Letter from the FWSA VP

for the

Interclub Chairpersons

I am your new FWSA Vice President (VP) this year trying to follow in Linda Schwartz’s shoes. As VP, one of my responsibilities is to oversee the interclub racing schedule and maintain the records for the Spirit Award. If you haven’t served as an Interclub Chairperson, this letter is designed to give you a brief outline of what to expect and we will also talk about all of these items at our initial meeting. I will set up a zoom meeting soon so I am sending you these forms you will need to conduct a FWSA Interclub. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements and please bring all your questions to our meeting, though most of you probably know more than I do. Here is what to expect and paperwork you will see in your packet: Items 2 and 4 and 5 can be somewhat ignored right now. Voting on changes to the Spirit Award will be in Sept. at the general meeting. Also because of this crazy world right now, anything I say may possibly change.

1. You are the spokesperson and regatta chairperson for your FWSA Interclub(s). You are the one who coordinates with your club leadership to determine when you will host your Interclub(s). You will ensure the Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI) are completed and disseminated. You will make sure the Interclub is a safe and fun themed event, and you will ensure the paperwork is complete with the FWSA VP.
2. In order to increase participation, the FWSA developed a Spirit Award for Prams and Sunfish. The Club that participates the most gets a perpetual trophy at the end of the season. This trophy is based on a point system. You are the one who keeps track of the participation at your Interclub. See paragraph 4 and 5. (I think there will be more discussion on the spirit award before this meeting)
3. In your Interclub Packet is a memo of suggested guidelines for hosting Interclub Regattas. It provides you with the guidelines for how to host an Interclub. Please read it and become familiar with your responsibilities. Also, make notes in case you have suggestions for improvement when you meet with the FWSA VP.
4. The Spirit Award guidelines explain how the point system is used to determine the winners of the Pram and Sunfish Spirit Awards.
5. The FWSA Spirit Award Recording Sheet is the participation sheet you complete and send back to the FWSA VP after your Interclub.
6. In order to make things more standardized, we now have a standard NOR and SI in your packet. All you have to do is change the name, date, and times to suit your Interclub. All the race courses are the ones you are currently using. You cannot change them so if you need to add one then let the VP know.
7. In addition to the above memos, we have included driving directions to member clubs. Please review it and make sure it is accurate. Let the VP know if any corrections are needed.
8. A generic waiver of responsibility is added in the packet in case your club doesn’t have one. You can change the club information and use it for your Interclub.
9. Lastly, we developed some safety guidelines to help you conduct a safe Interclub. These guidelines are minimum standards and do not preclude the Interclub Chair, Principal Race Officer (PRO), or Club Captain from requiring more stringent standards.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Interclub meeting. Feel free to call or email me when you have questions or suggestions throughout the year.

I will figure out how to do this zoom thing and send a date soon.

**Here are the dates for events and interclubs that have already been scheduled. If you would like to reserve a date for your club, send it to me.**

**Oct. 9 Lucas Cup**

**Nov. 10 Dinghy Dames Interclub**

**Nov. 17 Women’s Championship St. Pete – practice days practice days Nov. 5 and 11th tentatively**

**Dec. 8 Salty Sisters Interclub**

**May 16 Luffing Lassies Interclub**

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