

US Captain's Meeting by Zoom 07/18/2023

ATTENDEES

National Captain – Tony Olmer

Chesapeake – Peter Briggs

Corpus Christi – Brad Stokes - ABSENT

Gold Coast – David Sowers - ABSENT

Houston – J.D. Thompson

New York – Jane Prtozman

Sailing Capital – Ramzi Bannura

San Antonio – Monty Rogers

Puerto Rico – Graham Castillo - ABSENT

Savannah – Bobby Vermillon - ABSENT

Solomons – John Dove

Sun Coast – John D'Alusio (Steve Herb subbing)

Scott Ripley – International Vigie

Joe Citarella – National Scribe

Tom Connery – National Bosun

Troy Leek – National Treasurer

John Byrne – National Historian

Robert Coles – U.S. Webmaster – ABSENT

Rick Hoekstra

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started with a reading of the Octolog by Joe Citarella.

Tony Olmer shared with all his Goal of making BOCUS the best in the world, clearly stating that BOCUS is a team effort.

BOCUS Brochure:

A brochure that was prepared by Tony Olmer and Joe Citarella 10 years ago was sent to all as one means to inform prospective Brothers about BOCUS. It is the consensus that it is a good idea but needs updating. It might be useful to have more than one brochure – for example one geared to recruiting and one for an introduction to BOC for engages.

Some items that might be included – URLs to other BOC resources, such as BOCUS.org, First Watch, Tortuga Post.

It was decided that Joe Citarella and Tony Olmer will draft an updated version for review by the National Captains.

Induction of New Brothers:

Tony felt that notification of New Brother Inductions must be communicated to the US National Captain. A new Brother is part of the USBOC and such should be aware of the National Officers and other US Tables. As such, it is important for the National Captain to engage and welcome a new Brother as soon as possible so that the Brother understands the National and International scope of the BOC.

Next National Captains' Meeting:

It was decided that holding the next National Captains' Meeting in Annapolis, hosted by the Sailing Capital Table, October 13-15th, is a strong possibility. It would coincide with the Annapolis Boat Show. Ramzi Bannura will draft up an Agenda for discussion.

Chilean World Zaf:

Active planning is underway and details will be shared as soon as available. Chilean National Captain Simbad was hosted by Joe Citarella and Tony Olmer in early 2023, so we have a good information link to details as they become available.

US Zaf Notices:

Communications of upcoming US Zafs that might be of interest to Brothers outside of the Host Table has been spotty. US Table Captains are encouraged to get out advance notices early, especially the dates and location.

International Zafs:

Communications about upcoming International Zafs is by happenstance. Using the monthly International Zoom Call to get early notice of upcoming International Zafs is one possibility. Scott Ripley has the lead on this.

Quarterly US National Captains' Meetings:

It was decided that having a quarterly meeting is productive and desirable. Meetings will be scheduled and communicated to the National Captains as soon as possible.

First Watch:

Peter Dennant has agreed to take over First Watch from Monty Rogers. Kudos to Monty for the first class job he has done!

Joe Citarella – US National Scribe