

**Report to the Members of the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF) on the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19 and 20 July 2014 in Toronto.**

This past weekend the Executive Committee of the PASAF met in Toronto. All the members of the Executive Committee were present:

W Scott Perry (URU) President  
Ralph Nelles (MEX) Secretary  
David Covo (CAN) Treasurer  
Liz Merrifield Filter (USA)  
Cor van Aanholt (AHO)  
Jorge (Coco) Barreda (PER)  
Hector Duval (DOM)  
Peter Hall (CAN)

We were fortunate to be accompanied by the following guest observers: Pablo Masseroni (President of the Federacion Argentina de Yachting and Chairman of the ISAF Events Committee); Leo Dreyer (Presidente of the Federacion Chilena de Navegacion a Vela and President of the Confederacion Sudamericana de Vela) and Guillermo Cappelletti (President of the Federacion Peruana de Vela).

The subjects covered are reviewed below:

**Significant Dates, 2015**

All equipment must be in the venue by noon, July 6.

The Security Sweep of the venue will take place on July 7

Measurement will take place July 8, 9 and 10

The Opening Ceremony will be on July 10

The practice race will be held on July 11

Racing will take place between July 12 and July 17, with medal racing on July 18 and 19 and a reserve day on July 20

The PASAF General Assembly will take place on July 17, 2015; the venue is to be decided.

**Venue for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto**

All of the attendees were given an extensive tour of the venue area, race course areas, prize giving area, spectator area and the Royal Canadian Sailing Club (RCYC) facilities. The last time we visited Toronto in July 2013 the venue area had not yet been decided. It has now been decided and it will be the ferry station and parking lot of the RCYC on the Toronto side of the harbour. A great deal of work needs to be done and several issues are still outstanding or of concern but in general it was felt that things appear to be well in hand. The major advantages of the venue are its proximity to the athletes' village and the fact that it will be a purpose-built facility thereby allowing us to have everything we believe we need for a successful competition. The major disadvantages

are the lack of shower facilities and the potential for a very hot venue given the asphalt surface if it gets very hot during the time we are competing. Fresh water and shade will be provided, and we will continue to lobby for shower facilities. A disappointment was the fact that there will not be a giant screen at the spectator area.

#### **ISAF Technical Delegate report (Pat Bailey IJ & IRO (ISV)**

The ISAF Technical Delegate presented a detailed report.

- He is very comfortable with the level of experience and knowledge of the PRO.
- The on-the-water volunteers seem to be competent and will be assessed during the October Test Events.
- Work is progressing on the NOR and SI.
- The ferry traffic and commercial shipping traffic in the inner bay does not appear to be a problem
- He wonders whether it makes sense to have an equal number of 12 races for every class.
- He did express a concern with the apparent lack of marshals on the 3 courses to keep spectators from interfering.
- He feels that the lack of shade and seating at the venue may prove a problem; the organizers have agreed to address this concern.

#### **Treasurers Report (David Covo)**

The Treasurer reported that the federation has:

- a current cash balance of US\$ 12, 966.50 in an interest-bearing Canadian bank account;
- current receivables of approximately US\$ 5300, membership fees for the 4-year period
- current payables of approximately US\$ 1500, reimbursement to the Treasurer for payment of ISAF dues and travel expenses to 2013 PASO meeting in Jamaica .
- The only expense of note in the past year was an advance for air travel for one of the Executive Committee members to attend the PASO meeting in Mexico in September, 2014.
- A Paypal account is in the process of being set up which will make the payment of PASAF dues easier and less costly.

Finally a Working Party was established (Liz Merrifield Filter and Hector Duval) to draw up a mission statement which should include not only who we are and what we do, but also what we intend to do with the US\$ 200 4-year subscriptions of the members.

Once again, the Executive Committee members waived the normal travel grant of US\$ 200.

#### **Qualifiers (David Covo, Cor van Aanholt and Coco Barreda)**

Three Executive Committee members reported on the qualifiers for the sailing event at the Pan American Games in Toronto. So far of the 85 boats to qualify 33 have qualified

including the 10 automatic host spots. These 33 qualified boats in turn represent 51 athletes of the 148 total expected.

The President reported on a problem encountered at the J24 North American qualifiers in Mexico. Although the Executive Committee regrets the unfortunate confusion which this has given rise to they confirm the position that qualifiers will always be determined by the organizing committees of each qualifier event as the PASAF does not have the funds to send a representative to all 24 qualifying events throughout the hemisphere. [Table of the countries qualified so far in each class.](#)

The Executive Committee discussed a request from la Federacion Argentina de Yachting that PASAF consider a more balanced distribution of the qualifiers for the 6 boat spots for the 49erFX. Currently, 1 of the 6 spots is allocated to the 2014 South American Championship (Rio, November 5-8, 2014), 4 spots to the 2015 Miami OCR (January 25-31, 2015), and 1 to the host country. Following a brief discussion in which it was confirmed that the 49erFX Class Association supported the proposal to reallocate one or two spots from the Miami OCR, the Executive Committee concluded that a more desirable distribution of the qualifier spots could be developed by moving 2 of the Miami OCR spots to the 2014 South American Championship. A motion to reallocate two spots from the OCR to the South American Championship was approved unanimously. The qualifying schedule on the website will be modified and the Class association and TO2015 will be informed.

#### **2019 Pan American Games in Lima , Peru (Coco Barreda)**

A report was given on the status and plans for the sailing event at the 2019 PAG in Lima , Peru. Although we are 5 years away from the 2019 games progress is already being made on the choice of sailing venue which will probably be at the naval academy in Callao. This and the appointment of a sailing competition manager should probably occur in the near future.

#### **PASAF web site (Cor van Aanholt)**

A report was given on the PASAF web site. The Board has received signals that the site is living up to our expectations and does provide substantial information. Liz Merrifield Filter agreed to help Cor van Aanholt with the web site related issues.

#### **Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC)**

During the Pan Am Games, the RCYC will be open to competitors, sailing officials and the PASAF family (Executive Committee members, their immediate families and VIPs from the various PASAF MNAs). Peter Hall and or David Covo will ask the RCYC for written confirmation of this.

#### **Security and Accreditation (Pat Bailey and Fiona Kidd Sailing Competition manager for Toronto 2015)**

Security at the venue will be very strict and provided by local police and the RCMP.

Accreditation will be provided in good time for the competition. It should be noted that once one has been accredited it serves as an entry visa to Canada for those nationalities which require entry visas.

The only issue so far with security is the apparent lack of marshalling at the racing areas that the ISAF Technical Delegate mentioned.

### **Boat charters**

At present the Toronto 2015 organizers have offers from 2 different providers to rent Lasers, Hobie 16s and Sunfish. This is an ongoing negotiation which we hope will result in fully equipped Lasers being rented for the full period of the competition ranging between C\$ 1,500 and C\$ 2,000 depending on whether the boat is rented for 2 weeks of practice before the competitions and between C\$ 2,500 and C\$ 3,000 for the Hobie 16s. No rates were available yet for the Sunfish.

### **Doping Tests**

It was suggested that doping tests could be done immediately after the medal ceremonies instead of before the medal ceremony to save time and make the whole experience more fluid.

### **2015 Pan American Games as Olympic qualifiers (Fiona Kidd – Toronto 2015, Peter Hall, David Covo and Scott Perry)**

Three Executive Committee members informed on the progress being made with Olympic 2016 qualifiers.

Various individuals have been working very hard to get 4 Olympic qualifiers for the Pan American Games in Toronto. So far the ISAF Events Committee has agreed as has the ISAF Council. It is now in the hands of the IOC and the ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees). It was reported that both Chris Atkins (ISAF VP) and Alastair Fox (ISAF Competitions Manager) are very optimistic that it will be approved. If approved the 4 qualifiers would be as follows:

- 1 for Laser Standard Men North America
- 1 for Laser Standard Men South America
- 1 for Laser Radial Women North America
- 1 for Laser Radial Women South America

### **Equipment Survey (Scott Perry)**

A survey will be given to all PASAF members next March or April to determine what classes most PASAF members believe will be most popular for the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru. This survey is as a result of the problems this Executive Committee had choosing equipment for the 2015 Pan American Games. It is hoped that the survey will be very useful for the next Executive Committee when it comes time to decide equipment for 2019.

### **Contact list**

This report has been sent to PASAF members with the most recent contact list for PASAF members. It would help if all members reviewed that list to determine if any changes or updates are needed.

### **Other matters**

- During the competitions there will be a dedicated IT person at the venue.
- Environment Canada is putting in place a small weather station at the sailing venue in order to give the competitors the very latest of weather forecasting and conditions.
- At the venue during the competitions there will be a video presentation facility.
- Members of the PASAF family (Executive Committee members and VIPs from member MNAs) should attempt to secure hotel accommodation soonest