

BBYRA Delegates Meeting

May 18, 1974

Bay Head Yacht Club

Called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Attendance:   BHYC -- Werner Dahl  
              BYC  -- E. Oksen  
                      N. Brown  
              IHYC-- H. Dennis  
                      H. Applin  
                      W. Wood  
              LYC  -- D. Adams  
              MRYC -- E. Skinner  
              MYC  -- D. Tubbs  
                      W. DeCamp  
              MCYC -- J. Green  
              NBYC -- E. Dimon  
              OGYC -- ---  
              SAYC -- V. Iacopino  
                      J. Hitchcock  
                      E. LaVance  
              SPYC -- T. Brooks  
              TRYC -- J. Fagan

Guests:

              SAYC -- H. Seccor  
              NBYC -- W. Estes

All Officers Present Except Treasurer, E. Feirer

Minutes of last delegates' meeting were approved as published.

Secretary reported that all correspondence was distributed to proper committees.

The new line buoys have been received. W. DeCamp has consented to take care of the up Bay buoy and Mike Fagan the down Bay buoy. It will be their responsibility to see that they are at the regattas and placed on the line boat.

NAYRU Events -- H. I. Dunn, M.D.

It was suggested that all delegates and members of the BBYRA be encouraged to join NAYRU.

Dr. Dunn presented his report of the annual meeting of the North American Yacht Racing Union January 16, 1974. This detailed report is on file with the Secretary and will be forwarded to any delegate upon request.

Dr. Dunn summarized retiring chairman's Greg Bemis final report and farewell address in which a philosophy was brought forth on leadership and true sportsmanship with regard to competitive sailing. He said, "I can think no single contribution of greater importance to our fine sport than to have as a group objective leadership to further at every opportunity by example and persuasion the practice of retiring or making the appropriate acknowledgement as an alternative penalty applied whenever a yachtsman realizes he has infringed. I know from personal contact with members of this leadership that this is a practice followed individually by many. Is it too unrealistic to have this as an objective for all of North America? Granted that at this stage the observance of retirement after infringement in every case seems pretty idealistic -- nonetheless, without ideals life is not worth living and I dare say yacht racing is not worth sailing..."

Dr. Dunn pointed that this farewell address expresses the need which we see on this Bay today.

Vice Commodore Brown reported that he wrote a letter to Knowles Pittman, Editor of Yacht Racing, in reply to a letter written by Sam Merrich which appeared in their May issue. Vice Commodore Brown's letter is on file with the BBYRA Secretary. In essence his letter states that Mr. Merrich statement that the BBYRA voted to "jettison Rule 67" is in total error.

Safety Patrol Coordinator, Werner Dahl

All equipment, i.e. radios, etc., are being checked out and will be in good working order by first race.

The BBYRA will be adhering to federal regulations regarding safety.

It was brought out again that all boats 16 ft. and over must carry a throw-out life-saving device. The Bay will accept a life cushion. It is not necessary to have a line tied to it.

It was pointed out by the chair that all M-16's are considered a 16 ft. boat and must adhere to the federal regulations.

Contributing Membership -- Homer Dennis

Mailings have been made to all past contributing members and additional mailings made to all BBYRA Yacht Club members along with a newsletter. To date, 3100 letters have been mailed.

Course Revision and By-laws -- T. Brooks

1974 Course charts are completed and will be mailed to W. Dahl at Bay Head. Changes have been made on all barrells from members to letters.

Dr. Dunn pointed out that notice has been sent out by the Coast Guard. The Commodant of the Coast Guard has approved that the Thomas Mathes Bridge (Rt. 37) will open on signal except that from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. The draw being open only on the hour and half-hour. However, the draw shall open at any time for vessels with tows. Effective May 20, 1974.

The chair directed the Secretary to compile a list of all additional by-laws. This to be printed up and given out with remaining By-law books as new books will be printed for 1975.

Treasurer -- Dr. Dunn

Everything is fine and quiet.

Fleet Captain -- Homer Dennis

Signal most is complete etc. Homer requested that we write a letter to Mr. Harry Hooper thanking him for the work he has done for the BBYRA in repairing our mast at no labor cost to the Bay. Homer also suggested we write Jack Fellows and thank him for continuing to do our print-outs.

Motion was made and passed to pay Roylan Manufacturing Company for the two new starting buoys, \$63.60.

Motion was made and passed to allow Homer Dennis to purchase carrying bag for equipment.

Vice Commodore R. Brown directed that all Clubs clear any special regatta dates they might be contemplating with the Bay before dates are made firm. This will prevent any conflicts with Saturday Bay races.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

T. L. Chapman, Secretary