



## JSA MIDWINTER MEETING AGENDA

March 7, 2015  
LARCHMONT YACHT CLUB

8:30 AM Registration and Continental breakfast

8:45 -9:30 **JSA BUSINESS**  
Chairman's Welcome- Tricia Leicht  
Treasurer's report - Pedro Lorson  
Executive Director's report - Bob Whittredge  
Update on board initiatives for the 2015 season  
US Sailing Training and YRA LIS Updates

9:30-9:45 Break

### JUNIOR PROGRAM SESSIONS

9:45-10:30 **Session 1 - *Alternative program curriculum ideas***: how to encourage on water activity, beyond the race course, presented by *Nevin Sayre of Vineyard Haven YC* and *Joel Labuzetta of Indian Harbor YC* (previously at Annapolis YC). Nevin and Joel will describe the need for alternatives to keep all juniors excited about sailing and go thru ideas that have proven successful at the junior sailing programs they have managed.

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 **Session 2 - *360 degree risk management for your program***: what you need to know to assure safe activity ashore and on the water, beyond having an emergency action plan. Presented by *Bob Boehringer of Stamford YC*, who managed safety during 2014 Optimist Team Trials, and by *Kellie Crete of Gowrie Group*, who heads the Safety & Loss Control practice for her insurance group

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45- 12:30 **Session 3 - *Linking Inspiration to Aspirations - the Volvo Ocean Race 2015***: *Brad Read, executive director at Sail Newport*, will present "Linking Inspiration to Aspirations: The Volvo Ocean Race 2015 - access the race with education and environment." His keynote will feature a highlight of the Volvo Ocean Race and the online educational tools sailing programs can access to get their junior sailors involved in the race. Brad will also discuss the plans for the VOR Newport stopover and provide junior programs with the tools to connect STEM and sailing through the race.

12:45-1:45 **Lunch** informal get-together for those who wish to meet and talk with other program leaders after the meeting ends.

## BACKGROUND OF SPEAKERS

### **Nevin Sayre**

Nevin Sayre is a lifelong sailor from Martha's Vineyard, MA. He grew up sailing dinghies and local keelboats, and became the first four-time College Sailing All-American. After graduating from Tufts University, Nevin jumped on the Professional Windsurfing circuit at the peak of windsurfing's heyday and prize money. He climbed the rankings to number two in the world. Nevin currently serves on the Junior Sailing Committee at the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club, and has been a long-time proponent of Youth Programs. He has partnered with BIC Sport where he has played a key role in developing the O'Pen BIC concept and came up with "Un-Regatta" events that focus more on fun than results. Nevin attributes his success with Junior Programs by closely evaluating what has worked and what hasn't with his own kids and their peers.

### **Joel Labuzetta**

Joel is currently the Waterfront Director at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, CT. He recently came to Indian Harbor after several years as the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Director. There he oversaw all adult and junior training programs and was involved with developing and coaching the adult racing, learn-to-sail programs and high school racing programs. During this time, AYC was awarded the Captain Joe Prosser Award from US Sailing - which is awarded annually to the best overall training program in the country. Joel is a 2007 graduate from the College of Charleston where he was four-year member of the team and a two-year team captain.

### **Bob Boehringer**

Bob is the Vice President: Process Management Services for the Orion Development Group. He has more than 30 years of experience helping professionals and organizations improve their operational performance via the implementation of Process Management. Bob was "volunteered" as the Safety Officer for the 2014 Optimist National Team Trials Qualifier held at Stamford Yacht Club. Having a plan and then working THAT plan would seem to be fairly straight forward, but given the size of the regatta, the fact that the water temperature would likely be in the high 40's, that the ambient temperature and wind conditions would be somewhat unpredictable, that we had a group of dedicated volunteers who unfortunately had had only a limited amount of time previously working together, that no formal playbook was to be found as how to run "safety" for such a regatta, these factors resulted in a much more complex situation than running a typical summer regatta. Bob will review the trials and tribulations associated with developing protocols that would be intended to minimize the "on water" risk for the 200+ sailors as well as the nearly 100 volunteers and spectators. Bob is a lifelong sailor, a member of the Stamford Yacht Club and the parent of a collegiate racer.

### **Kellie Crete**

Kellie manages Gowrie Group's Safety & Loss Prevention practice area and has more than 25 years of experience in safety and loss control. Using photos taken at clubs, sailing organizations, and community programs across the nation, she will explore the most common safety issues found around junior sailing programs. Participants will learn how to identify these issues and how to make the environment safer for everyone involved. Each registered participant at the March 7 meeting will also be emailed the 2015 updated version of Gowrie's Junior Sailing Safety Manual. Kellie specializes in advising the marine industry and other niche segments of the commercial marketplace and she is an OSHA authorized instructor. Kellie is also a lifelong sailor, avid boater and active junior sailing parent.

### **Brad Read**

Brad was the leader of the Rhode Island team that created and won the city and state bid for the Volvo Ocean Race to come to Newport. The event marks the global race's only North American stop. Visitors to the stopover will have many unique opportunities to see the high performance Volvo Ocean Race 65s up close at the Sail Newport docks and to watch the practice, Pro-Am, In-Port Races and Leg Start within yards of the shoreline. In addition, admission to the Race Village will be free for all ages to see up close the working boatyard, sail loft, team pavilions, Volvo exhibits, and the Exploration Zone - a family friendly interactive marine education program. Brad has been at the helm of Sail Newport since 1998 and has led the community sailing center to its current standing with a nationally recognized sail education program and status as a world class regatta management organization. He has been a sailor since his youth and is a nine-time world champion in several one-design and off-shore classes. He began his sailing career in Barrington and went on to sail for Boston University where he was named an All-American for three years at Boston University. He was the 1986 College Sailor of the Year. Currently Brad sails all over the world as a tactician in many distance race and one-design regattas.

## The JSA 2015 Midwinter Meeting Handouts also included:

- Each JSA member junior sailing program attending the meeting received one copy of the [Safety, Rescue & Support Boat Handling guide](#) that contains a capsized recovery section developed in western Long Island Sound at American YC and SUNY Maritime.
- In addition, each attending program received a copy of the [Sailor's Guide to the Racing Rules 2013-2016](#), written by Dave Dellenbaugh with assist from members of US Sailing's Racing Rules Committee.

Other materials described below were also handed out:

- List of JSA Committees and Areas (see [the list](#) on JSA website)
- List of JSA junior program leaders (members may contact JSA office for a copy [info@jsalis.org](mailto:info@jsalis.org))
- Summer event schedule (see 2015 [event calendar](#) on JSA website)
- Special Awards call for nominations from 2014 (see the [description](#) on JSA website)

The printed reference binder distributed at past midwinter meetings is being migrated online to a newly designed JSA website, which was discussed during the meeting.