

Long Range Planning Committee Review of Year Two of the FWSA's 5 Year Plan

Our assessment of year two, which was spent primarily in irons:

1. We made it through a very challenging year due to Covid. All our member clubs were stressed figuring out ways to continue sailing.
2. We did get some great FWSA racing in! The Championship was successfully held, hosted by the Salty Sisters and, in the spring, two interclubs, hosted by the Dinghy Dames and Luffing Lassies. Additionally, last fall, the Bitter Ends hosted an interclub.
3. We learned some valuable tips about racing, boat handling and the new rules from one of the nation's top sailing gurus. The Dave Perry 4-part educational webinar series was an absolute home run with over 100 participants.

Our wishes for year 3 as the wind fills our sails again:

Educational Component:

Members wanted more from FWSA and were very pleased that it happened! Now people want more! Dave Perry set a very high bar. Dave Perry and Mike Ingham should be invited back in the 2021-22 season for more clinics and on-the-water training in boat handling and tuning and race strategy. Invite Zac Oppenheim back to conduct safety boat training for interested clubs. Pair larger and smaller clubs together for mutual benefit.

Work on safety guidelines for interclubs didn't happen in year two so this work gets pushed into year 3. Race management training is available in our area. Announcements of upcoming trainings should be shared amongst all the clubs. Members want opportunities to participate in race committee at interclubs. With Covid, participation was restricted. As slots open up on signal, mark and safety boats, encourage members from other clubs to fill some spots.

From year two, we learned that both In person and on-line education is worthwhile.

Interclubs, Rainbow and Championship Regatta

Continue with the summer planning of the schedule. People liked having the schedule ready at the beginning of the season. The VP should meet in May or June with outgoing and incoming IC chairs of the clubs to work out the schedule. Include first delegate too in the planning process.

Review and update templates for NOR and SIs in light of US Sailing's racing rules for 2021-24.

Encourage greater participation in interclubs. Invite newer sailors to spectate, volunteer, have lunch. Have special tables reserved for newer sailors from different clubs to meet each other. Promote enthusiasts awards for all clubs.

We are still looking for ways to encourage more participation in the Championship event. We discussed the possibility of creating the "year of the 420s" and another year the "year of the Flying Scots" etc and provide more time for coaching in the different boats. Currently the Championship is in the fall with only a few practice sessions provided. As a result, it's often the same experienced sailors that participate. Perhaps later in the year to have more time to hold practice sessions, perhaps one type of boat non-spin with a different boat for the spinnaker fleet to expand the number of available boats. We are definitely open to new ideas since there seems to be a growing interest in racing crewed boats.

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Crewed Boat Opportunities

Given the fact that some of our member clubs only sail prams while others have crewed boats already including 420s, Ideal 18s, J70s, Flying Scots and Capri 14.2 and 16.5, it no longer seems important to inventory boats. We think it's important to encourage clubs to create opportunities for learning new skills and expanding sailing choices.

Meetings and Communication

Let's renew efforts to have the meetings more interactive. Meetings are a time to exchange ideas, not just listen to reports that could be read in advance, shared online and/or distributed at the table. Have a timekeeper at the meetings.

Find ways to encourage people to mix and mingle. Pilot the social chair position, someone tasked to figure out ways to help people meet and interact with other clubs.

Include club education chairs in the directory to promote the sharing of ideas and programs.

Continue to upgrade the FWSA website. Make sure the information is updated.

Remember that all meetings, communication and events are intended to create a FWSA community of women sailors. We want more connectivity!

Board Accountability

Lastly, to continue to encourage board accountability, we suggest conducting a member survey towards the end of the year so more people's voices can be heard and wishes for the following year collected and recorded. It will no longer be appropriate for me to chair the committee since I will be going on the board and don't think it's best for me to be in charge of evaluating the board.

Respectfully submitted for the Long Range Planning Committee,

Lynne Randall, chair

Original members 2018-2019 and current participants:

Bitter Ends - Anne Chotkowski and Pam Miller. Pam is ready to rotate off.

Broad Reachers - Marti Cochran and Joanne Simmons

Bow Chasers - Mary Lou Dean and Theresa Haverkamp (Theresa no longer a member of the BC)

Dinghy Dames - Susie Colunio and Lynne Randall

Luffing Lassies - Judy Hodgson and Candy McGovern (Both ready to rotate off.)

Mainsheet Mamas - Carroll McClain and Julie Sargent (Julie is ready to rotate off.)

Rhumb Runners - Annie Davidson

Salty Sisters - Gloria Davis and Cam Kilgroe

TI Tackers - Lue Charron and Judy Hutton (The TI Tackers are currently without a home base and inactive so both are withdrawing.)

Windlasses - Robin Babka and Cheryl Young