**Communication 2 November 2019**

Hi! All,

We are pleased to report things have REALLY started to happen. Interest from 3 International J22sailors, one with impressive experience is looking for a crewing berth. More later.

**Our J22 organising committee is:**

* Brent Haddock – Overall coordinator and Boat Chartering brent@rhaddock.co.za
* Trevor Hulleman– Sponsorship trevorh@bidpaperplus.co.za
* Vanessa Henry – Finances, registration, Sponsorship Proposal and finalising the event brochure. Vanessahj22@gmail.com
* Shellee Nel – Processing all sanctioning documentation. Technical, setting up boat and sail measurement processes and procedures for the regatta shellee@sailingcentre.co.za
* Sharin Richmond – Communications/PRO/World Regatta Regalia, sponsorship sharinr@mweb.co.za
* Dave Scorey – 2020 Worlds Co-ordinator. daves@vodamail.co.za
* Neil Armstrong - working committee member neil16e@gmail.com

**Racing Logistics Update:**

We are very pleased to report that Dave Cuthbert has agreed to be the chairman of the PYC committee set up to jointly organise the J22boat. Dave did an amazing job last Worlds at PYC so definitely no concerns here.

Dave Rushton has accepted to be our Principal Race Officer (PRO) and our bridge boat will be the very well-equipped catamaran called “Whiskers”. The J22 Worlds racecourse will be set as near to the outside of the harbour entrance as possible taking into account the NO GO zone between the harbour entrance and the fairway buoy. The balance of the MSC fleet will have their courses laid near and beyond the stadium.

Dave Hudson, a very prominent and distinguished sailor from Cape Town, past J22 owner and sailor, National and International Judge has agreed to join the Judges panel for the Worlds. We need 3 International and 2 National Judges to form the J22 Worlds Jury panel. Shellee and Dave S are working hard to complete the jury panel by end November 2019

**Entry Fee:**

After careful budgeting we have made the entrance fee for the 2020 J22 World Championships R5000 per entry. When you consider that the 2014 Worlds entry fee at the Vaal was R4500, we have managed to keep the costs down well below the inflation rate!!

**Also a big plus** is that 20% of your entry fee will be used to enter ALL J22 competitors into MSC Week Regatta thus all J22 competitors will experience and partake in the MSC Welcoming party, drinks vouchers, MSC Prize Giving party, daily entertainment from Rob Main-Baillie, Karaoke evening and all the fun of traditional MSC Week.

Over and above this, the J22 Worlds will have its own

* Welcoming party and mixing of the water’s celebration
* Wet bar on the international walk on jetties with (hopefully) sponsored refreshments directly after sailing
* Mid-week party at the new PYC Beach front club site
* Our own prizegiving ceremony.

Thus, the weeks sailing and social itinerary is very full. Roll on the good times!!!!!

**Sponsorship:**

Finally, we are actively seeking all possible avenues to obtain sponsorship for the Worlds to assist in reducing costs thus enabling us to possibly giving competitors a fuel allowance to travel down to Durbs, more entertainment during the week etc.

We have one very exciting prospect that we in the process of engaging with so WATCH THIS SPACE!

We have a very well-developed professional **sponsorship proposal that can be presented to any potential** **sponsor, no matter how big or small.** Please, if any of you have possible contacts with a potential sponsor, contact Trevor H who will liaise and make a pitch if needed.

**International Crew looking for a J22 Worlds berth**

We have been chatting with Amar Patel via email who is very keen to crew on a Worlds entry next year. Amar is from Skidaway Island, Georgia, USA. I have attached, separately, his sailing career and contact email so those with crew challenges here is your solution.

A top skilled crew who is waiting to hear from you!!!Amar is on our email data base so will receive the class news as it happens.

The committee is meeting again next week so will send updates as received.

PLEASE we need your help with sponsors big or small!!

That’s it for now! Happy sailing, Sharin.