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BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

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734 Clayton Avenue
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LIAISON MEETING

NOVEMBER 6, 1976

AT T.R.Y.C.

Notice sent to all BBYRA Officers and Fleet Representatives.

The following were in attendance:

BBYRA

Sumner White - Rear Commodore
Homer Dennis - Fleet Captain
Bill Wood - New Sailing Class
Werner Dahl - Secretary

FLEET REPRESENTATIVES

Charlie Hughes - Thistles
Lewis Linde - Hobie Cat 16
Bob Sayia - B Cat
Dave Loughran - E Sloop
Dev Colie - M Sloop 'C' Div.
Dave Magno - M Sloop 'A,B' Div.
Terry Kempton - Laser M
Bob Duff - Ensign Fleet 63

Rear Commodore Sumner White opened meeting at 1415 hours and welcomed those Fleet Representatives able to attend. Objectives of the Liaison Meeting were outlined and the individual Fleet Representatives called upon for their comments.

A Cat - No report. Jim McKay unable to attend

Blue Jay - No report. Connie Fortenbaugh currently in Heidelberg, Germany. Secretary commented that fleet should have about the same or slightly improved representation in '77 as 'down bay' fleet grows, noticeably at Lavallette and Toms River Yacht Clubs. Fleet would like to continue the improved starting position as established in '76.

E Sloop - Dave Loughran. Pleased with the morning turnout this past season which averaged 9/13 boats and requested continuation of the morning race for '77. Anticipate 23/25 starters to compete in the afternoon championship series. Requested two extra morning races to be included in the championship scoring, the same as in the past at the regattas hosted by IHYC and MYC. Noted that the starting line was a bit short to accommodate the number of boats starting at several of the '76 races and hoped for an improvement this coming season.

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Hobie Cat 19 - Lou Linde - Although reduced participation was experienced during '76, the Hobie Fleet is encouraging boat owners to join local yacht clubs and to actively participate in the BBYRA. A larger fleet of qualifiers is anticipated for '77. Noted that the Fleet experienced some difficulty last year with course turning marks located close by or near the start/finishing lines. Requested Regatta Committee support in overcoming this problem by locating the start/finish lines further away from turning marks. Also questioned the possibility of establishing a Cedar Creek course. Hobie class rules currently being up dated and copies will be forwarded the BBYRA together with fleet scantlings.

Laser - Bob Broege - Unable to attend but did call to comment. Fleet is most appreciative of improved starting sequence as well as the wider starting line afforded this past season, and expressed hope that same will continue in '77. The Fleet also encountered some problems with other waiting classes sailing in the starting area or on the edge of the first leg of the Laser course. The latter situation was most noticeable when Laser is on a port tack on the first leg of the course. Requested Race Committee assistance in resolving the problem. Also expressed opinion that the Laser M Fleet be considered for women sailors and/or light weight adults instead of limiting the modified Laser M to a junior class. Also advised that the Laser Fleet was revising class rules and developing improved measurement system. Revised rules and scantlings will be submitted to the BBYRA. Also requested BBYRA consideration of compass setting for 1st leg of course.

Excessive Sailors No Lightning - No report. Fleet away in Kentucky at Lightning regatta. BBYRA can only assume that Fleet wants two extra morning races, the same as in previous years, i.e., at IHYC and MYC.

Penquin - No report. Fleet attending regatta at MCYC. BBYRA can only assume that all systems are go for '77.

Sneakbox - No report. George Orsi unable to attend. BBYRA can only assume all is AOK with hopes for more participation in '77.

International 470 - No report. Bill Wood commented no word has been received from the fleet, and that BBYRA can only assume that the 470 will not be sailing in the BBYRA in '77.

Laser M - Terry Kempton, acting as Fleet Rep. in lieu of other adult representation. Expressed deep concern over junior skippers wearing 20lb. 'wets' to add weight while racing. Cited the hazard and danger of a 90 lb. junior falling overboard during a race and burdened with the extra weight while attempting to right his yacht. Also cited the danger of back injuries to a junior whose physical development is not yet strong enough to carry extra weight. Strongly urged BBYRA adopt a positive position and ban the use of 'wets' by juniors sailing in BBYRA, despite fact that Class regs have not mentioned use of 'wets'.

No Confusion!

No assumptions

See new USYRFLX data

*Come in as junior
stay as such!*

Stressed need of adult supervision over juniors sailing the Laser M. Recommended also that BBYRA consider the modified Laser for the women sailors and/or light weight adults. Urged Laser class to set up rules and regulations to include stand on 'water bottles' and 'wets'.

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consolidate
A & C
or
B & C
Drop C*

M Sloop - Dev Colie - In an effort to bring about an increased numbers of boats sailing in the afternoon 'C' division, requested BBYRA to permit 'B' Division sailors to sail in the 'C' afternoon Division, but Skipper could only qualify in the 'B' division. 'B' skipper would be scored in the afternoon class up to the MRYC^{price} at TRYC, but would not be scored or permitted to sail in the last two races of the season to avoid possibility of 'team' racing or 'gang up' of 'C' division leaders. M Sloop skipper could only qualify in one division but not both, and Fleet would be willing to police in order to avoid any conflict. Indicated M Sloop masts will be designed with a thicker wall thickness to overcome problem of damaged masts due to heavier winds experienced in the afternoon races.

*Make Thistle
to success
few requests
spread
too few racing
slots now.*

Thistle - Charlie Hughes - Apologized for poor fleet participation during last season but cited problems of business transfers, marriage, and other personal problems as effecting fleet turn out. Expects a resurgence of fleet participation in '77 and currently has a firm commitment of 11 boats to sail in the BBYRA championship regattas. Thistle fleet is considered a faster boat than Lightnings, and specifically requested BBYRA consideration for the Thistle Fleet to start before the Lightning class. Also requested, if possible, for BBYRA to consider a morning race similar to E's or Lightnings, so as to give Thistle skippers more racing activity. Expressed the opinion that the BBYRA is not getting enough credit for a job well done, and suggested that instead of awarding the championship flags, etc., at Seaside Park, that an awards dinner should be established - about two weeks after the BBYRA season ends - featuring a well known sailor or the like associated with yachting plus presentation of awards - all with feature write up in the press and yachting magazines.

*Too late
School etc*

B Cat - Bob Sayia - Fleet had a very successful year and BBYRA can expect over 20 boats to participate in the '77 series. Specifically requested that the BBYRA permit the B Cat fleet to start earlier and be given a longer course than was past practice. Cited several general recalls last year which delayed the other fleets, and suggested that the fleet causing the general recall be dropped down last in the starting sequence, rather than wait while the recalled fleet regroups. Also advised that, at the Ocean Gate Race, the special start from anchor for both 'A' and 'B' Cats will be handled by the Catboat Fleets who will provide their own starting committee boat. The finishing results of both Fleets will be phoned in to the BBYRA Scorer for inclusion in the weekly BBYRA scoring sheets.

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Toronado - No report. In a previous letter to Commodore Roger Brown, the Toronado Fleet expressed their thanks for the BBYRA support given the fleet, but lack of sufficient yachts and individual interest has caused the Toronado Fleet to withdraw from the BBYRA schedule.

Miscellaneous Comments and Chit Chat

Sumner White reviewed the BBYRA Protest Committee problem and advised that the committee would be made up of one member from the BBYRA and two qualified people, supplied by the Host Club, but not necessarily members of the host club.

Sumner also advised that all Fleets may be called upon to assist the BBYRA Regatta Committee by supplying a qualified and knowledgeable sailor to work on the Committee Boat for a half or full day. The participating sailor would receive a special or additional cut for the service aboard the Race Committee Boat. A schedule for all Fleet sailors would be prepared before the start of the BBYRA season.

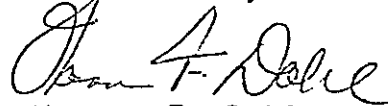
Too Bad → Also reviewed was the problem of member clubs in supplying qualified members to assist on the BBYRA Regatta Committee. A representative of TRYC indicated he could supply several qualified people two or three times a season, but those people do not wish to participate in active committee work for ten weekends in a row, nor do they wish to purchase the required Committee-uniform. Whites would be OK, but the uniform requirement would deter those individuals.

Stressed also was the need for individual member clubs, and their sailing masters to talk up and encourage junior sailors to participate in BBYRA activities relating to USYRU National Cup Events. A meeting of the BBYRA Regatta Committee and individual member club sailing masters will be held early in the '77 sailing season. Terry Kempton suggested that as soon as available the USYRA National Cup information should be given the individual clubs and sailing masters so as to talk up the whole program with the junior sailors, and work with the actual boats to be used in the eliminations and finals.

Bill Wood lead a discussion regarding possible BBYRA acceptance of the Ensign Fleet. Bob Duff, Ensign Fleet Representative indicated that 19 boats are now in the Bay and actively racing. Although a fixed keel boat by design, Bob expressed the fleet preference to sail in the deeper waters below the Seaside Park bridge, but felt the Ensign Fleet could sail a special course off of Green Island. As a starter however, the Ensign Fleet requested BBYRA consideration on a provisional basis with five (5) races to be sailed down bay.

Meeting adjourned at 1545 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Werner F. Dahl
Secretary