



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING

2/7/76 @ MRYC

ATTENDANCE - All Officers present

All Clubs present

Meeting called to order at 1415 hours.

Commodore Roger Brown welcomed all those attending the meeting.

Host Commodore Mike Heinrich welcomed the BBYRA to MRYC. He called attention to the construction of 33 new slips to accommodate auxiliary yachts. BBYRA auxiliary fleets were invited to pay a welcome call as they passed to and from the 'Squan Inlet. A minimum 5' draft is assured from MRYC to the channel.

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

Minutes of 4/12/75 Regatta Committee Meeting approved as submitted.

Secretary advised that all correspondence received has been distributed to the Officers and Committee Chairmen as needed. Member BBYRA clubs were cautioned to advise USYRU of any change in their Officers as the new USYRU 1976 Year Book was soon to go to press.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

USYRA - Dr. Irving Dunn

No report as Dr. Dunn was attending the annual USYRU meeting in Florida. Commodore Brown advised those present that Dr. Dunn had been appointed to the USYRU Board of Directors.

FLEET CAPTAIN - Homer Dennis

Expressed concern over proposal to sail the morning races on the Metedeconk River when hosted by MCYC. It is felt the morning fleet is too large to accommodate river sailing. In addition the proposal would be in conflict with an agreement negotiated in 1970 with the USCG to have the BBYRA to limit the Saturday regattas to the courses now used, i.e., the Green Island, Toms River, and Seaside Park areas.

Also expressed concern over lack of approved USCG Personal Flotation Devices used by fleet sailors during 1975 season. Urged individual member clubs to appraise their sailors of the Coast Guard regulations which have been in effect since 1 October 1973.

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Tom Brooks advised of proposed dredging by the US Corps of Engineers of certain areas on Barnegat Bay. Urged member BBYRA club to be on the alert as to the location of spoil bank disposal areas so as to avoid conflict of current BBYRA or individual member clubs sailing areas. Jim Carson advised that the spoil bank disposal areas would be located south of the Lavallette YC - south and east of barrel 'W' - and hopefully would not effect sailing areas.

SCORING - Bob West

No report as Bob was unable to attend. Commodore Brown commented that the use of 'O' for the winning boat cleared up certain mathematical inequities that existed in past scoring, and also placed emphasis on winning regardless if the fleet were large or small. The system will again be used in 1976 BBYRA scoring.

SAFETY COORDINATOR - Chet Sedgley

Chet unable to attend, but report was given by Daumant Kusma. Recommended that preventive maintenance be made on all CB sets prior to the start of the '76 season. In addition eight additional power packs will be purchased to provide complete power for a full day's use of communications. It was also pointed out that the USCG Auxiliary were also provided with a BBYRA CB unit on race day and now affords communication with the Auxililary in the event USCG assistance would be needed. In addition it was recommended that the host club providing the Committee Boat be assured that the yacht was also equipped with the correct radio facilities to contact the USCG, either under the present system, or the new VHF system.

COURSES - Jim Carson

Report on file. Expressed thanks to Tom Brooks for fine efforts over these many years. Immediate attention would be directed to improvement of south wind courses on the Toms River Course Sheet, with particular reference to the early reach from barrel 'X' to 'D', across the flats and thru the anchored fishing fleet at Good Luck Point. Other recognized problems would be studied for sailing course improvement. Feed-back and communication from member clubs and individual sailors would be most welcome.

Tom Brooks commented that in the past barrel 'G' near Tide Pond was invariable placed in shoal water. Requested that OGYC, responsible for this barrel, place the barrel in proper position (five feet of water) for the '76 season.

Jim Carson requested member clubs to advise as to the number of Up-Bay and Down-Bay courses ^{SHEETS} required for 1976.

LAISON MEETING - Sumner White

Reviewed liaison meeting held in November of '75. See Secretary report of 11/8/75.

The 'E' Sloop request for a morning series of races created considerable discussion. Cliff Campbell, invited guest, presented the views and aims of the 'E' Sloop request. "Specifically the fleet would like to have

a morning series of races on a trial basis for 1976. These races would not be included in the BBYRA scoring, nor would a BBYRA championship trophy be awarded. Only BBYRA place pennants for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place would be presented. However the morning races scheduled for July 3 and July 24 would be included in BBYRA scoring as well as for consideration in the Championship award with the afternoon 'E' Sloop series as has been the past BBYRA custom over the years." Motion made, seconded, and approved to grant the 'E' Sloop request.

Next for consideration was the Laser Fleet request for a combined start for the A and B Laser Divisions. Also included was a request for the BBYRA to accept the Modified Laser as a new starting class. Bill Wood, Chairman, BBYRA New Class Committee presented the committee views regarding the Modified Laser and recommended that the Modified Laser be accepted as a Junior class.

A lengthy discussion ensued - pro and con - over the Laser Fleet requests and took numerous tacks before any sign of resolution evolved.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to allow the Laser Fleet request for a single, combined start for the Laser A and B Divisions.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept on a provisional basis the Modified Laser as a Junior boat which would be limited to the ages of 16 years and under. A separate start for the Modified Laser would be provided.

Len Egee pointed out that the Island Heights Yacht Club in the years past has awarded the Hangartner Trophy to the winners of the Junior Sneakbox's. With the demise of the Junior Sneakbox, IHYC requested BBYRA to accept the Hangartner Trophy to be awarded to the winner of the Junior Modified Laser race. Motion made, seconded and approved to grant the IHYC request.

470 Fleet request for extra morning races on 7/17 and 8/14, was next for consideration by the BBYRA. Motion made, seconded, and approved to deny the 470's request because of the Fleets poor support in past morning races.

Tornados. Jud Williams presented the problems effecting 1975 Fleet participation in the BBYRA, and proposed plans to improve the Fleet participation in 1976. Specifically requested that the BBYRA again accept the Tornado on a provisional basis with the Fleet to start last in the afternoon series, with the option to discontinue racing if the Fleet does not show improved participation. Motion made, seconded, and approved to grant the Tornado Fleet request.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP - Jim Reynolds

No report as Jim was unable to attend.

LAISON MEETING (Continued) - Sumner White

John Papp and Jim Carson present MCYC request to hold the morning races on the Metedeconk River when MCYC co-hosts with SAYC on 7/10. The logistics could be worked out by the co-hosting clubs, with an auxiliary Committee Boat provided to start the 'E' Fleet on the Green Island Course. The pros and cons were presented and thoroughly discussed.
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Tom Brooks cited the past history of BBYRA regattas on the Metedeconk River for both morning and afternoon races. The course was abandoned when the 'E' Sloops and 'A' Cats no longer wished to sail on the river, and the need to make peace with the USCG, the latter problem being with the location of the 'A', 'B', and 'C' barrels located in the Intercoastal waterway. Motion made, seconded and approved to allow the Metedeconk River Yacht Club to hold the morning BBYRA race on the river on a trial, one year basis and subject to the approval of the USCG.

Lightning request to hold extra morning races on 7/3 and 7/24 was approved after proper motion was made and seconded.

B Cat Fleet request to have a standing start on 8/7 when BBYRA Regatta is co-hosted by OGYC and BYC was approved after proper motion was made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS - Commodore Roger Brown

The Commodore presented the following revised schedule of entry fees and allowable lunches for the Regatta Committee consideration:

" "	ENTRY FEE:	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$5.00
" "	NO. OF LUNCHES/BOAT:	1	2	3
	CLASS OF YACHT:	Laser	Sneakbox Penguin Blue Jay Hobie 16 Tornado 'B' Cats 'M' - 16 Int. 470	'E' Sloop Lightning Thistle 'A' Cats
On race day when a given class yacht has an extra race, the entry fee for the second race would be \$2.00				
Return to the Host Club would be \$2.00 per boat. " "				
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Lengthy discussion followed the above recommendation, and all BBYRA club members generally agreed that the cost for lunch, and operations of the BBYRA have accelerated to a point where a revision of Entry Fees was warranted. BYC, however, went on record to indicate that the Club Officers of BYC were in favor of retaining the old entry fee with no change. Motion made, seconded and approved to institute the above revised schedule. 1 Nay - Balance Yeah.

Bill Wood, Chrmn: Inventory and Record Committee of Perpetual Trophies requested individual Club members to furnish the committee with the history, engraving, and pictures of perpetual trophies awarded by their clubs on race day. This information should be returned to Bill Wood before the start of the 1976 season.

Bill DeCamp recommended that trophies won in the morning race series should be awarded at the host club during the noon lunch hour. The trophy presentation should be made by both the Commodores of the BBYRA and Host Club. Commodore Brown acknowledged that the recommendation would be in effect during 1976.

NEW BUSINESS - Commodore Roger Brown

Advised of receipt of letter from Ocean County Boy Scouts who are looking for an Upper Bay Yacht Club to sponsor a boat for the scouts. The operation would be coed, with ages from 14 to 21, with the Scouts doing most of the work. Any member yacht club so interested should contact the Commodore.


On 6/19 the South Jersey Marine Historical Society will sail some old, historical boats thru Barnegat Inlet under USCG escort. The fleet will then be met by TRYC power fleet for escort to TRYC. This will be the kick-off of the Bicentennial program in the Toms River area. Member yacht clubs may participate if they so desire.

Realignment of the starting sequence is under review and will be submitted at the final Regatta Meeting just prior to the start of the 1976 season. The final decision will be made by the BBYRA and not the sailors.

On July 3, 1976 Island Heights Yacht Club will sponsor a bicentennial parade of Yachts. Member BBYRA clubs are invited to attend & participate.

Meeting adjourned at 1655 hours.

Respectfully submitted,


Werner F. Dahl
Secretary

With a quorum of Delegates present, a brief meeting was held after the Regatta Committee Meeting in order to discuss approval of additional monies for purchase of BBYRA flags and pennants. Tom Brooks indicated initial bids submitted are well in excess of last year costs. A maximum expenditure of \$1200 over last years cost was approved.