

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Office of the Secretary  
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FALL MEETING OF DELEGATES OF BBYRA  
Saturday, October 7, 1961, at  
Bay Head Yacht Club

Meeting was called to order by Commodore Frank D. Peltier, who presided. Joseph J. Summerhill, III, was requested to serve as Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of Clifford A. Warren. The Secretary Pro Tem called the roll. Delegates present and voting were:

Bay Head Yacht Club	-	Dr. H. Irving Dunn, Philip R. Van Duyne
Beachwood Yacht Club	-	Thomas Jobson, A. Thomas Lewis, and Thomas L. Chapman
Island Heights Yacht Club	-	George M. Nelson, Harry Bloodsworth, Jr., and William M. Wood
Lavallette Yacht Club	-	F. Russell Lord, Jr., Frederick W. Winkelman and Arthur A. Lange
Mantoloking Yacht Club	-	William DeCamp, H. R. Tomlinson and Summer W. White, III
Normandy Beach Yacht Club	-	Clarence Maves
Ocean Gate Yacht Club	-	Melvin E. Marple, Edgar Cronheim, Burton Wright
Seaside Park Yacht Club	-	Daniel Clayton, F. Thompson Brooks
Shore Acres Yacht Club	-	Edward Fehskens, Thomas Keenan, William D. Donohue
Toms River Yacht Club	-	Fred E. Scammell, Daniel Mc. Crabbe
Metedeconk River Yacht Club	-	James G. Carsons

Others present were Homer F. Dennis, Treasurer, J. George Hummel, Donald C. Horter and John M. Wood, Jr., of Island Heights Yacht Club; Edwin J. O'Malley of Mantoloking Yacht Club; Norman S. Brown and Edward Frirer of Beachwood Yacht Club; Eugene Brooks and William C. Kalning of Metedeconk River Yacht Club; F. Stratton Knox and William G. Alznauer of Shore Acres Yacht Club; Herbert Angen and William Whited of Normandy Beach Yacht Club.

Reading of the minutes of the spring meeting of the delegates held on Saturday, May 13, 1961, was dispensed with inasmuch as same had been mailed to all Officers and Delegates of the Association. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted subject to the following corrections:

Page Two, fourth line from the bottom - "paddling" changed to "paddle,"

The Secretary Pro Tem reported one communication; namely, a letter from James G. Carson to Commodore Peltier extending congratulations to those responsible for an outstanding 1961 racing season. He praised the course selection and punctuality with which the races were started. In particular, he congratulated the Association for its outstanding selection of trophies.

Commodore Peltier called upon Vice Commodore Nelson for his formal racing report of the year. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes of the meeting. The highlights of same were as follows:

1. All regattas were held with good attendance in all classes. At Shore Acres three classes failed to meet the time limit during the morning races due to lack of wind. At Beachwood all morning races were cancelled for the same reason.
2. The new morning class of "Jr." Penguins was well attended with as many as eight boats competing.
3. The various assignment of duties on the committee boat were on a seasonal basis, thus assuring competent and experienced personnel handling all functions. This year saw a permanent appointment of a BBYRA representative to the local protest committee, thus affording continuity. The appointee was an experienced sailor with legal background.
4. Special credit and appreciation was extended to the various host clubs for the well organized working committee. More thought had been given to the required number of patrol boats and their responsibility. Two intercoms were purchased during the latter part of the season and proved extremely helpful.

Commodore Peltier called upon Rear Commodore Dr. H. Irving Dunn for his annual report as Rear Commodore. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes of the meeting. The highlights were as follows:

1. No need for mid-season meeting of Liaison Committee with class representatives.
2. Accent and adherence to Rule 12 of "Suggestions to Regatta Committee of Member Clubs."
3. Recommendation that more attention be given to the daily award of flags and trophies at each and every regatta including proper press coverage.
4. Appointment of historian is recommended to collect and arrange records.
5. Adequate high fidelity hailer is suggested for next season.

Rear Commodore Dr. H. Irving Dunn continued with a report concerning the national cup regattas of 1961, a copy of which is filed with the minutes of the meeting. The highlights were as follows:

Sears Cup: BBYRA eliminations July 23, 1961; Winner - William Schwalje, Normandy Beach Yacht Club

Sears Cup: Semi-Finals August 9, 1961; Winner - William Schwalje, Normandy Beach Yacht Club

Adams Cup: BBYRA eliminations July 25, 1961; Winner - Karel Polch, Bay Head Yacht Club.

Mallory Cup: BBYRA eliminations August 5, 1961; Winner - Robert Adams, Bay Head Yacht Club.

For the first time borrowed boats were covered by insurance. It was urged that member clubs stimulate interest in competition for these events so that the best sailors might represent Barnegat Bay.

Donald C. Horter, Chairman of BBYRA Midget Championship Committee then made his report, copy of which is filed with the minutes of the meeting. The highlights were as follows:

1. The 1961 Midget Championship Race was held at Island Heights Yacht Club on August 11, 1961, Fourteen crews, two crews representing each of seven yacht clubs of the Association sailed three races in twelve foot diamond

class sneakboxes. The winner was Hansi Bonn of Lavallette Yacht Club; second place went to Robin Brown of Beachwood Yacht Club; third place went to Bill Sorrentino of Beachwood Yacht Club.

2. All sneakboxes were covered by insurance.

Burton Wright, Fleet Captain and Measurer, then reported that one inspection had been made during the racing season and that it was not necessary to disqualify any skipper. He stated that all safety rules were posted in the area of the registration desk at each regatta.

Homer F. Dennis, Treasurer, submitted his annual report for the period October 1, 1960 to October 7, 1961. By motion the report was accepted.

Cash on Hand	\$3,168.59
Receipts	<u>3,196.43</u>
	\$6,365.02
Disbursements	<u>\$3,385.49</u>
Balance on Hand	\$2,979.53
Net Operating Loss During 1961 Season	\$ 189.06

A general discussion followed as to the \$189.06 loss incurred during the 1961 racing season. It was suggested that a more accurate count of the club memberships might increase the membership fees to BBYRA.

F. Thompson Brooks, Chairman of the Flag Committee, then reported the present status as to flags, including the fact that each and every year the price increases.

Vice Commodore George M. Nelson reported concerning trophies. He stated that this year's trophies were very well received and that his committee had decided to purchase sterling silver hardware rather than "plate" since the former can be re-engraved in the event that they are not used during the season. This results in a saving.

William G. Alznauer, Chairman of the Scoring Committee, then made his report for the 1961 season. The number of qualifying boats in each class was as follows:

"E" Sloop	-	13	Flying Dutchmen	-	5
"A" Sneakbox	-	14	"Jr." Penguins	-	6

"Sr." Jet	-	8	"Sr." Penguin	-	8
"B" Lightning	-	7	"B" Sneakbox	-	9
"Sr." Comet	-	5	"Jr." Comet	-	5
"G" Sloop	-	3	"Jr." Jet	-	12
"A" Cat	-	4	"M" Sloop	-	9
"A" Lightning	-	3			
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Mr. Alznauer stated that 111 boats qualified during the 1961 season. Approximately 50% qualified during any season.

Vice Commodore George M. Nelson then inquired as to what happened to the scorer's records after the close of a racing season. A general discussion followed to the effect that all records were given to John Woods who stores same in the BBYRA closet in the Toms River Yacht Club. The minutes are available dating from 1914 but the racing results only go back to 1933. It was further noted that the 1957 and 1960 records are missing.

Commodore Peltier then addressed the delegates for the last time after 14 years of service to BBYRA. He expressed his appreciation for the fine work of the staff during his term as Commodore praising each man by name and job. Commodore Peltier concluded by appointing F. Thompson Brooks as temporary chairman of the meeting.

F. Thompson Brooks then assumed the chair and immediately presented Commodore Peltier with a very handsome pair of binoculars as a gift for his loyal and distinguished service to the Association and sailors of Barnegat Bay.

At this time the nominations were opened for Commodore. Philip R. Van Dwyne nominated George M. Nelson for Commodore. The nomination was duly seconded, Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for George M. Nelson. Carried unanimously.

At this time William M. Wood nominated Dr. H. Irving Dunn for Vice Commodore. The nomination was duly seconded. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for Dr. H. Irving Dunn. Carried unanimously.

Melvin E. Marple then nominated Clifford A. Warren for Rear Commodore. The nomination was duly seconded. James G. Carson then nominated William G. Alznauer for Rear Commodore, which nomination was later withdrawn due to the fact that Mr. Alznauer was not a

delegate to the Association was required by Rule 5. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for Clifford A. Warren. Carried unanimously.

Frederick W. Winkelman nominated Homer F. Dennis for Treasurer. The nomination was duly seconded. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for Homer F. Dennis.

Herbert R. Angen nominated Joseph J. Summerill, III, for Secretary. The nomination was duly seconded. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for Joseph J. Summerill, III. Carried unanimously.

Edwin J. O'Malley nominated Burton Wright as Measurer. The nomination was duly seconded. Thereafter, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and a single ballot be cast for Burton Wright. Carried unanimously.

The following were submitted by Burton Wright for the Executive Committee, not more than three of whom could be from any one club. The officers of the Association also are automatically members of the Executive Committee.

Bay Head Yacht Club	Stewart Benedict, Philip R. Van Duyne
Beachwood Yacht Club	Thomas L. Chapman
Island Heights Yacht Club	William M. Wood
Lavallette Yacht Club	F. Russell Lord, Jr., Frederick W. Winkelman
Mantoloking Yacht Club	William DeCamp, Edwin J. O'Malley
Normandy Beach Yacht Club	Clarence Maves
Ocean Gate Yacht Club	Melvin E. Marple
Seaside Park Yacht Club	Dr. Thomas J. Waldron, Frank D. Peltier, F. Thompson Brooks
Shore Acres Yacht Club	Thomas Keenan, William G. Alznauer
Toms River Yacht Club	Frank J. Ewart

Edwin J. O'Malley seconded the above nominations. Thereafter, it was duly moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that a single ballot be cast for the above slate. Carried unanimously.



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Commodore George M. Nelson then announced the following appointments for the 1962 season:

Fleet Captain	Burton Wright
Chairman, Scoring Committee	William G. Alznauer
Scoring Committee, Assistant	Herbert R. Angen
BBYRA, Midget Championship Committee, Chairman	Donald C. Horter
Liaison Committee with Class Representatives, Chairman	Dr. H. Irving Dunn
Chairman of Class Schedules and Publications	Frank D. Peltier

Homer F. Dennis then raised a question as to whether the BBYRA sailing rules should not be amended to conform with recent changes in the rules of the North American Yacht Racing Association. A general discussion followed as to whether the Association's rules should not conform in all respects with those of the NAYRA. Commodore Nelson then appointed a committee to study the rules of the Association in comparison with the rules of the NAYRA and make recommendations to the Regatta Committee at its meeting in February, 1962. Those appointed were Fred E. Scammell, Thomas L. Chapman, Burton Wright and James G. Carson.

Motions were duly made, seconded and carried authorizing the purchase of flags and trophies for the 1962 season, purchase of Lloyd's Register of American Yachts (\$20.00) and payment of 1962 dues of NAYRA (\$100.00).

Thomas L. Chapman of Beachwood Yacht Club then questioned the delegates as to whether some change in the 1962 schedule could be made so that Beachwood Yacht Club would not be scheduled for the third from last regatta. He stated that this date was frequently cut by sailors and in conflict with the Down Bay Cruise and Regatta at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club. He suggested that this date be alternated among the various yacht clubs so that no one club had this undesirable date each and every year.

Melvin E. Marple suggested that a review be made of the particular rules which caused a scoring of DNF when a sailor has an unavoidable breakdown caused by contact with a fowling boat during the conduct of a race and the practice which permits registration of a yacht when there is no apparent intention to sail that race. It was suggested by Commodore Nelson that these were matters of the

Regatta Committee and should be included in the report of the previously appointed group to restudy the BBYRA and make recommendations to the regatta committee in February of next year.

Vice Commodore Dr. H. Irving Dunn was then requested to outline some of his ideas and suggestions for next season. They were as follows:

1. Individual sailors of each and every club should be encouraged to participate in the weekly regattas of the Association as well as the special races. There is only a good turn out when there is local enthusiasm.
2. The site of the invitation regattas and cup events should be rotated. There is always a good turn out by the sailors of the host club.
3. In the past, the host clubs have failed to retrieve their trophies, display same and make timely awards to the new winners. The flags and trophies for the winners of morning races should be awarded at mid-day. Afternoon prizes should be awarded at the conclusion of those races.

It was suggested by several of the delegates that the various Saturday night affairs should be announced during the day and that the winners of the races should be announced at that function.

Past Commodore Frank D. Peltier suggested that better circulation of the racing schedule among the members of the various yacht clubs might increase participation not only in the local regattas but also in the special events sponsored by the Association during that year.

Edwin J. O'Malley then lead a general discussion concerning the ever increasing cost to build a sneakbox and the advisability of permitting a fiberglass hull. He stated that the cost of same would be approximately the present price but that the hull would be a little heavier. One delegate questioned whether the local yacht clubs should be consulted concerning same since a change may outdate existing boats, etc. It was moved and seconded that Burton Wright be chairman of a committee to be selected by him to investigate the situation and make recommendations at the Regatta Committee at its meeting in February, 1962.

A vote of thanks was extended to Past Commodore Frank D. Peltier for the refreshments served at the social hour prior to this dinner meeting and also to the Bay Head Yacht Club for its facilities.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed at approximately 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Summerill, III  
Secretary