

## Board Update:

Gentlemen, I really have only one pressing action item so want to preserve your day for more productive pursuits, hence, I'm cancelling our meeting scheduled for noon today, February 8.

**ACTION ITEM:** We resolved in July to fund the UWF Mechanical Engineering Capstone project, focused on design and fabrication of a RC miniature foiling sailboat. **Our commitment was \$3,000 for materials.** As you can see from the project section of <http://sailpensacola.org/board-items/> the design team completed their work and the build team is ready to fabricate. I need a total of \$3,000 and have \$500 already from Bobby, matching my \$500, leaving \$2,000. Four donations at the \$500 level would cover it. Let me know who's "in" for this. I am working out the details of assuring the completed boat enters the Footprint Accelerator program as an ambassador vessel for RC sailors. In addition, we have discussed using this boat to initiate a design, build, and race challenge initiative between ME departments.

Other news:

1. U.S. Sailing Symposium: Tom attended in Savannah and deepened further connections in the NA sailing community with ever more classes seeking events in Pensacola. Tom will give an update at our next meeting, likely 2/27/24.
2. Foiling Week: I plan to present our final budget plan to the BoCC on 3/7/24. Luca will be present as well. We are seriously exploring alternative dates for the first Foiling Week Pensacola for Spring of 2025. Doing so will establish an annualized Spring date for future Foiling Weeks, gives us an expanded organizational time frame, and moves the event to a weather window likely more conducive to consistent wind that is pre-cyclonic.
3. Sailing Footprint Accelerator: Hardy Peters from @Eastcoastsail is bringing two small foiling monohulls, @Birdyfish and FLo1, for a product presentation and on-water demo on Monday, 2/12, starting with a didactic at JettyIoT at Noon and on-water demo at the PYC beach starting @ 1400. Pull on your wetsuits (or dry suits) and lets go foiling! See the home page of SailPensacola.org for links to the boats and event.
4. Sailing Business Conference: In conjunction with UWF SBC, I have organized a sailing business conference on 3/9, which aims to share the vision of Sail Pensacola and inspire attendees to intercept converging business opportunities. SDBC will be on hand

to providesmall business assets and will offer their individualized consultation services.  
See link to the event on the home page of SailPensacola.org.

See <http://sailpensacola.org/board-items/> for a complete list of projects and their status.

Thank gentlemen!

Tim