

BBYRA REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 6, 1974
AT: BAY HEAD YACHT CLUB

ATTENDANCE: Representatives - BHYC - Werner Dahl
BYC - Ed Feirer
- Tom Chapman
IHYC - Chas. Francksen
LYC - Wm. Berson
- Chet Sedgley
MRYC - Gib. Patterson
- E. Skinner
MYC - W. de Camp
MCYC - John Papp jr.
NBYC - Absent
OGYC - Geo. Brinck
SAYC - Jud Williams
- Ed. La Vance
TRYC - James Fagan
SPYC - F. Thompson Brooks

Meeting called to order by V. Commodore Brown at 2:15 p.m.

V. Commodore Brown called for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Mr. Karl Polch. Instructed the Secretary to send card to family.

Approval of minutes of last meeting, as mailed, was unanimous after three corrections were made and so changed.

Secretary noted that all correspondence received by him has been forwarded to proper Committee for disposition - Letter was received by Thistle Class Association, Charles Hughes - N.J. District Governor and member of Beachwood Yacht Club. He pointed out that there are nine Thistles at Beachwood and two at Lavallette. He also pointed out that there are probably more scattered throughout the BBYRA clubs. The purpose of his letter was in the form of a request that the Thistle boats on the Bay be allowed more exposure in the area by being allowed to race in 4 or 5 races during the summer. Specific dates requested were July 20, August 3, 10, 24, and 31. This would lead to their requesting entrance into the BBYRA schedule in the future depending on their performance, etc. Discussion

followed and it was decided that they be allowed to start as the last class on two Bay races up Bay and two races down Bay. Motion was made by Dr. Dunn and passed that the BBYRA allow the Thistle to compete, as stated above, receiving no prizes or flags, during the summer series, 1974. Dates, etc., to be worked out by V. Commodore Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleet Captain - Homer Dennis

Reported the meeting of The Federated Boatmen held February 23rd at the Kings Grant Inn. Homer mentioned that they brought up about the racing barrels of the BBYRA being misplaced in the channels. This was defended by Homer. He told them that all of our barrels are placed out of the channels.

It was brought up that the Powell and Dale trophies have more space in the BBYRA program. This would allow more exposure to people who do not know exactly what these trophies represent. If space allows, suggestion would be carried out.

The Fleet Captain pointed out that there should be mention in the BBYRA program that all boats that are loaned to skippers in order to compete in further elimination series, such as the Sears, Midgets, etc., are covered by insurance, for which the BBYRA holds the policy. A letter from the Secretary can be made ready for those who need same. It was recommended that this not be broadcasted, however.

Scoring - Ed Feirer

Reported everything under control and has his committee ready to go.

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

Presented the conflict of racing dates, Aug. 7-9th for Eastern E Sloop Championships and Aug. 7th for the Adams Semi-final. Both being held on the Green Island course. Dr. Dunn proposed a motion in order to resolve the conflict. The Adams Semi-final be moved up to August 6th and carry over to morning of Aug. 7th. The E Sloop Regatta would commence the afternoon of the 7th. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Coordinator - Werner Dahl

Reported that everything seems to be in good shape. Requested that we purchase an extra race committee flag for use when boats pull off station. The Chair directed Flag Committee to so purchase.

(F. T. Brooks) Werner pointed out that all regatta committee representatives carry back to their respective clubs to be sure that all sailors carry the proper safety equipment for the first regatta in order that we get off on the right foot. All boats must have aboard coast guard approved wearable life jackets for each crew. Also, all boats over 16 ft. in length must carry one throw-out. The BBYRA will accept a cushion tied to a line.

Course Revision - Tom Brooks

Reported that, beginning this year, we will change our racing buoy designations from numbers to letters. This will comply with the Coast Guard request that we put this into effect in 1974.

<u>BBYRA Course Chart Transition Code</u>			
1-A	7-G	13-O	19-W
2-B	8-H	14-Q	20-X
3-C	9-I	15-R	21-Y
4-D	10-J	16-T	22-Z
5-E	11-K	17-U	
6-F	12-N	18-V	

It will be up to all individual clubs to make these changes on their barrels.

Discussion presented concerning plastic course sheets vs. regular paper that we have been using. It was decided that, because of cost and waste of course charts by the younger sailors and their demand of replacements each week, we stick with the type we have been using and not go to plastic. All clubs requested same number as in minutes of February 2nd; TRYC - 500, NBYC - 500.

It was recommended by the Course Committee that we stay with the general scheme of our courses and buoy positions.

Regarding buoy #9, after much study, it is recommended that buoy #9 be moved .2 of a mile on a line due east and 15 degrees south. This would be far enough off shore and past the shoal area that lies due east of present location. This is with the approval of Ocean Gate YC.

Homer Dennis pointed out that he felt we were asking for trouble from the Coast Guard if we do not move barrel #9 north of Long Point--too many boats crossing the channel.

Uniform Committee - Dr. H. I. Dunn, M.D.

Jim Carson modeled the new proposed summer uniform, dark blue shorts. It was agreed that those who wished to wear these aboard the boat could. The only change would be from white long pants to blue shorts. In order that all wear the same style and color, we will purchase from same source. Color of socks to be decided later.

Finance Committee - Ed Feirer

Reported that eleven clubs have paid their dues for 1974. Mentioned that if we continue to push our contributing membership, the association will remain in sound condition.

New Sailing Classes - Bill Wood

Recommended that the 18 ft. Catboat Sanderling be accepted into the BBYRA. This could be considered as a replacement for the A Cats, a vanishing fleet. It is felt that the A Cats are phasing out of BBYRA competition. Motion made and passed that catboats of the Sanderling, Cape Cod, and Hershoff³⁰ be allowed to race together and will start with the Class A Cats. All will be on trial for one year before application to BBYRA can be made. This will allow the committee to study all classes of catboats that are suitable.

It was recommended that the Hobbie 14's not be considered this year.

By-Laws and Racing Rules - Tom Brooks

Tom pointed out that, as he was not present at the last meeting and his committee's recommendation on Rule C PROTESTS, DISQUALIFICATIONS AND APPEALS appearing on Page 21 was not accepted, he asked for possible reconsideration by the representatives. After discussion, the Chair decided that it was the concensus that we adhere to NAYRU and follow provision in Rule 67.3.

Homer Dennis reminded the Chair, and requested that it be entered into the minutes, that all members of the Regatta Committee are members of the Contributing Membership Committee.

Committee Boat to remain on station - It was decided that the Committee Boat would not stay on station but would continue as in the past. Attempts would be made to have the committee leave in time for lunch and return in time to start P.M. races on schedule.

Bill de Camp has offered to give the first three places to the Lazer Fleet. This will be determined by the three lowest scores from both fleets and would be considered as an overall top three places to cover the combined divisions. The Chair thanked Bill for his generosity.

Motion made and passed that we purchase two Rolyan Buoys to be used as starting marks, one for upper bay and one for lower bay. Secretary was directed to make purchase.

Lightnings requesting two extra race dates was denied.

Bill de Camp mentioned that Brit Chance would like to give a trophy to the BBYRA similar to the O. G. Dale trophy, but for women only. The Chair said we should be receptive to this and asked Bill de Camp to pursue further.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Tom Chapman
Secretary
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