

USROWING FISA LIAISON REPORT

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FISA PRESENCE – ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **FISA is pleased with USA progress from the 2015 restructure/turn-around**
 - New candidate selection/preparation process
 - Resulted in addition of 2 rock star Umpires to FISA ranks as well as dimension to FISA
 - Preparation materials, construct and candidate selection/preparation process are now being migrated to other countries
 - Adoption of European model/long term outlook via the Applicant/Candidate Sub-Committee and FISA Liaison relationship
 - Added stability to USA presence on international stage
 - Acceptance of candidates at WC during development
 - Establishment and stickiness of Umpire Exchange Program
 - Umpire Exchange Program is becoming established in Europe and is well received:
 - Would like to see additional off-European season regattas added
 - Add back Head of the Charles
 - More Umpires to SDCC
 - FISA Umpire participation at World Championships acknowledged as critical to the Regatta's success by numerous Commissions (23 of 25 active and 2 retired FISA Umpires served).

FISA PRESENCE – NEXT STEPS

- **Next Steps in the Journey**
 - FISA Umpires need to continue working on cultural/social aspects, language, and dimension.
 - 25% of USA FISA Umpires are seen as contributing to the FISA family. The remaining 75% of USA Umpires are relatively unknown to FISA. No significant involvement/improvement in last 2 years.
 - Continue to strengthen quality, perspective and runway of Umpires in the USA.
 - Suggested that we continue to add high quality umpires with runway.
 - Skipping an exam cycle is not recommended.

USROWING METRICS 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **2017 USRowing Metrics – Met or Exceeded**
 - Exceeded Assignment Metric. 2017 saw USA have the “Most ever” USA Umpires selected to serve on FISA Regattas! USRowing nominated 13 individuals to 8 FISA Regatta Jurys in 2017. Five individuals were chosen, (1 above an expected 4). In addition, 2 USA Umpires were named as Jury alternates. Selected were:
 - John McKenna - World Cup 3 (Lucerne)
 - Joe Manion - Junior World Championships
 - Bob Willenbring - Senior World Championships
 - Bob Appleyard - World Masters
 - Lyn Wylder - Coastal Championships
 - Erin Gallagher - Alternate to World Cup I (Poznan)
 - Kirsten Meisner - Alternate to U23 World Championships
 - All USA FISA Umpires wanting to work were able to work either a FISA or Exchange regatta
 - 4 USA FISA Referees sent on Exchange (Norway, Denmark, UK, Netherlands);
 - 4 FISA Referees received (Netherlands, UK, Belgium)
 - 23 of 25 active Umpires chose to keep skills current by working at the World Championships in Sarasota

USROWING METRICS 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONT.)

- Met Development/Runway metric - minimum number of Umpires in Progression (due to FISA increasing the age limit to 70)
- NTO Assignment process discussion and determination (no IOP Changes as FISA does not recognize NTO work in decision making process), February 2017
- Approved IOP Updates Appendix 55B complete May, 2017
- USA hosted FISA Seminar for all USA FISA and Umpires, from other countries September, 2017
- Updated list of potential Applicants forwarded to Applicant/Candidate Sub-Committee (November, 2017)
- Umpire Information Sheet and Umpire History updated November, 2017
- 2018 Nominations submitted to FISA November, 2018 (14 people nominated to 10 Jurys, selections announced late December, 2017 or January, 2018)
- 2018 Exchange Regatta Calendar Determination - in process

USROWING METRICS 2017/2018 NEXT STEPS

- **2018 Next Steps**

- Complete Exchange Regatta validation (December 2017/January2018)
- Implement Exchange Regatta selection process (December 2017/January2018)
- New FISA Liaison term (begins July, 2018)
- FISA World Masters NTO Team (Q1-Q2 selection)
- FISA World Masters Regatta (September 27-30, 2018)
- Continue work needed to meet/exceed Metric 2 through identification and development of potential quality FISA Umpires with runway (30+ year career)

- **Challenges for Consideration**

- USA FISA Umpires are not recognized/supported by USRowing/NRF (FISA Umpires from majority of federations are fully funded and considered as part of National Team presence)