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DIRECTORS CONSIDER INCREASING BAKER ENTRIES, REVISED REGATTA ROTATION

The ISSA Board of Directors met March 3rd in Newport, once the date of annual general membership meetings until they were moved to the fall last year. One item that received special attention was a proposal from MASSA that the number of entries for the Baker, heretofore set at 12, be increased if the host organization can handle such an increase. It was agreed that, although the entries have been set at 12, there was no limit other than a practical one.

The Board agreed that trying to increase the field could increase the risk that a complete series could not be completed in the two allotted days of competition. The possibility of winds too light to give a fair test was one reason cited.

The Board voted to approve a possible increase provided the host district made the proposal at least two years before the event and could give some assurance that the venue could handle an increase. A companion motion to make a similar increase apply to all the championships was defeated.

A revised schedule of championships as they are rotated among the districts was discussed and will be

sent to the districts for ratification. The current schedule through 2007 worked a hardship particularly on the districts on the two coasts, requiring travel expenses considerably greater than mid-country districts. The revised schedule attempts to make travel more equitable. The revised schedule will be available for approval by its June meeting. Similarly, the BOD hopes that revised editions of the ISSA Procedural Rules and the ISSA Race Management Guide will be approved for publication during the summer.

In other matters, the Directors heard that ISSA teams will not be participating this summer in the BSDRA regatta undergoing reorganization. They directed President White to discuss with US SAILING the dropping of an automatic bid for the ISSA champion to compete in the US SAILING national team racing regatta for the George Hinman Trophy.

The Board also had a report from Bruce McPherson, President of the Advisory Council and Chairman of the newly formed Development Committee. The Committee is currently developing a "wishlist" of projects needing funding. The Board hopes for input from districts

through their representatives on the BOD.

The next meeting of the Directors will be Saturday, June 9 at 1300 at the home of President White in Niantic, CT. Any representative of a member school or individual member is cordially invited to any meeting of the Board.

ISSA CHAMPIONSHIP ROTATION

The sites for ISSA championships rotate from district to district on a fixed schedule that permits planning well in advance of the regattas. Recently the schedule of sites was revised in order to make travel particularly across the country as equitable as possible.

The following is the rotation schedule proposed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the districts:

Regatta	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Cressy	NW	MA	SE	SA	MW	PC	NE	—
Mallory	SA	PC	NE	SE	NW	MW	PC	MA
Baker	NE	MW	PC	MA	SA	NE	SE	MW

