

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

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TO: Officers, Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association Regatta Committee Representatives Commodores, Member Clubs

--SUBJECT: Minutes - Regatta Committee Meeting, Manasquan River Yacht Club, Feb. 11, 1978.

Meeting <u>called to order</u> at 1430. Host Commodore Conover cordially welcomed the guests. Vice Commodore White expressed the appreciation of the Regatta Committee for MRYC's hospitality.

- <u>Roll call</u> waived for sign-up sheet. All officers present. All clubs represented.
- <u>Minutes</u> of Regatta Committee Meeting, May 21, 1977, approved as submitted.

Committees

<u>Secretary</u> - No report, except correspondence: Pine Beach Yacht Club expressed interest in joining BBYRA. Commodore Berson designated Irving Dunn, Roger Brown, Sumner White and himself as a committee to deal with such initiatives, which are received from time to time.

> Irving Dunn and Roger Brown announced a Sailing Symposium for ocean racing, headed by Gary Jobson, to be held out of MRYC on August 8 and 9 (tentative). 32 trainees can be accepted, eight to a crew, using two boats.

- Fleet Captain Homer Dennis urged that regatta gear be thoroughly checked.
- <u>Scoring</u> Chet Sedgley's Committee will be Gib Patterson, Ass't., plus Ed Feier, Sam Garrigues, Ted LaPier and Bill Rich. Bob West distributed final 1977 standings.

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 Dr. Dunn reported sites and dates of Cup events. Semifinals at BBYRA are Bemis in M-Scows, Sears in Lightnings, Smythe in Lasers, probably August 2 at Seaside Park. Details available from Roger Brown. USYRU has increased membership from 7,000 to 17,000 in 1½ years.

From the Massachusetts Bay YRA: a form for recording young sailors' history, useful in administering youth programs.

The BBYRA is honored by the election of Dr. Dunn as Chairman of the YRA Council and Member of the Executive Board of the USYRU.

- <u>Safety Coordinator</u> Chet Sedgley reported that needs for flags and battery sets are being handled with Tommy Brooks' help. The committee named last year will purchase the additional radios for which money has been approved.
- <u>Courses</u> Jim Carson said that several geographical deficiencies will be corrected in the 1978 charts.
- <u>Treasurer</u> Ed Feier urged clubs to remit their unpaid dues. Financial condition is o.k.
- <u>By-Laws</u> Revision to #3, extending geographical limits of BBYRA south to Little Egg Harbor, will be proposed at the May Delegates' meeting.
- <u>Liaison</u> Mr. West reported the January 21, 1978 meeting, which was well attended and successful. Notes by Jim Carson are on file. Highlights were: Scantlings will be submitted by Blue Jay and Penguin classes as required. Double race dates for E Sloops and Lightnings are 7/1 (IH) and 7/22 (MA). M Sloop 'C' Division will be dropped at sailors' request. A variety of requests concerning the conduct of races, order of start, cancellations, course selection, etc. were received from Class reps. Mr. White and Mr. West feel that they can improve many of the conditions mentioned. Commodore Berson asked the Regatta Committee to seek cooperation of their home clubs in reducing jams of spectators off the end of start and finish lines.
- <u>New Classes</u> -In Bill Wood's absence, Bob West relayed the Ensign Class request for permanent status. Motion passed: Ensigns shall be given full racing schedule <u>at pro-</u><u>visional status</u> for 1978. Permanent status will be granted when the Class meets the requirement of six qualifiers from three clubs.

<u>Old Business</u> - Homer Dennis was congratulated on the event of Island Heights Yacht Club's 80th anniversary.

Roger Brown reminded the Committee that offers for new trophies had been made by two donors.

Roger Brown urgently needs club calendars for the Coast Guard master regatta schedule.

<u>New Business</u> - U.S. Olympic Clinics are being held in July and early August at Squaw Valley/Lake Tahoe for 40 participants. Interested candidates should send resume to:

> Olympic Development Clinics U.S. Olympic Yachting Committee 820 Davis Street Evanston, Illinois 60201.

Meeting dates: Delegates - April 15, 1978 - Bay Head

Regatta Committee - May 20, 1978

Dave Lochran will coordinate Protest Committee arrangements for the season.

Meeting adjourned at 1630.

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