**There is a change to our racing format for Saturday morning.  The board wrestled with a number of pressures on scheduling, and wants to avoid extending the regatta to another session Friday evening or Sunday afternoon.  With ever-growing entries that has become a major problem, but also it has prevented us from accomplishing one of our core principles, which is to give more racing opportunities to as many crews as possible.**

**Far too many crews now have been squeezed out of a second race down the course as time slots for lower finals have had to be removed from the schedule.  Many of these crews are outmatched in their heat and are prevented from racing against crews of a comparable level later in the regatta.**

**Further, the rise in competitive level has occasioned too many heat draws that do not "break" fairly, and while seeding the varsity eights has been successful there is a clear need for making a better competitive balance for more events.**

**Here is our attempt to alleviate these problems:**

**All events will run as a time trial on Saturday morning.  The time trial will "seed" or sort crews into semifinals on Saturday afternoon, which will be six-lane racing.**

**In addition to the time trial, all crews will have at least one side-by-side race.  This means lower level finals for crews that do not qualify for the semifinals, and almost all will be run Saturday afternoon.  Lower-final crews will thus be grouped into crews of roughly similar competitiveness.**

**SAMPLE SCHEDULE (will change in response to entries)**

**SIRA DOCUMENT 2016 6J-C**

Projected 2016 Saturday schedule based on 2015 entries with all events time trials

**TIME TRIALS**

8:25 WN4

8:40 MN4

8:55 WN8

9:10 MN8

9:25 MJV8

9:40 WLV4

9:50 MLV4

10:00 WV4

10:20 MV4

10:40 WV8

11:00 MV8

11:20 M2x

11:25 M2-

11:30 W2-

11:35 M1x

**SEMIFINALS**

1:00, 07, 14 WN4 ABC

1:21, 28, 35 MN4 ABC

1:42, 49 WN8 AB

1:55, 2:02, 09 MN8 ABC

2:16 WJV8 RFL

2:23, 30 MJV8 AB

2:37, 44, 51 WV4 ABC

2:58, 3:05, 12 MV4 ABC

3:20, 27, 34 WV8 ABC

3:42, 49, 56 MV8 ABC

4:00 WN4 E

4:07 WN4 D

4:14 MN4 E

4:21 MN4 D

4:28 WN8 C

4:35 MN8 E

4:42 MN8 D

4:49 WV4 F

4:56 WV4 E

5:03 WV4 D

5:10 MV4 E

5:17 MV4 D

5:25 WV8 D

5:32 MV8 E

5:39 MV8 D

5:46 M1x C