

## **Proposed Change to bylaws**

### **Article VIII, Section 12, Paragraph A**

#### **Currently reads as follows:**

##### SECTION 12: USSA CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of nine members consisting of a chairman, the USSA Delegate, a Technical Advisor, and six other members representing the following United States Sailing Association Championships:

- (1) Junior Representative. Sears, Bemis, Smythe, and Youth.
- (2) Women's Representative. Adams, Leiter, Women's, and International Keelboat.
- (3) Match/Team Racing Representative. Hinman, Prince of Wales, and Open Match Racing.
- (4) Mallory Representative.
- (5) O'Day Representative.
- (6) Multihull and Boards Representative. Massachusetts Bay and Alter.

#### **Proposed to read as follows:**

##### SECTION 12: USSA CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The committee shall be composed of up to 10 members consisting of a Chairman, the GYA USSA delegate, and the GYA Youth Committee Chairman, and up to 7 additional members appointed by the Commodore. Each of the states having general member clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association shall have at least one representative. The Chairman, the GYA USSA delegate, and the GYA Youth Committee Chairman may also serve as representatives of their respective states. If there is no representative available, a state may be unrepresented until a representative is available upon recommendation by the Chairman and approval of the Commodore.

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Rationale: The committee structure of US Sailing which supports the various championships has changed. The committees were formerly made up of representatives from each US Sailing area on the respective committee for each championship. The committees are now mostly made up of "at large" members and past competitors.

The current members of the GYA championships committee would fit into the new structure (as described above) except for the lack of a representative from Arkansas. To recognize participants in the US Sailing championships and other notable sailing competitions it is more reasonable to spread the membership of the committee across the GYA geographical area.