



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

SPRING DELEGATES MEETING

4/16/77 @ BHYC

ATTENDANCE - All Officers present
All Clubs represented except Shore Acres YC

Meeting called to order at 1415 hours.

A moment of silence was called for in memory of John Papp, MCYC, who passed away while on vacation in Europe.

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 as needed.

Minutes of Annual Delegates Meeting on 10/2/76 at BHYC were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

USYRU - Dr. H. I. Dunn

Introduced newly revised BBYRA Protest Forms. The white copy must be signed by the chairman of the Protest Committee upon the conclusion of the decision and forwarded to the Scorer for his information and then forwarded to the Secretary for his files. Sufficient copies were made available for the Delegates attending.

Highlighted the annual USYRU Meeting, which was defined as a long, hard working session. Key points: IRS has ruled that USYRU is tax exempt and that monies donated may be deducted from one's Income Tax return; USYRU setting up mobile race committee to improve quality of local regattas; USYRU adopted IYRU rules as of 4/1/77; United States Sailing Center closed due to lack of funds; Studies underway concerning non-member (USYRU) yacht clubs in USYRU structure as well as member yacht clubs not belonging to local yacht racing associations; consideration be given to the realigning of current Areas A-H and USYRU Council support needed for the respective areas; some minor revisions to racing rules and local regatta procedures. Dr. Dunn strongly urged the Delegates keep abreast of USYRU activities and to 'bone up' on changes which are reported in the various news letters released by USYRU.

SAFETY COORDINATOR - Chet Sedgley

Radio bags, and required flags all checked out and ready to be used. Recommended that all CB units be given an annual maintenance check before the start of the season. Cost would be \$15.00 per unit. Motion made and passed to approve this expenditure.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP - Jack Summerill

Jack unable to attend meeting, and Commodore Brown reported accordingly. Contributing Membership forms and envelopes were passed out to the various Delegates with request that the material be forwarded in any mailouts originating from the individual member clubs. Direct mailing from member clubs would reduce considerably the BBYRA mailing costs.

SCORING - Bob West

Advised that the BBYRA Scoring would again be computerized by Fellows Read and Weber, Inc. Requested approval of \$10.00 per week increase in cost for this service. New cost would be about \$50.00 per week. Motion made and passed to approve this expenditure. Bob also indicated that the computer would be programmed to drop, automatically, a sailor's worst race of the season up to the 9th race.

NEW SAILING CLASSES - Bill Wood

Reviewed request by Ensign Fleet to participate in BBYRA on a provisional basis, sailing 5 Down Bay and 1 Up Bay races with 1 cut. Motion made and passed to accept the Ensign Fleet on a provisional basis. Fleet would be scored in BBYRA scoring, but would not be eligible for BBYRA championship awards nor qualifying pennants.

INSURANCE - Bill Wood

Advised of success in securing insurance to cover borrowed boats used in National Cup events. All BBYRA equipment is also adequately covered.

SECRETARY - Werner Dahl

No report as all correspondence is well under control.

TREASURER - Ed Feirer

Advised that the BBYRA is solvent, and that the income and expense figures are essentially the same as reported at the previous Delegates meeting on 10/2/76 at BHYC.

REAR COMMODORE - Sumner White

No report.

FLEET CAPTAIN - Homer Dennis

Expressed deep concern over the disappearance of BBYRA equipment as it is transferred from club to club during the racing season. Cited a number of past situations, the latest of which was the aluminum course board holder. Requested approval of expenditure of BBYRA dollars to replace this piece of equipment. Motion made and passed to approve this expense.

Recommended that an inventory control check off list be prepared and used weekly in the transfer of BBYRA equipment.

Also recommended the purchase of a mobile trailer by the BBYRA to be used in transporting the Bay equipment during the course of the season. Although much discussion ensued, no action was taken on this suggestion and action deferred until a later date.

VICE COMMODORE - Norm Berson

Discussed the revamping of the blue BBYRA Regatta Schedule due to its continued growth and size due chiefly to the many open regattas sponsored by member Clubs. Submitted proposed changes with request that comments or select corrections be made promptly as the target date for printing was fast coming due. Delegates and Regatta Representatives were to review with their respective Club and advise pronto.

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None.

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Recommended that a meeting of the individual club Sailing Masters be held very early in the season for the purpose of getting acquainted and to spur the junior sailors interest in National Cup events.

Also recommended that for those clubs interested, Gary Jobsen would be available, for a fee of approximately \$50/ club to hold a sailing training seminar for club Sailing Masters. The seminar would be for one day and could be of value to all clubs. Those interested clubs should advise ASAP so a date could be set up as Gary Jobsen's time is well committed.

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Jim Carson chaired the discussion regarding proposed revisions to BBYRA By-Laws and Racing Rules. These proposed changes were approved at the Regatta Committee meeting of 2/12/77 at MRYC, and were included with the 3/12/77 letter to Delegates.

Vote on Alternate wording to recommended change in By-Laws "REGATTA COMMITTEE, No. 11, Section 3 (see exhibit C, attached) was defeated by a 7 to 5 vote.

Vote on original wording to recommended change in By-Laws "REGATTA Committee, No. 11, Section 3 (see exhibit C attached) was approved 11 to 0 with one abstention.

Vote on recommended change in RACING RULES "A-MANAGEMENT OF RACES, Section 3, Racing Trim, Paragraph C" (see exhibit A attached) was approved unanimously.

Vote on recommended change in Racing Rules, "A-Management of Races, 5 Entries, Paragraph F, (see exhibit A attached) was approved by unanimous vote.

Vote on recommended change in Racing Rules "C PROTESTS, DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND APPEALS, Paragraphs 4 and 5, (see exhibit A attached) was approved by unanimous vote.

Vote on recommended change in Racing Rules, "B SCORING, Paragraphs 4, 17, and 16 were approved by unanimous vote, see exhibit B attached.

Vote on recommended change in Racing Rules, "A-MANAGEMENT OF RACES, Section 6, STARTING AND FINISHING LINE RULES, Paragraph B" (see exhibit A attached) was approved with but one negative vote.

Jim Carson then reviewed the proposed revision to the Bay course charts. Existing and current race courses will remain the same, however the chart will be reduced to an 8-1/2" x 11", 4 page form which will include all pertinent data for a sailor to compete in a given regatta.

Next meeting scheduled will be the Regatta Committee meeting on 5/21/77 at Toms River Yacht Club starting at 1400 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1435 hours.

RACING RULES of the B.B.Y.R.A. may be amended by a simple majority of the Delegates after approval by the Executive Committee.

The Regatta Committee unanimously recommends the following amendments:

A. MANAGEMENT OF RACES

3. RACING TRIM. Omit pp. (c)

(The above change is suggested inasmuch as this rule duplicates USYRU Rule 57.)

5. ENTRIES. Omit pp. (f)

(The above change is suggested inasmuch as this paragraph alters a USYRU rule making it more restrictive. In the interest of promoting competition new entries should be allowed for re-sailed races.)

C. PROTESTS, DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND APPEALS. Change second sentence of pp. 4 to read:

"They must be filed with the Protest Committee within one and one half hours after the first yacht of its Class has finished."

(The above change is suggested to simplify time keeping. The present wording, if followed, would require recording the finish time of every yacht.)

Add an additional sentence to pp. 5 to read:

"It shall be the duty of the Scorer to file the original protest, decision and pertinent papers with the Association Secretary who shall keep them on file for two years."

(The above addition is recommended to improve protest/appeal handling procedures.)

The Regatta Committee voted seven to five to propose the following amendment:

A. MANAGEMENT OF RACES

6. STARTING and FINISHING LINE RULES. Omit pp. (b)

(The above change is suggested inasmuch as this paragraph alters a well established USYRU rule and makes it necessary for BBYRA participants to sail under two sets of conditions, one in BBYRA races and one in all others. This results in a loss of proper timing at the start and places BBYRA sailors at a disadvantage when racing in other races.)

B. SCORING

Change section 4 to read as

follows:

"A skipper may compete in more than one division of his/her class but may not qualify in more than one division nor sail the last two races of the division in which he/she does not qualify. Said skipper shall specify in which Division he intends to qualify when entering his/her first race of the season."

(The above change is recommended to permit greater participation in the M Sloop - C Division and is supported by the Class)

Add a sentence to section 16

to read as follows:

" All race scores shall be considered final 15 days after they are published."

(The above addition has been requested by the Scorers to avoid last minute changes.)

Change section 17 to read as

follows:

"The worst race, except the last race of the season, will automatically be eliminated from the championship record of each qualifying yacht."

(The above change is recommended to simplify scoring procedures for both scorers and skippers.)

(OVER)

BY-LAWS of the B.B.Y.R.A. may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Association, provided notice has been given in writing to each Club at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

As a result of discussion at the Regatta Committee meeting, a majority of the Rules Committee recommend the following change in the By-Laws:

REGATTA COMMITTEE, No. 11. Change Section 3 to read:

"A Protest Committee shall be established for each regatta which shall function in accordance with B.B.Y.R.A. By-Laws, Racing Rules and procedures to decide all protests received. This Committee shall be responsible to a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Vice Commodore of the Association to serve for one year and whose name shall appear on the Annual Regatta Schedule. It shall consist of said Chairman or his designee plus two qualified members provided by the host Club. Appeals from its decisions may be made to the Appeals Committee, a subcommittee of the Association Regatta Committee. The Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Commodore of the Association not later than March first of each year and shall consist of a Chairman and four members, each of whom shall represent a different member Club. Its decisions shall be subject to review of the Association Regatta Committee and may be changed by a two-thirds vote of that Committee."

Original wording

No Change

(The above amendment has been proposed to clarify responsibilities, expedite the hearing of protests and decrease the burden placed on the B.B.Y.R.A. Regatta Committee.)

One member of the Rules Committee feels strongly that the designated Chairman of the Protest Committee established for each regatta should be a member of the B.B.Y.R.A. official family. He feels that this is necessary to maintain communications. This practice could be included by changing the third sentence above to read as follows:

Wording

"It shall consist of said Chairman or his designee who shall be a B.B.Y.R.A. Delegate or member of the Regatta Committee plus two qualified members provided by the host Club."