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## **BOAT ROTATION: TO SWAP OR NOT**

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behavior.

To do as suggested would have the majority of our PCISA sailors never compete in a real high school regatta since much less than half our teams ever go on to the district championship (22 out of 75).

As a coach I can assure you that it does take a great deal of training to skillfully move from boat to boat, re-tune, check for possible breakdowns, deal with equipment issues “on-the-spot” and generally be a great high school or college sailor. These skills are with you for life! (As would be the continuous respect for all equipment!)

Our PCISA series is about educating kids about life using sport (and all that comes with it) as the tool. High school sailing has evolved nicely with careful stewarding from many who care. Let’s not change the sport, potentially negatively, because we have failed to prepare our kids properly for the challenges it provides. Let’s put systems in place to improve education and the respect for the equipment. Let’s work hard at home, at practice, at school and everywhere we can to teach individual and group responsibility. Maybe, just maybe this will have a positive effect beyond HS sailing in our kids and our communities.

— Mike Segerblom  
Executive Director, US Sailing Center  
and Head Coach, USC Varsity Sailing Team

## **ODDS and ENDS**

• West Marine continues to support school sailing through new school grants and Port Supply discount cards. Don’t forget to say, “Thank you,” and send in team pictures to:

Susan Altmann, Senior Mgr, Donations & Sponsorships  
West Marine • 500 Westridge Drive  
Watsonville, CA 95076-2700

And please send a copy to ISSA as well.

• The ISSA Procedural Rules are undergoing revision for re-publication in the fall. If you have any suggestions for changes or comments, aim them at Roy Williams, <Roy\_Williams\_-\_fac@stgeorges.edu

• In the not-too-distant future look for some Canadian schools to apply for membership particularly in MWISA and NWISA districts. Someday, there may be a CISSA.

• The 13th Advanced Racing Clinic sponsored by the Oyster Bay Sailing Foundation will be held Memorial Day weekend May 26-28 at the US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point. The clinic involves both one-the-water drills and coaching plus and lectures and presentations on high performance sailing all overseen by top-level coaches. Boats are available for charter or you may bring your own. Housing is available. For further details contact Susie Trotman at 516-367-3238 or STrotman@compuserve.com