



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING

10/2/76 @ BHYC

ATTENDANCE - All Officers present
All Clubs represented except SAYC

Meeting called to order at 2000 hours.

Commodore Roger Brown welcomed all those attending the meeting.

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

Secretary advised that all correspondence received had been forwarded to appropriate Officers and Committee Chairmen as required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

USYRU - Dr. H. Irving Dunn

Submitted Report of National Cup Events, BBYRA, 1976. Copy attached. Stressed the need to rekindle Bay sailor's interest to participate actively in National Cup eliminations and to develop the sailing talent that exists on Barneгат Bay. Dr. Dunn announced he no longer would coordinate National Cup activities for BBYRA.

A standing ovation of thanks for a job well done was extended by the Delegates present to Dr. Dunn for his efforts and support of the BBYRA regarding USYRU National Cup events.

SAFETY COORDINATOR - Chet Sedgley

Unable to attend but submitted report which was read by Vice Commodore Norm Berson. Reported on current status of safety equipment and patrol flags. Recommended preventative maintenance check of CB radio units before start of next season. Suggested that monies previously allocated, but not spent, be used to purchase additional rechargeable power packs as the specific need is determined.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP - Jim Reynolds

Unable to attend but submitted report which was read by Commodore Roger Brown. 625 contributing members to BBYRA added a gross profit of \$3241 for '76. Recommended that dues be increased to \$6.00 next year and that the Committee be co-chaired with two representatives. Copies of membership list distributed to all club Delegates present.

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OFFICIAL SCORER - Bob West

Distributed final scoring results for the '76 sailing season, and expressed thanks for the fine support of all members of the Scoring Committee. In order to avoid last minute corrections and avoid the embarrassment of changes on the last day of the season, Bob recommended that the BBYRA Score be considered official as listed, and that no changes or corrections would be made two weeks after a given regatta results are published. Also recommended that the computer system used for scoring be programed to scan and 'drop' the worst race automatically, rather than have the scorers plauged with reams of paer coming from skippers advising which race should be dropped from the record at the end of the season.

NEW SAILING CLASSES - Bill Wood

Advised that the Laser M program was well received with a high of 17 boats sailing on any given day, and that the fleet should continue in '77. Also advised that the Ensign Fleet have expressed interest in becoming part of the BBYRA regatta program. Details would be discussed with the Ensign fleet representative Bob Duff at the up-coming Liaison meeting.

SECRETARY - Werner Dahl

No official report. All systems go. Cited need of several member club '77 roster so as to enable Commodore Brown to complete his schedule of committee assignments.

TREASURER - Ed Feirer

Report submitted indicating the BBYRA on September 28, 1976 had a cash balance on hand of \$6,476.76. On 9/30/76 the books were audited by Norman S. Brown and found to be in good order.

INSURANCE - Bill Wood

Insurance adequate to cover BBYRA equipment, and with extended rider also covers BBYRA trophies awarded to winners of USYRU National Cup eliminations. The Powell and Dale trophies are also included in this coverage. Cited need for a policy to cover yachts loaned to the BBYRA during national cup events. Again requested cooperation of individual club members to supply BBYRA with history, inscription and photo of perpetual trophies awarded by the individual clubs when hosting a BBYRA regatta. Commodore Roger Brown urged club response in this matter.

FLEET CAPTAIN - Homer Dennis

Report submitted with concern expressed over the 'mysterious' disappearance of BBYRA equipment from regatta to regatta. Recommended that a 'Property Officer' be assigned to make a detailed, itemised inventory of all equipment with a listing to be used on a weekly basis as equipment was transferred from club to club. Also recommended the continued use of the 'D' flag (wear life jackets) despite '75 USYRU ruling that the 'Y' flag must be flown to indicate that life jackets must be worn in and during a given race. Recommended that the 'orange' warning signal be changed to 'florscent' orange

Recommended that BBYRA Representative to USYRU be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending the USYRU annual meeting.

Commodore Roger Brown assigned Vice Commodore Sumner White with the added responsibility as 'property officer' covering BBYRA owned equipment.

REAR COMMODORE - Sumner White

Reported all BBYRA equipment has been accounted for and currently stored at MYC. Also working on inventory check list which will be used by BBYRA Regatta Representatives in transferring BBYRA from club to club.

VICE COMMODORE - Norm Berson

Expressed personal thanks to all Regatta Representatives who assisted in making the '76 sailing program as successful one with little or no problems. Cooperative team effort was the answer, which hopefully, will continue into '77.

Advised that the '77 BBYRA Regatta Schedule is currently being worked on, and requested all club representatives to advise of any changes which may be needed, so corrections can be made before release to printer.

COMMODORE - Roger Brown

Recommended that a Regatta Representative unable to attend a given regatta must arrange to have the club alternate on hand. Recommended that a sailor from a different fleet each week be requested to be aboard the Race Committee Boat to observe, comment, and assist where needed.

Recommended that the BBYRA supply a full Protest Committee, or have 'up Bay' 'down Bay' chairmen who would be responsible for obtaining a suitable knowledgeable committee whether from the Host club or other outside sources.

Recommended that for the Contributing Membership, the billings should first be mailed, and as paid memberships are received, a second mailing be made to include the decal and new membership card.

Expressed the opinion that the BBYRA By-Laws and Racing Rules are not clearly defined as to 'membership', and required time to 'file a protest'. Recommends a studied review and updating.

Recommended that the M Sloop 'C' Division because of its reduced size be incorporated with the other two M Sloop Divisions.

Recommended a one time assesment of member clubs to set up special fund to cover boats borrowed for USYRU events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Tommy Brooks

Submitted the following/^{revised} slate of nominees for Officers and Executive Committee:

Officers

Commodore	Roger K. Brown	Treasurer	Edward W. Feirer
Vice Commodore	William N. Berson	Secretary	Werner F. Dahl
Rear Commodore	Sumner W. White III	Measurer	Dr. H. Irving Dunn

*By Law
corrected*

Executive Committee

H. W. Talbot, Jr., BHYC
 William E. Rich, BYC
 Norman S. Brown, BYC
 Richard C. Morrison, IHYC
 Homer F. Dennis, IHYC
 Warren B. Law, LYC
 Frederic W. Winkelman, LYC
 Oliver B. Conover, MRYC
 B. Gilbert Patteron, MRYC
 David P. Loughran, MYC

John W. Greene, MCYC
 Bruce A. Berthalon, NBYC
 Clifford A. Warren, NBYC
 William K. Roberts, OGYC
 Carl L. Bach, Sr., OGYC
 Job L. Gash, SPYC
 F. Thompson Brooks, SPYC
 William D. Donohue, Jr., SAYC
 Peter Dirschauer, TRYC
 James J. Fagan, TRYC

Above slate unanimously elected and Secretary directed to so cast ballot.

Newly elected Commodore Roger Brown took over command of the BBYRA but was unable to announce the committee appointments for 1977 due to lack of sufficient roster information from member clubs.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of 4/10/76 Delegates Meeting approved as submitted.

Problems of '76 radio CB communications reviewed. BBYRA unable to secure private channel, and costs of VHF prohibitive at this time. Commodore Brown felt that with some degree of restraint and cooperation with "Wolfman" and related CBers, that some satisfactory time sharing arrangement can be made.

Considerable discussion centered on problems this past sailing season relative to the Protest Committee and functioning thereof. Tommy Brooks proposed the following revision to the By-Laws ----No. 11 - Sec 3

"A Protest Committee shall be established for each Regatta, comprising two qualified members of the host Club and a Chairman, who shall be appointed by the Vice Commodore of the Association to serve for one year and whose name shall be noted on the Annual Regatta Schedule. This committee shall function in accordance with procedures provided in these racing rules and decide all protests submitted to it."

Dr. Dunn indicated it was time to clean house regarding the problem. Procedure should be established in an orderly fashion and in writing on an new revised form which is currently pending, with no discussion of protests verbally over the CB radios. Dr. Dunn proposed revision of current By-Laws, Section C, Paragraph 5, as follows:

"Local Regatta Committee will hear protest as soon as possible and render decision forthwith. Failure of principals or witness to appear will not postpone the hearing. Decision will be made on the evidence at hand. Decision must be in writing and filed with the Scorer along with original protest papers. It will be the duty of the Scorer to then file the protest decision and related papers with the BBYRA Secretary who shall keep them on file for 2 years."

Commodore Roger Brown advised the matter would be resolved. Appointed a special committee including Len Egee, Tommy Brooks, Norm Berson, Sumner White, and Jim Carson to review the protest committee and procedures. The special committee's proposal will then be reviewed at the February Regatta Committee meeting at MRYC.

Dr. Dunn reviewed the problem of insufficient availability of 10 gauge blank shells to satisfy BBYRA and individual club need. Advised that other areas in the country are also having difficulty. Trends elsewhere indicate that others are rechambering cannons to accommodate 12 gauge blanks which appear to be in good supply. Under no circumstance should a shotgun be used for starting or other racing signals.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Commodore Norm Berson submitted the the tentative schedule for BBYRA 1977 Regatta Schedule:

6/25	BHYC at MYC	8/6	BYC and OGYC at OGYC
7/2	IHYC at IH	8/13	NBYC at NB
7/9	SAYC and MCYC at SA	8/20	MRYC at TR
7/16	TRYC at TR	8/27	LYC at L
7/23	MYC at MYC	9/3	SPYC at SP
7/30	Open Date		

with future meeting dates set up as follows;

11/6/76	Liason Meeting at TRYC
2/12/77	Regatta Committee Meeting at MRYC

Commodore Roger Brown advised all Delegates present that the US Coast Guard has requested that all requests from the BBYRA and individual member clubs be coordinated through one individual. Commodore Brown has already established rapport with the Coast Guard and will act as coordinator. Accordingly individual clubs's request to hold individual regattas, Sunday series, or special events not relating to BBYRA should first be sent to Commodore Brown who will handle accordingly. It was noted that last years requests were first denied by the Coast Guard and applied to all individual member clubs as well, until Commodore Brown met with USCG Officers to review matters. The US Coast Guard application must apply for any sailing event.

Rear Commodore Sumner White questioned the possibility of using water proof course charts for the coming season. It was noted the question was explored several years ago, but the costs of using water proof paper was prohibitive. Skippers wishing such charts could arrange to laminate their own charts or use clear contact paper.

Purchase authorizations were next on schedule, and it was noted that the State of New Jersey had denied the BBYRA's request for exemption from the 5% NJ Sales Tax. The following expenditures were authorized:

Trophies	\$ 1550.00	—	check
Flags/Pennants	4400.00	plus	10%
Lloyd's Register	???		
USYRU Dues	144.00	(?)	
Liability Ins.	900.00	to \$ 1200.00	(Bill Wood to investigate.)
Regatta Schedule	550.00		
Course Charts	600.00		
Computer Scoring	400.00		

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Liability insurance will be further reviewed by Bill Wood to secure policy which would cover damage for boats borrowed for BBYRA National Cup eliminations, this in addition to regular policies currently in effect and which also cover the Dale and Powell Trophies. The matter of special one time assesment of member Clubs to establish fund covering repairs or replacement of borrowed boats was deferred until Bill Wood reports upon his findings.

The matter of financial assistance for the BBYRA Representative to USYRU was next discussed. It was noted that the annual meetings of USYRU can now be held anywhere in the USA, and obviously costly to the BBYRA Representative if the meeting is held in an area remote from the Northeastern seaboard. After considerable debate, a motion was made, seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved that:

"The BBYRA, at the discretion of the Flag Officers, will reimburse the BBYRA Representative to USYRA for reasonable expenses up to \$1,000.00 per year, if needed."

Under the general heading of communications, Dr. Dunn read a letter received from M. W. Halleck, US Coast Guard, concerning the inability of the Coast Guard to locate certain markers used by the BBYRA in defining the BBYRA racing courses. A suitable letter of reply will be prepared by Jim Carson which will assist the US Coast Guard in locating the BBYRA course barrels. It is to be noted that in the past the Coast Guard has located some BBYRA turning marks on dry land.

Dr. Dunn read a letter from Warren A. Law, Commodore, Lavallette Yacht Club expressing congratulations and thanks for excellent manner in which the Atlantic Coast Midget Championship was run this past season at Monmouth Boat Club.

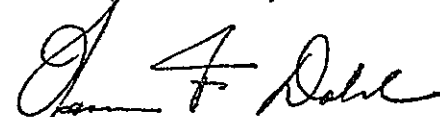
Len Egee noted for the records, that Buz Reynolds of IHYC was awarded the O'Day Trophy for winning the Single Handed National Championship in '76.

Fleet Captain, Homer S. Dennis was presented a plaque in recognition of his being awarded the O. G. Dale Memorial Trophy in 1976.

Meeting adjourned at 2230 hours.

Happy New Year and good sailing in 1977.

Respectfully submitted,



Werner F. Dahl,
Secretary

REPORT OF NATIONAL CUP EVENTS, B.B.Y.R.A. 1976

The year of 1976 was a moderately successful one in National Cup Events. Top quality sailors more than made up for the somewhat lessened number of competitors.

In the Singlehanded Senior Event, hosted by Toms River Yacht Club, Shawn Kempton of Ocean Gate Yacht Club was the Bay Champion, followed by Terence Kempton of Toms River Yacht Club and Had Brick of Island Heights Yacht Club.

On July 28th the Normandy Beach Yacht Club was host for the B.B.Y.R.A. Championship for men. This event was won by John Wright of Mantoloking Yacht Club.

The Mantoloking Yacht Club hosted the Women's Championship of Barnegat Bay which was won by Nancy Simpson of Bay Head Yacht Club. Nancy went on to win the Semi-Finals and become a finalist at Rochester Yacht Club.

In the Junior Series, Lavallette was the Host Club, where Jennifer Adams of Bay Head Yacht Club won the multi-man boat championship, symbolized by the Sears Cup. The two-man boat series (for the Bemis Cup) was won by Michael Frankovich of Island Heights Yacht Club. In the Junior Singlehanded (for the Smythe trophy), the Bay Champion was Chris Norman of Manasquan River Yacht Club, with Kevin Kempton of Toms River Yacht Club second. Since the first two finishers qualify for the Semi-Finals, both young men sailed in the Semi-Finals, which was won by Kevin Kempton. He thus became another Bay Finalist whom I had the pleasure of watching on Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida.

The Midget Bay Championship, held by Beachwood Yacht Club, produced James Maida of Lavallette Yacht Club as the Champion, with John Edelblut of Island Heights Yacht Club, runner up. Regional winners included Tripper McShane of Mantoloking Yacht Club for the Up Bay, James Maida of Lavallette, Down Bay, and John Edelblut, Island Heights, River Region.

It seems appropriate at this time to take a pardonable pride in the fine competitive caliber of the sailors representing our Bay. To them go our best wishes for further honors. It is worth noting at this juncture that Area C produced a Sears Cup winner from the Chesapeake area and a Bemis winner from North Jersey. These sailors were properly launched on their way through the Semi-Finals, ably hosted by the Seaside Park Yacht Club, with F. Thompson Brooks serving as Regatta Chairman.

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No report of National Cup Events would be complete without acknowledging the efforts involving time, money and personnel which have been contributed by all of the Clubs of Barnegat Bay and especially those who hosted this year's events. Specifically, I would like to recognize with deep appreciation the efforts of my Associate Chairman who have been so loyal and contributed so much to the success of National Cup Events on this Bay. Particular recognition is given to Jack Summerill in the Women's, Sumner White in the Men's, William Wood in the Singlehanded, and Ward Wight, Richard Thomas and Carl Bach in the Junior Championships.

The National Cup Events for 1977 is scheduled as follows:

Adams - Metedeconk River Yacht Club - July 20th
Mallory - Shore Acres Yacht Club - July 27th
Junior Championships - Ocean Gate Yacht Club - July 27th
O'Day - Bay Head Yacht Club - August 10th
Midget - Island Heights Yacht Club - August 10th
Semi-Finals - Manasquan River Yacht Club - August 3rd

(To be named at U.S.Y.R.U. Annual Meeting)

Since this will be my last report as your National Cup Events Chairman, perhaps I may be pardoned for a short bit of reminiscence. Nearly twenty years ago competitors going forward to Semi-Final and Final Events were rather informally chosen; sometimes by popular acclaim, many times by whim. Several of us felt that this was not in the best interests of sailing, nor did it necessarily give the skipper a chance to compete keenly against his peers. The present complex system was evolved to encourage competitors to go outside of the Bay and test their skills against the rest of the nation. With a certain degree of smugness we can say that our sailors have done extremely well, bringing honors to themselves and reflected glory to the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. We have had a disproportionate number of Champions when consideration is given to the size of our organization. I am pleased to have been a part of this activity. May I wish my successor the very best in carrying forward the fine principles and ideals for which this Bay stands, and may I say "Thank you" for all of the assistance and encouragement which you have given me through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Irving Dunn, M. D., P/C
Chairman