

# ACA Competition Council Ocean Racing Committee Meeting Agenda Friday, July 26, 2024

Last Revised: July 26, 2024

*Note: There was no official Ocean Racing Committee meeting held in June 2024.*

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## Conference Call Information

Friday, July 26, 2024 @ 5pm Eastern / 2pm Pacific

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## 1. Session Commencement

- a. Time: 05:09pm Eastern / 02:09pm Pacific
- b. Attendance
  - i. All four!
- c. Pre-Read Materials
  - i. [May meeting minutes](#)
  - ii. [ACS Rubric v2.0](#)
  - iii. [Summer email newsletter draft](#)
- d. Call for [Additional Topics](#)

## 2. Session Goals

- a. Vote: Approve May meeting minutes
- b. Review Ocean Racing Committee activity
- c. Review Ocean Racing National Development Program metrics/KPIs
- d. Determine 2024-H2 committee focus

### 3. Current Initiatives

#### a. Community Representation

##### i. Organization Representation

1. International / [ICF](#)
  - a. Expect ICF Ocean Racing rulebook update in 2025
2. Continental / [COPAC](#)
  - a. [Pan American Continental Championships](#) are a go!
    - i. Open registration
    - ii. Medical clearance?
  - b. 2025
    - i. Venue will be Fortaleza again
    - ii. Group package accommodations/travel arrangement for 2025
  - c. 2026
    - i. COPAC suggests USA host Pan Ams
  - d. Prioritize continentals as a pathway to Worlds
3. National / [ACA](#)
  - a. [ACA Regional Activity Council](#)
    - i. Haven't yet figured out how to engage with RAC/SDs
    - ii. **Action: Schedule a meeting w/ RAC members**
  - b. [ACA Paddle America Clubs](#)
    - i. Haven't yet figured out how to engage with PACs
    - ii. **Action: Schedule a meeting w/ PAC contacts (Jesse can host! Greg can support!)**
  - c. ACA Competition Council
    - i. Official CC Committee Google accounts
      1. oceanracingcc@americancanoe.net
    - ii. Official [CC Google Drive](#)
    - iii. Official [CC Google Group](#)
    - iv. CC Operating Procedures major revision in progress
  - d. [ACA CC Ocean Racing Committee](#)
    - i. Approve [May meeting minutes](#)
    - ii. June 19th: The "rebooted" ORC's one year anniversary!
    - iii. Bylaws, elections, officers -> Not yet, but probably soon
4. Regional / Community Engagement
  - a. Matt: Blackburn, Bay State Games, USA Surfski Facebook
  - b. Jesse:
    - i. Sunshine State Games
      1. Sprint + Distance races
      2. Kayak Rodeo (Fundraising)
    - ii. Surfski Foundation,
      1. ~200pp Rowers database
      2. Surfski-based fitness classes
      3. Collaboration w/ Keystone (PAC)


- c. Greg:
    - i. Very active Northwest community
    - ii. Vortex Series - 3 events (#2 canceled)
    - iii. Gorge Downwind Champs
    - iv. Sound Rowers series
    - v. Outrigger groups
    - vi. 70-48 Ultra/endurance event
    - vii. Bellingham informal Weds nights
  - d. Geoff:
    - i. Local Weds races are growing (lifeguards)
    - ii. Moving to ocean-side to collab w/ SLS
  - e. Jed: [Ski to Sea](#)
- ii. Member Representation
1. Member Identification ([ACA Competition Member Tracking](#))
    - a. 133 unique “ocean racing” ACA competition discipline members
      - i. [50 tagged as primary](#) (up from 44)
      - ii. [83 tagged as secondary](#) (up from 71)
    - b. 26 unique “ocean racing” coaches
      - i. [5 primary tagged as coach](#) (no change)
      - ii. [22 secondary tagged as coach](#) (up from 21)
    - c. [69 ACA “non-discipline” members](#) observed participating in National Series competitions YTD
      - i. 52 pending add/switch responses
      - ii. 17 not yet contacted to add/switch (Aug 1)
  2. Member Generation
    - a. 2024 Athlete Drive
      - i. Discipline indications +18 (+16%) since May
      - ii. 125/683 (18%) surfski competition participants are ACA members
      - iii. Current WIIFM still not appealing for certain communities (PNW, FL)
        1. Action: Explore collabs w/ SUP + OC committees + communities
    - b. 2024 Coach Drive
      - i. Haven’t yet figured out how to engage well with coaches
      - ii. Jesse:
        1. Framework for people to coach
        2. ACA regional surfski coach
        3. SafeSport certification
        4. WIIFM -> Leads channeled to them via ORC, listing on USASurfski.com
        5. ORC provides template for setting up coaching services, consulting
    - c. 2024 Organizer Drive
      - i. Organizer Outreach (YTD)
        1. [179 domestic competitions](#) currently tracked (up from 168)

2. 179 organizers contacted YTD re: National Series participation
  3. 148 organizers have responded affirmatively (up from 127)
  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 July 21st
    - ii. [ORC Email Newsletter #5](#)
      1. [Summer issue draft](#) in progress
      2. Topics
        - a. National Development Program Updates
        - b. Continental + World Championships Update
        - c. ORC Update
        - d. Member Benefits Update
        - e. Q3/Summer Race Calendar (thru Sep 30th)
    - iii. [USASurfski.com](#)
      1. Added [Continental Championships](#) page
    - iv. [USA Surfski Facebook Page](#)
      1. 68 likes (up from 56), 129 followers (up from 104)
      2. 4 posts this month (down from 12)
      3. Regular Wednesday postings are more sustainable
  - b. Two-Way Communications
    - i. [USA Surfski Community Facebook Group](#)
      1. 0 group members
    - ii. [ACA Ocean Racing Networks](#) (Google Groups)
      1. 29 Athlete Network members (up from 24)
      2. 11 Coach Network members (up from 10)
      3. 11 Organizer Network members (up from 10)
      4. 14 Club Network members (no change)

## 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. 8 upcoming events (down from 8)
- 4. [USASurfski.com Race Calendar](#)
  - a. 112 competitions listed @ [USASurfski.com Race Calendar](#)
  - b. ~90 competitions have occurred YTD (107 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. Competition Date: Sunday, July 21st
    - b. A resounding success!
    - c. Great feedback from participants + host organization
  - 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
- 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](#)
- iv. 2025 COR National Championships
  - 1. Need to start doing some loose thinking on this – timing, location
  - 2. Action: Schedule working session for August or September to dig in
- c. Sport Development/Qualification
  - i. [USA COR National Development Program](#)
    - 1. Action: Schedule working session to determine Coach Development go-forward plan
  - ii. [USA COR National Series](#) (Status: External Pilot)
    - 1. [National Ranking Points \(NRP\) Rubric](#)
      - a. Current version: 1.4 (prev: 1.3)
      - b. Updated to reflect revised ACS rubric
    - 2. [YTD Metrics](#)
      - a. 113 [competitions completed](#) (up from 63)

- b. 683 [“Overall” paddlers](#) (up from 429)
    - c. 125 [“Members Cup” paddlers](#) (up from 88)
    - d. 122 [Female paddlers](#) (up from 77)
    - e. 560 [Male paddlers](#) (up from 352)
  - 3. Notables
    - a. Scaled Gorge competition base score to 1/6x to align with rest of series
    - b. Ana Swetish first overall paddler to cross 500 points, and 1000 points
    - c. Top-ranked padders: Ana Swetish, Greg Barton
- iii. [USA COR Athlete Classification System](#) (Status: External Pilot)
  - 1. [Athlete Classification System \(ACS\) Rubric](#)
    - a. Current Version: 2.0 (prev: 1.3)
    - b. Major simplification based on analysis of Gorge Downwind Champs results
      - i. Calculate field strength
      - ii. Look up ACS scenario (table)
      - iii. Look up available classifications (table)
  - 2. [YTD Metrics](#)
    - a. A: 7 classifications (up from 0)
    - b. B: 9 classifications (up from 0)
    - c. C: 11 classifications (up from 0)
    - d. D: 18 classifications (up from 1)
    - e. E: 107 classifications (up from 70 | N net-new, up from 42)
    - f. U: 101 classifications (up from 76)
- d. Athlete Encouragement/Facilitation
  - i. [USA Ocean Racing National Development Fund](#)
    - 1. Current fund balance: \$290.00!
    - 2. Ski to Sea [ACA Fundraiser](#), Sunday May 26th
    - 3. **Action: Schedule working session to determine Fundraising go-forward plan**
      - a. **Jesse: Possible inclusion of QR code for donations on organizer race sites**
  - ii. [2024 ICF COR World Championships @ Madeira, Portugal \(September 30 - October 6\)](#)
    - 1. Six Masters athletes participating so far
      - a. Drayer [MA], Greene [WI], Handler [MN], Leshner [MA], Murray [MI], Sanborn [MN]
      - b. All six have secured transportation, lodging, boat rentals, event registration, and WADA training – still a bit more prep/planning to do.
    - 2.  2024 ACA ICF COR USA National Team Participation Requirements
      - a. Latest information packet available @ ACA site, USASurfski.com, and USA COR Athlete Network.
    - 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)

1. Action: Matt contact Beth re: surplus team wear
  2. Action: Matt contact Wilson Reavley re: team jersey
- d. Equipment
    - i. Confirmed details for several boat rental programs
    - ii. Identifying on-site equipment outfitters
  - e. On-site contacts/resources
    - i.

#### 4. Additional Topics / Parking Lot Items

a.

#### 5. Actions/Assignments Recap

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

#### 6. Next Session

- a. Friday, September 6th @ 5:00pm ET / 2:00pm PT

#### 7. Session Adjournment

- a. Time (Eastern/Pacific): 07:09pm ET / 05:09pm PT (120 minutes)