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BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

LIAISON MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 1975

AT T.R.Y.C.

Invitations sent to all BBYRA Officers and Fleet Representatives.

The following attended:

BBYRA

Roger Brown - Commodore  
W. Norman Berson - Vice Commodore  
Sumner White - Rear Commodore  
Homer Dennis - Fleet Captain  
William Wood - New Sailing Classes  
Werner Dahl - Secretary

Fleet Representatives

Dave Laughran - "E" Sloops  
Chris Byrne - Hobie Cat 16  
Bob Broege - Laser  
Bill Newman - Lightening  
Jeff Lines/ - "M" Sloop  
Ted Beaton  
Bob Zimmerman - Penguin  
George Orsi - Sneakbox/  
"B" Cats  
Bill Warner - 470's  
Jud Williams - Tornado

Rear Commodore Sumner White opened meeting at 14:10 (2:10 p.m.) hours and welcomed those attending by outlining the objectives of the liaison meeting. He then called upon the individual Fleet Representatives for their comments as follows:

"A" Cat - No report. Jim McKay unable to attend.

Blue Jay - Connie Fortenbaugh unable to attend. Sent letter, however, indicating Fleet turnout should be larger next year as fleet is growing with additional boats now sailing at Lavallette, Metedeconk, and Toms River Yacht Clubs.

--Specifically requested BBYRA to schedule an earlier morning start for Blue Jays. Such a move would speed up completion of the morning races by eliminating the long wait for Blue Jays to finish last.

--Connie Fortenbaugh will also act as a clearing house in effecting sale of used Blue Jays. If interested, other member BBYRA clubs should contact Connie.

"E" Sloops - Dave Loughran indicated Fleet is growing and BBYRA should anticipate 24 starters next season.

--Specifically requested BBYRA for a two (2) series race -- morning and afternoon races--with proviso that skippers to qualify in BBYRA must qualify in 7 or 8 races of each series. This request, if granted, would eliminate need for 2 extra morning races as has been previously listed in BBYRA racing schedules. The move would also tend to sharpen racing skills.

--In the event above request is disallowed, then the E Fleet requests two (2) extra morning races on July 3 and July 24.

--Also requested BBYRA consider revision to lower bay courses, specifically those courses designed for a south wind. Currently running into serious problems with shoal waters around Tide Pond, not to mention sailing thru fishing boats anchored in that immediate area.

Hobie Cat 16 -- Chris Byrne commented that Fleet had a good "75" season with 18 qualifiers, and anticipate a larger fleet in '76. The Fleet will not be split in two separate divisions.

-- Advised that Shore Acre Y. C. sailors have not yet received '75 BBYRA qualifying flags. Commodore Roger Brown advised the extra qualifying flags have been ordered.

--Called attention to shortage of lunch that occurred from time to time last season. Rear Commodore Sumner White indicated that BBYRA is aware of the problem and the matter is being studied for some resolution.

Laser --Bob Broege expressed Fleet appreciation for longer races and wider starting line used last year and hopes practice will continue in '76.

--Fleet now wishes to eliminate the "A" and "B" Divisions, each with separate starts. Specifically requested that 1976 BBYRA schedule allow for one (1) fleet with one (1) start.

Q --Also requested BBYRA schedule an afternoon race for the Lasers. This would be in addition to the scheduled morning race.

Q -- Requested BBYRA accept as a new fleet the modified Laser with the mini rig. This Fleet would be sailed by light weight and/or experienced skippers and by junior sailors.

No --Requested BBYRA supply waterproof course sheets which could be purchased by the skippers on an individual basis.

--The question of carrying additional crew because of weather conditions will be resolved by the Fleet and the BBYRA so advised as to the Fleet decision.

--Also the question of carrying additional weight by means of water bottles will be policed by the Fleet itself.

*Deny  
max 1/35*

// --The matter of substituting a new hull during the racing season was thoroughly discussed. The BBYRA pointed out this would be ok provided 85% of the Fleet sailors approved of the move in writing. *E Race Committee consent*

Lightning --Bill Newman expressed Fleet thanks to the Regatta Committee for a good job in '75, especially the on time P.M. starts.

--Seconded 'E'Sloops request and strongly urged the BBYRA revise the Seaside and Toms River course sheets designed for 1000 south winds. Lightnings draw more water than 'E's and are experiencing the same problem of shoal waters and anchored fishing boats.

--Also requested BBYRA consider revision of windward--leeward legs E to C as these marks are located in mid-channel waters heavily travelled by power boats.--

--Requested two (2) extra raced for the mornings of July 3 and July 24.

*No* --Requested BBYRA adopt USYRU rule regarding reference point where and when a yacht crosses the finish line.

--The matter of approved life jackets was discussed. Fleet Captain Homer Dennis advises all that BBYRA is following regulations mandated by U.S. Coast Guard. Effective October 1, 1973 all personal flotation devices must be USCG approved.

'M' Sloop -- Jeff Lines and Ted Beaton expressed Fleet thanks to BBYRA for job well done in '75. The Fleet has no specific problems and requests that the 'A', 'B', and 'C' Divisions starting time remain on the schedule as shown in previous years. Although the afternoon 'C' division is small indications point to some future growth.

*2* --The matter of scoring and 'throw out' race were reviewed. General consensus indicated that the individual skipper should determine which race should be thrown out rather than leaving the decision up to the BBYRA Scorer.

Penquin -- Bob Zimmerman expressed Fleet thanks to BBYRA for a fine '75 racing season. Although no increase in the fleet is anticipated, there is some hope that local builders, possibly Beaton Boat Works, will again start building a few new boats.

--The matter of minimum 275 lb. weight and/or crew of three with ballast was discussed. BBYRA is of the opinion the problem can best be controlled by the fleet itself.

-- The problem of no lunch for the third crew was brought up. The BBYRA, again, acknowledged the problem with the hope that the problem will be resolved at a special BBYRA Delegates meeting to be held on December 6, 1975.

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--Fleet completely satisfied with present starting sequence and have requested no change or extra races for the coming racing season.

--It was pointed out that consideration was being given to host the North American Penguin Championship on Barnegat Bay with Toms River Y. C. as the possible host club. Details will follow at a later date once the site selection has been confirmed by the National Organization.

--November 6, 1975 is scheduled for the Penguin Turkey Bowl to be hosted by Metedeconk Yacht Club. Beachwood Yacht Club will host the Penguin Gobbler Bowl on the Saturday after Thanksgiving '75.

Sneakbox -- George Orsi expressed thanks to the BBYRA for '75 good show.

--No specific Fleet problems. The matter of 'B' Division competing with 'A' Division to be resolved by the Fleet. 'B' skippers will advise Regatta Committee on opening day as to their decision.

--Concern over lunch problem brought up, but comments tempered due to pending BBYRA Delegates meeting.

International 470 -- Bill Warner expressed thanks for the on time starts with the Committee Boat remaining on station. The only hardships were created by skippers themselves for not getting out on time. Anticipate the Fleet may be slightly larger next year.

--Requested 3 cuts and two (2) extra races tentatively scheduled for July 17 and August 14, 1976.

Thistles -- Charlie Hughes, Fleet Representative unable to attend and alternate Bob Duff did not attend meeting. No report.

'B' Cat -- George Orsi for Bob Sayia, requested BBYRA for a longer race course, and also for an earlier start in the afternoon schedule. *Performance does not warrant*

--Requested one (1) race from an anchored start similar to that now afforded the 'A' Cats. BBYRA would start race and the Fleet would police the finishes and advise the BBYRA Scorer as to the order of finish for each boat started. Preference date for standing start would be down bay at Ocean Gate Yacht Club. Reason for this date is the fact an open 'B' Cat regatta is held on the following Sunday and all the fleet would be in the immediate area.

--Advised BBYRA of Fleet rule change allowing boats to be sailed single-handed.

--Also experienced lunch shortages.

Tornado -- Jud Williams expressed regret for poor showing of Fleet last season and is diligently working to increase size of fleet for '76 BBYRA season. Hopefully will have six (6) starters this coming year.

Commodore Roger Brown reviewed the scope of the yacht clubs problems connected with supplying lunch for the sailors. A lively discussion ensued with varied suggestions in resolving past lunch difficulties. Fleet Representatives were requested to submit their thoughts in writing to Commodore Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 16:05 (4:05 P.M.) hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Werner F. Dahl  
Secretary.