



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 1975

AT MRYC

ATTENDANCE:

BHYC - Bob West	MYC - Sumner White
- Irving Dunn	- Bill DeCamp
- Werner Dahl	MCYC - John Papp
BYC - Bill Rich	- Roger Brown
IHYC - Homer Dennis	NBYC - Ed Dimon
- Len Egee	OGYC - Carl Bach
- Jim Reynolds	- Chick Biehler
- Bill Woods	SPYC - Tom Brooks
LYC - Chet Sedgley	SAYC - Jud Williams
- Norm Berson	TRYC - Mike Fagan
- Del Kusma	- Rene Freyre
MRYC - Gib Patterson	
- Ed Skinner	Guest - Toby Price
- Don Lintner	Asbury Park Press
- Mike Heinrich	

Welcome by host Commodore Mike Heinrich of MRYC.

Meeting called to order by Vice Commodore Roger Brown at 1320 hours.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Russ Wilson and Fred Scamill.

Formal roll call waived in favor of 'pass around' sign up sheet.

No objections voiced in having afternoon-meeting held prior to dinner hour.

Approval of minutes of last (April '74) meeting as mailed was unanimous.

Secretary noted that all correspondence received has been forwarded to proper committee chairman where specific action was necessary.

Per communication from Jim Carson, MCYC, secretary noted that John Papp, Jr. was recipient of MCYC annual 'Skipper' award for outstanding sportsmanship by vote of the racing skippers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fleet Captain - Homer Dennis

New sectional signal mast acquired at 'no cost' to BBYRA thanks to Harry Hooper, Al Strech of IHYC and Bill Harjes of BYC. Letter of appreciation sent from Regatta Committee.

Contacted Capt. B. Russell Henry, Chief of N.J. Marine Police to up date him on BBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements.

Course boards and frames damaged slightly during last season and require some repair. Bob West will arrange to have repairs made as equipment is currently stored at BHYC.

Recommended Sailing Rules be amended to disqualify yacht crossing a finishing line prior to completing its assigned course. (No action taken by Regatta Committee).

Recommended member clubs institute educational program to enable their sailors to recognize and fully understand all signal flags used by Regatta Committee.

Scoring - Bob West

Checking on more equitable scoring for smaller fleets using low point scoring system. Will report on suggested improvements at next committee meeting.

NAYRU - USYRU - Dr. Irving Dunn

Presented highlights of the recent January meeting in Chicago. Small increase in membership and treasury balance down. Sears Cup eligibility same this year as in past, but in the future the age limit is likely to be determined on a calendar year basis, rather than the present method. The 1975 Sears Cup finals will be hosted by BHYC on Barnegat Bay, with separate races for single handed, two man, and multi-handled hulls. In the future for the O'Day and Single Handed finals only one representative will be selected from each area rather than the present method of two from each area. BBYRA is a founding member of NAYRU. Also discussed in some length the name change from NAYRU to USYRU. Underlying reason is that Canadian yacht racing is sponsored and backed by the Canadian Government whereas sailing in the USA is privately sponsored. However Canadian Yacht Clubs presently members of NAYRU will continue as members in USYRU. Major portion of meeting spent is laying plans to have the best US sailors in the '76 Olympics. More on this at a later date.

Safety Coordinator - Chet Sedgley

Reported batteries are charged and radios are ready for the '75 season. Recommended request to Delegates for approval to purchase two new radios at approximately \$200.00 each which would replace the remaining two old Lafayette radios which have served well, but on their last legs. One unit would be loaned to USCG Auxiliary on Saturday BBYRA racing for improved communications, and would be in lieu on very costly VHF/FM equipment currently required by the Coast Guard. If any individual member clubs intend to purchase CB radios, the suggestion was made to combine forces with the Safety Coordinator to come up with a reduced price for a package buy.

Also plan to hold informal meeting with USCG Auxiliary in mid May in order to improve 'communications' and to also give them a better understanding of how BBYRA operates the racing program and what could be expected in the way of assistance from the Auxiliary. This informal get-together was requested several times last year by the Auxiliary.

#### Courses - Tom Brooks

Held sub committee meeting with Jim Carson to effect continued course improvements. Recommended that on the Toms River course barrel 'F', maintained by IHYC, be moved 150 yards East, and that the '75 course charts so indicate the new barrel position. Recommendation approved by Regatta Committee.

#### Finance - Ed Feirer

No report as Ed was unable to attend. Can only assume that the BBYRA is solvent.

#### New Sailing Classes - Bill Wood

'81' Cat boats, provisional in '74, recommended for acceptance in the BBYRA racing schedule, with understanding that class remain open to include Marshall, Herreshoff and Cape Cod design Cat boats. Recommendation approved by Regatta Committee. Class scantlings must be submitted to BBYRA Measurer.

'Thistles', a provisional class in '74, recommended for acceptance in the BBYRA racing schedule. Recommendation approved by Regatta Committee.

'Tornado', a two-man catamaran, recommended for 'provisional' acceptance in the BBYRA racing schedule. After much discussion, approval was granted by BBYRA regatta committee with one dissenting vote. The class must sail in all ten races on the Bay and no special courses will be given.

'Hobie 14's' were not considered at this time as the BBYRA racing schedule is full and could not consider any additional classes.

#### By-Laws and Racing Rules Revisions - Tom Brooks

Discussed reprinting of hand books vs printing of revised addendum only. Full reprint costs estimated at \$790.00. By voice vote, Regatta Committee agreed to submit to the Delegates, for their approval, the expenditure of \$175.00 for printing 1,500 copies of revised addendum only.

Also discussed, but for future consideration, the matter of printing the By-Laws and Racing Rules in a more workable, loose leaf form which could be easily inserted in a ring binder.

OLD BUSINESS

By voice vote, Regatta Committee elected to have the Committee Boat remain on station during the lunch hour period. Lunches and Protest Committee needs could be best served by a Taxi boat supplied by the host club.

BBYRA Registration Procedure will be revised and forwarded to member clubs for their guidance when hosting their regatta.

With regrets, Mike Heinrich submitted motion to remove the Jet Fleet from the BBYRA schedule. Approved by Regatta Committee.

Recommendation to relieve the Secretary of duties at the Registration Desk approved. Function will now be handled by the Scoring Committee which will be expanded to include four members and assisted by a member of the host club.

Secretary will revise Sequence Sheets to accommodate easier recording of yacht finishes. Type of class will be first entered, followed by respective yacht sail number.

Regatta Committee approved the 1975 racing schedule dates as submitted.

Consideration of the M-Sloop, "A" Division as a Junior class was approved by the Regatta Committee. The division will be charged the \$2.00 entry fee and must sail with a green identification pennant. M-Sloop, "B" Division will continue to sail with the orange identification pennant.

After considerable discussion, and by a unanimous vote, the Regatta Committee approved to submit to the Delegates, for their consideration and approval, the motion that

"The Regatta Representatives Committee and Delegates be merged into one cohesive, viable unit".

~~The original~~ concept of two separate committees served as the checks and balance of BBYRA operations, with the Regatta Committee composed only of sailors and the Delegates made up of more mature individuals from member yacht clubs. Conditions have changed! BBYRA operations have expanded considerably not only from the number of races run but also as to the number of boats started each Saturday. Today, members of one committee also serve on the other. Considerable time, effort, and manpower hours are expended in managing today's BBYRA. A combined function of Regatta Committee with Delegates would serve to reduce energies expended and assist in arriving at decisions in a better informed and expeditious manner.

The Regatta Committee agreed that the Protest Committee should make every attempt to finalize protest decisions on the same day as submitted. Also, all finalized protest, decision, and appeal reports should be turned over to the Secretary to maintain a permanent, historical record.

Decision to eliminate small differences between USYRU and BBYRA

Racing Rules has been deferred to a Sub-Committee Chaired by Mike Fagan, and assisted by Tom Brooks, Jim Carson, and Runnie Colie. Committee to submit report of findings, and decisions at the next regatta meeting.

The Delegates at their fall, 1974 meeting, approved the motion that all skippers - Juniors and Seniors - must be a Contributing Member to BBYRA. The Regatta Committee will enforce this decision and have the information so noted on the Boat Registration Card submitted by the individual skipper at the Registration Desk.

Tom Brooks to have sufficient Qualification Flags available for presentation to qualified skippers on the last day of the '75 racing season. Just trying to avoid a problem that developed last year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Regatta Committee approved request of Laser Fleet to have two separate starts. The division of the fleet will be made by the Laser people themselves. The Senior or 'A' division will sail first.

Petition of the Laser Fleet to have the BBYRA paddle requirement rule waived received full consideration and discussion. Motion made and so approved by the Regatta Committee to grant the Laser Fleet request.

Motion made and approved by Regatta Committee to move up the afternoon starting schedule by five to fifteen minutes to provide separate starts for the 'A' and 'B' Cat Boats. Request originated by both Fleets at 11/16/74 Liason Meeting. 'A' Cat fleet to sail first.

Discussion of BBYRA Safety Equipment Requirements vs individual Fleet requirements was shelved. Rather than open the flood gates, it was decided to keep the Bay Safety Equipment rules intact. Individual Fleet requests for specific waivers will only be considered when so requested by a specific Fleet.

Island Heights letter of 10/1/74 with specific comments and suggestions regarding the management of BBYRA races was acknowledged by Roger Brown and discussed with Jim Reynolds IHYC.

Laser Fleet request for a 'C' Division afternoon start was tabled as present BBYRA afternoon schedule cannot accomodate any additional starts.

Respectfully submitted,

Werner F. Dahl  
Secretary  
3/15/75