
 - 1. [2025 National Senior Games](#): July 24 - August 4, 2025
 - 2. [Florida Senior Games](#)
 - 3. [Massachusetts Senior Games](#)
 - 4. [Washington State Senior Games](#)
- c. Sport Development/Qualification
 - i. [USA COR National Development Program](#)
 - 1. **Exercise: Determine Coach Development go-forward plan**
 - ii. [USA COR National Series](#) (Status: External Pilot)
 - 1. [National Ranking Points \(NRP\) Rubric](#)
 - a. Current version: 1.3
 - b. No changes since last meeting
 - 2. Back-loaded multiple Q1 races (MPH, Blueline, 101), which impacted NRP
 - 3. [YTD Stats](#):
 - a. 63 [competitions completed](#) (up from 33)
 - b. 429 ["Overall" paddlers](#) (up from 199)
 - c. 88 ["Members Cup" paddlers](#) (up from 41)
 - d. 77 [Female paddlers](#) (up from 29)
 - e. 352 [Male paddlers](#) (up from 169)
 - iii. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) (Status: External Pilot)
 - 1. [Athlete Classification System \(ACS\) Rubric](#)
 - a. Current Version: 1.3
 - b. No rubric changes since last meeting
 - 2. Back-loaded multiple Q1 races (MPH, Blueline, 101), which impacted ACS
 - 3. Added "medal" icon for non-members who have earned classifications
 - 4. [YTD metrics](#)
 - a. 0 "A" classifications earned
 - b. 0 "B" classifications earned
 - c. 0 "C" classifications earned
 - d. 1 "D" classifications earned (Larkin, Blueline #3, non-member)
 - e. 70 "E" classifications earned (up from 24 | 42 net-new, up from 16)
 - f. 76 "U" base classifications (up from 33)
- d. Athlete Encouragement/Facilitation
 - i. [USA Ocean Racing National Development Fund](#)
 - 1. Current fund balance: \$50.00

2. Ski to Sea [ACA Fundraiser](#), Sunday May 26th
3. **Exercise: Determine Fundraising go-forward plan**
- ii. [2024 ICF COR World Championships @ Madeira, Portugal \(September 30 - October 6\)](#)
 1. Five athletes participating so far
 - a. Drayer [MA], Handler [MN], Kalwick [HI], Leshner [MA], Murray [MI]
 - b. Drayer, Greene, Handler, Leshner, Murray have begun process
 2.  2024 ACA ICF COR USA National Team Participation Requirements
 - a. Published updated information packet @ ACA site, USASurfski.com, and USA COR Athlete Network.
 - b. Matt working through process, updating documentation along the way
 3. Logistical support
 - a. Transportation
 - b. Accommodations
 - c. Team Considerations
 - i. Team Leader role designation (Matt considering the prospect...)
 - ii. Team Presentation (hats, jerseys, name/flag decals)
 - d. Equipment
 - i. Confirmed details for several boat rental programs
 - ii. Inquiries sent to equipment outfitters re: on-site presence
 - e. On-site contacts/resources
 - i. Jesse: Acquaintance confirmation?
 1. They are not living there yet

4. Additional Topics / Parking Lot Items

- a. [Oceans '24](#)
 - i. Chris Rezac (ACA South Carolina State Director)
 - ii. Seabrook Island, South Carolina (Charleston area)
 - iii. Offering a ACA/SEIC surfski instruction workshop w/ Alessia (and possibly Matt Murphy)

5. Actions/Assignments Recap

- a. Geoff
- b. Greg
- c. Jesse
- d. Matt

6. Next Session

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

7. Session Adjournment

- a. Time (Eastern/Pacific): 5:31pm ET / 2:31pm PT (88 minutes)