

BBYRA REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 1974  
AT: MANASQUAN RIVER YACHT CLUB

ATTENDANCE: Representatives - BHYC - Bob West  
BYC - Ed Feirer  
- Tom Chapman  
IHYC - Chas. Francksen  
LYC - Chet Sedgley  
N. Berson  
MRYC - B. G. Patterson  
E. Skinner  
MYC - W. de Camp  
MCYC - J. Papp, Jr.  
W. Sims  
NBYC - Absent  
OGYC - Geo. Brinck  
SAYC - Jud Williams  
Ed La Vance  
TRYC - Absent  
SPYC - Absent  
OFFICERS - All were present

Meeting called to order by V. Commodore Roger Brown at 2000 sharp.

Approval of minutes of last meeting as mailed was unanimous.

Secretary noted that all correspondence received by him has been forwarded to proper committee chairmen - if action was required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleet Captain - Homer Dennis

Discussed the upcoming annual meeting of the FEDERATED BOATMEN OF NEW JERSEY to be held Saturday, February 23rd at the Kings Grant Inn. Subjects which will be discussed at this meeting are: The energy crisis and its effect on pleasure boating - Channel marking N.J. State & U.S. C.G. - Dredging of state and federal channels - Laws regulating overboard discharge - Boating education vs. operator licensing - What's new under Safe Boating Act of 1971 - Cooperation between all interested in boating; i.e., marina operators yacht clubs, dealers, the USPS & USCG auxiliary. It was suggested that all who could

attend should do so. Mention was made from the floor that this was the organization that made attempts to have an inlet dredged through the Island in the vicinity of Lavallette and were defeated.

The Fleet Captain pointed out that the next regatta meeting scheduled for April 13th should be changed because of conflict with Easter. April regatta meeting date changed to April 6th.

- (\*) Motion was made by Bob West that the regatta committee, by request of the Fleet Captain, recommend to the Delegates that the BBYRA expend monies to replace the lost signal mast that disappeared at Seaside Park regatta. Motion passed. It was pointed out that all BBYRA equipment should be properly marked and identified.
- (\*) Recommended that buoy #9 be moved to a position north of Longpoint.

Scoring - Ed Feirer

Scores will again be printed by Fellow's Reed & Weber for the '74 season. Asked for any changes. There were none, regarding the print-outs.

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

Presented the highlights of the recent January meeting in New York. There has been a marked increase in memberships and a positive balance in the treasury after the organization has completed publishing the rules. Tribute was paid the retiring F. Gregg Bemis for a job well done on the Appeals Committee. Rule covering sail number size rule #34 is to be deleted and returned to the 1969 version. Dr. Dunn made an observation that we have been losing some of the basic philosophy that sail boat racing is a self-regulated sport. That is, when a foul takes place, a skipper is to take his own penalty. It was recommended that this be carried back to all of our clubs and impress our sailing instructors and sailors. Hudson River has been added to area C. Helen Ingersen has taken chairmanship of Adams Committee. Ingersen is from Rochester, New York. NAYRU has purchased Association Island which will be used as an Olympic training ground--many races have already been scheduled at this site. More on this at a later date. The present Flag Officers were re-elected, James Michael again president.

The racing schedule has been developed and will be published very soon. The Adams semi-finals will be held on Barnegat Bay in Lightnings on August 7th. It was recommended that all who are not members of NAYRU join.

Safety Coordinator - W. H. Dahl

- (\*) Report submitted through V. Commodore Brown. Requested that two radios be replaced at \$100.00 per set. Motion made and passed that recommendation be made to the delegates to expend the above amount for radios. W. de Camp mentioned that Mantoloking are interested in obtaining three sets for their own Club use and asked that W. Dahl contact them before purchasing BBYRA sets in order to include them in purchase.

Liaison Committee - N. Berson

All fleet representatives were in attendance at Liaison meeting except three classes. The A Cats, Blue Jays, and M-Sloops. The Fleets requested the following:

E-Sloops: Will hold the Eastern Championships on Green Island course, Aug. 7-9th. This is in conflict with the Adams Semi-final. It was recommended that the clubs in question resolve any conflict. ~~Mantoloking & Bay Head~~ *Not so* requested extra races: July 13th at Toms River & August 10th Normandy Beach. The August 10th regatta to open to all competing Eastern E skip-pers not members of BBYRA YClubs. Request granted.

Hobbie-"16": Will enforce weight restrictions. This will be regulated by the fleet themselves and not by the BBYRA.

Jet Class: Requested that they continue as a class on the Bay. R. Commodore congratulated Michael Heinrich on the fine job he is doing as Fleet Captain.

Laser:

Have polled their fleet members. Questionnaire sent to all registered sailors that competed in Bay last year. Mailed 60 and received 40 questionnaires back. Conclusions from Laser sailors are:

- 1. Divide class into A & B. *Gowells?*  
 A=150<sup>lb</sup> and under.  
 B=150 and over.

2. Start all classes together. Will discipline their own weight divisions. Each division will have its own top three winners and there will be an over-all champion 1-3 covering both classes. Dr. Dunn pointed out that the Laser measurer will be responsible for the designation of the contestant for weight classification. A letter from Laser class measurer directed to Chairman of BBYRA regatta comm. regarding how weights will be taken (dry or wet).

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Copy of this letter to Dr. Dunn. *W. de Camp* to follow this request up. It was decided that prizes for this class will be worked out and presented at next meeting.

Motion was made and passed by roll-call vote, 8 in favor, 1 no, that the Laser Fleet be divided into two weight classes. 150 plus & 150 minus. Both classes start together and sail the same course. There will be winners 1-3 in each class & designated as division champion. There will also be an overall champion which will be determined by point scores. This to be put to a one-year trial.

*Proposed*

M-Sloop:

As there was no representation from M-Sloop Class at liaison meeting, it was decided that action must be taken to stimulate fleet and set up a better balance of sailors. Motion made by Dr. Dunn that

the Class now be divided by age. A division 18 years and younger and B division 19 and older. Any skipper under 19 years may sail in the B division if he so desires. Age break will be - A skipper not reached his 19th birthday by September 1 of the season. (National regulation)  
Roll call vote - passed 9 yes, 0 no.

Penquin: Will check their crew weights. This controlled by class. Motion made and passed that the Intermediate Penguin and Senior Penguin start races together. }

"470": Requested that their starting signal be moved up. Wish to follow ~~hobbies~~. Expect fleet number to double next season.

Sneakbox: No comment, satisfied.

"A" Cat: Not present at meeting.

Blue Jay: Not present at meeting.

Lightning: Not present at meeting.

Secretary read recommendation by By-Laws and Racing Rules Committee chaired by Tom Brooks. Rule C. PROTEST, DISQUALIFICATION AND APPEALS appearing on Page 21: Recommendation not accepted.

1. Any Yacht that fails to observe these rules or fouls a competing yacht or mark of the course shall be disqualified; however, in the event of contact between yachts racing, neither these yachts nor other yachts shall be required to protest.

Roll Call Vote: 7 not to accept recommendation  
1 accept recommendation  
1 abstained

(\* It was pointed out that rule 67 has a provision under 67.3 which states "The race committee may waive this rule when it is satisfied that minor contact was unavoidable." It has been recommended that the '74 protest committee follow this provision.

- (\*) Vice Commodore Brown reminded all representatives of the barrel changes from numbers to letters. Designations will be given to each club at next meeting. It was suggested that letters L, M, P, & S be omitted for special use. This will be handled by T. Brooks.

Tom Brooks reported through the secretary that he is looking into the possibility of plastic course sheets. He has also looked into developing a course on the Green Island course that all races start from a fixed point. He has reported that this type of course is impossible to develop.

- (\*) Poll was taken on how many course sheets each club would require this season:

|      |                              |      |                              |      |              |
|------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|------|--------------|
| BHYC | 1,000 up bay<br>500 down bay | MRYC | 500 up bay                   | OGYC | 500 down bay |
| BYC  | 500 down bay                 | MYC  | 1,000 up bay<br>750 down bay | SAYC | 500 up bay   |
| IHYC | 100 up bay<br>500 down bay   | MCYC | 0                            | TRYC | not present  |
| LYC  | 500 up bay<br>200 down bay   | NBYC | not present                  | SPYC | not present  |

Dr. Dunn's proposal of a change in the racing rules which was re-worded at the October 6th Delegates meeting "A.5 (g) Entries - go before the delegates meeting this spring for their approval. *Approved by delegates + Exec Comm. - referred to Regatta Comm. for info only*

- (\*) New Boat Committee mentioned that they have been approached by the Hobbie "14". They have been advised by the committee that, at present, there is no slot for them in the racing schedule. Other boats interested in Bay racing are the Sanderlings & Ensigns. There will be a further report at the April meeting.
- (\*) Homer Dennis again brought up the importance of moving barrel #9 north of Longpoint. This has been referred to the course committee.
- (\*) Dr. Dunn discussed new type summer dress. Light Blue shorts. Dr. Dunn will have further information and possible sample at April meeting. //

New starting sequence for morning races. - M-Sloop A Div., Laser, Jr. Penguin, M-Sloop B Div., A & B Sneaks, Intermediate & Senior Penguins, Blue Jays, and Jets.

New starting sequence for afternoon races. - E-Sloop, Hobbie 16, 470's, Lightning, M-Sloop C Division, and "A" Cats.

Motion made and passed that the new sequences be accepted for both morning and afternoon races.

Motion made and passed that the 470 Class be accepted into BBYRA on a permanent basis.

Motion made and passed that the Flying Scot be dropped from the BBYRA Schedule.

- (\*) Vice Commodore Brown recommended that the afternoon races start (pre-paratory signal) at 2 p.m. This has been passed on for final consideration at the April meeting.
- (\*) Vice Commodore Brown discussed for consideration of the committee that the BBYRA run their races strictly on NAYRU rules. It was decided this was an excellent proposal and it was suggested that this be passed onto the By-Laws & Racing Rules Committee for their study and recommendation at the next meeting. Anyone having any definite ideas on this should contact T. Brooks, Chairman. *have as is*
- (\*) Ed Feirer strongly advised that the Beachwood Yacht Club was against the Committee boat staying on station during lunch hour. It was pointed out that much of the personal touch would be lost between the representatives and sailors. No definite decision was made on whether or not the committee boat would remain on station during time lapse between morning and afternoon races. Passed onto April meeting for final decision.
- (\*) Discussion on replacing the starting and finishing barrel with a styro-foam orange painted float. This would be less confusing to sailors and easier for committee to move. It was suggested that each Yacht Club supply their own such type mark.

Vice Commodore Brown appointed Mike Fagan, Bob West, and Sumner White as Protest Committee. The three appointed to pick their own Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at midnight.

Tom Chapman  
Secretary  
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(\*) to be brought up for review at April 6th meeting