NIHSA meeting minutes 2023

NIHSA January 2023 Planning Meeting (Zoom) -- January 12, 2023

7:00 pm: Commodore Betsy calls the meeting to order.
33 members in attendance.

Welcome!

Thanks (again!) to Matthias and the Social Committee and Peter for a wonderful Holiday Party. Great food, great company, great ending to our 2022 season! On to 2023.

Agenda for tonight:

1) **Slate of Activity Chairs and Boat Sponsors – are we good? Do we need changes?**
- *Chris H fine w/ Membership, but thinks maybe "new blood" would be good*
- *Andrew D and Peter VG offered to help with checkout sails; BT will CC Ulla when need arrives*
- *Janaki volunteered to help Gerry with Listserv, Ulla with website as needed; not sure about Christiam continuing with website work*

2) **Calendar   Are we good with the dates for our activities?**
- March – Date and venue for a spring Open House – face to face this year? ***Yes, if possible.*** Where? ***FAES House if possible. Zoom as a backup if can't do face to face. March 1 or 8.***
- April – NIDDK Scientific Conference   volunteers? ***Steve Bailey, Sarah Bowden. Peter P will hand over poster from past meetings.***
- May Planning Meeting – ~~keep or~~ ***move to Class Graduation Party on the 25th; Taffy will host***
- June – Racing Clinic / Regatta / Fun Sail   ***Good with these dates***
- October – keep the Planning Meeting, or have it during the Annual Alliterative Halloween Event? ***Will decide in September.***

We need hosts for our Planning Meetings / events in February, March, April (***Ruth and Altan)***, June **(Julie)**, July, August ***(Peter VG)***, September ***(Betsy)***, October, November.
We can decide on a place for the Holiday Party when the time gets nearer.

Advertising our Club
Members were tasked to find listservs in their Institutes where we can post information (NCBI – Tom Madden, Postbacs – Steve B, Julie – FellowL) .
We will advertise in the R & W again, starting in late February / March.
We will try to distribute flyers and table cards again this year – Bldg 10 cafeteria for one. Katrin offered to distribute at NIAID / Fishers Lane. Members tasked with finding other locations.
Andrew looking into how we can place posters along walkways on campus (NIH Event Coord?).

Basic Training
- We may need more onboard instructors – we have 14 at the moment
- *Ulla and Howard will host the Instructors' Meeting in March.*

- Venue for Basic Training? Continue with zoom or go face to face? If face to face, where??? ***Much discussion on this topic – to be continued. Possible venues are Davis Library. Members should be thinking where to go if we want to do face to face.***
- We may also need some new classroom instructors, depending on our venue; there's been some discussion with past instructors, but nothing is finalized yet.

Discussion on T shirt design for 2023 – possibly we can pick two "historic" designs from the past and use those again. Some interest in the "mask spinnaker" from 2020 (?), and the design from 1980. To be continued . . .

Racing Clinic --   Antonio will be doing this for 2023 – June, one classroom and two on-the-water sessions. Hoping for variety in the weather to make for better training
Budget: good. We have over $800 for the boat fund! Off to a good start (thanks, Andi!)

Other discussions – how does public "find" us if they are interested in joining. – does the web site need to be tweaked to make this easier?
Can we improve the "Big Boat" experience – should it be in May or September – is there another way to introduce big boat sailing to our students?

NIHSA 2023 Calendar

January
12, Thursday: Planning Meeting

February
09, Thursday: Planning Meeting

March
08, Wednesday: Spring Open House
09, Thursday: Planning Meeting
15, Wednesday: Instructor Meeting
18, Saturday: SBSC, boat preparation work day
25, Saturday: SBSC, work day (backup day)

April
01, Saturday: SBSC, boat launch day
02, Sunday: SBSC, backup boat launch day
04 Tuesday afternoon: NIDDK Scientific Conf, Poster Pres
04, Tuesday: Basic Training Intro Class, 7:00 PM
11, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 1
13, Thursday: Planning Meeting
15, Saturday: SBSC, Basic Training Ride-around
18, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 2
23, Sunday: Fun Sail
25, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 3

May
02, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 4
09, Tuesday: Basic Training, Class 5
13, Saturday morning: May Regatta
16, Basic Training Review Class
21, Sunday: Fun Sail
23, Tuesday: Basic Training Exam
25, Thursday: Basic Training Graduation Party/Planning Meeting
27-29, Saturday-Monday: Memorial Day Cruise

June
01, Thursday evening: Racing Clinic, classroom
03, Saturday: Racing Clinic #1, Selby Bay
08, Thursday: Planning Meeting
10, Saturday: Racing Clinic #2, Selby Bay
11, Sunday morning: June Regatta
17, Saturday: June Fun Sail
24/25, Fleet 42 Summer Solstice Regatta

July

1-4, Saturday to Tuesday: 4th of July Cruise
08, Saturday morning: July Regatta
09, Sunday: July Fun Sail
13, Thursday: Planning Meeting
15, Saturday: 1 pm Crab Feast (all afternoon)

August
06, Sunday morning: August Regatta
10, Thursday: Planning Meeting
13, Sunday: Fun Sail

September
2-4, Saturday-Monday: Labor Day Cruise
14, Thursday: Planning Meeting
17, Sunday morning: September Regatta
23, Saturday: Fun Sail
24, Sunday morning: backup Regatta date
30, Saturday morning: Hot Shot Regatta

October
01, Sunday morning: Backup date for Hot Shot Regatta
7-9, Saturday-Monday: Indigenous Peoples Day Cruise
12, Thursday: Planning Meeting
14, Saturday morning: Second backup day for Hot Shot Regatta
15, Sunday: Fun Sail
28, Annual Alliterative Halloween Event

November
04, Saturday morning: Boats out of the water
05, Sunday morning: Backup date for boats out of the water
09, Thursday: Planning Meeting
10-12, Friday-Sunday: Veterans Day, Cruise
23, Thursday: Thanksgiving

December
08, Friday evening: Holiday party

Thurs, Feb 9, 2023: Zoom meeting.

7:00 pm: Commodore Betsy calls the meeting to order.
26 participants – great turnout.

Open House -- March 1st or 8th?

> Possible venues:
> Rock Bottom Brewery -- smallest room is $500 and holds 25 persons.
> Davis Library -- Meeting Room 1 has space and costs $40; there is splace to put posters and computers; we
> > would provide light snacks.
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> FAES: used to be $600-800 – not available due to renovations.
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> Library is cheaper - $40 for the evening. We could offer snacks at the library.
> In a group discussion, we decide for:
> **Davis library**,
> 6400 Democracy Blvd.
> **Bethesda**, MD 20817 (accessible by the J metro bus from NIH) on **March 8**, 5:30 pm -8 pm.
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> Steve Bailey made a beautiful poster summarizing club activities.

Flyers and tent cards will be sent out when venue and date for Open House is finalized. Volunteers are lined up to distribute these, and to contact R & W, NIH Calendar for advertising our Club. More volunteers always welcome!

For next meeting: Decide on venue for Basic Training!
Montgomery County CUPF – libraries as meeting space. Looks like cost for Davis Library meeting room will be $40/meeting X 6-8 meetings = $240 - $320. Should have wifi, maybe smart TV.
Baris contacted the FAES about their rooms in Building 10, "at NIH campus Bethesda, and you can call the following numbers to arrange booking / availability. These classrooms are very spacious and nice, good for basic training." A good option – availability after hours/security?

Other business:
- o Fleet Captain, Dennis: boat sponsors, do we need more?
- o Merchandise, Charlene: t-shirts for 2023 season -- retro from previous seasons? How about a "Flea Market" at the Crab Feast or Basic Training graduation party where members can bring "gently used" t-shirts from previous seasons to sell to new (or old!) members?
- o Cruising Chairs Ruth and Peter VG: cruising planning has begun. Time for a big boat experience weekend to be determined.
- o Membership Chair and BT chairs: Membership and basic training registration sites are open and working -- six students and 70 members have already registered.
- o Onboard instructors: We are looking for about 15 volunteers. Peter vG will go for a sail with new volunteers. Dimitrios Anastasakis might be willing to join the onboard volunteers in 2023!