



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

To: Officers and Representatives

Subject: Minutes, Regatta Committee Meeting, April 19, 1980, at Toms River Yacht Club.

Call to Order: 1415 Vice-Commodore La Pier thanked the host club for use of the club house. All clubs, except Beachwood and Shore Acres, were represented. Roll Call was waived in favor of a pass around sign-up sheet.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of February 16, 1980, meeting were approved after correction to Page 2 under Protest Committee. Specifically, it was made a part of the record that the Protest Committee will give further consideration to the acknowledgement of a foul and what effect that will have on the point system.

Correspondence: None of consequence.

Fleet Captain: Past Commodore Dennis reported on efforts being made to obtain a high visibility sock to be used to identify entry boat. It appears that this sock will be available for the 1980 season.

USYRU: Past Commodore Dunn was absent, due to his attendance at USYRU meeting in Chicago. There was brief discussion regarding instructions for National Cup events: we do not have enough copies. The Secretary was requested to obtain adequate copies by the Delegates' Meeting on May 17, 1980.

Scoring: There has been no increase in the cost of preparing the scoring printouts: the printout format will be the same as last year. Again, the scoring committee will not accept any changes to the Lavallette results after 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Seaside Park Regatta.

There was discussion concerning appeals beyond the local protest committee on the day of the last season race. Motion was made and seconded that the Seaside Park Yacht Club sailing instructions include a note that: "For the Seaside Park Regatta, the Sailing Instructions will read that appeals will not be entertained past the local level". Motion carried.

- Safety: Host clubs are requested to make certain that patrol boats will be available for both A. M. and P. M. races. We have had problems with a shortage of patrol boats for the P. M. races. Radios will be checked out and we are investigating the use of a new channel.
- Finance: No report.
- Contributing Membership: No report.
- ~~Protest: Dave Loughran's report will be reviewed under Old Business.~~
- Coast Guard: We have received approval of our Marine Event request. Vice-Commodore La Pier reported on the recent meeting with the Coast Guard. We are advised that, due to a budget crunch, the Coast Guard is low on fuel and aid will be dispatched only in emergency situations.
- A "Marine Event" was defined as one involving 10 or more boats crossing the channel.
- Equipment: Rear Commodore West reports he has acquired an equipment trailer for \$300. Trailer is now at Marine Safety for painting and is expected to be ready for the 1980 season.
- Insurance: Bill Wood reports progress being made on increasing insurance on existing trophies.
- Mr. Wood also reported on the meeting held at the Monmouth Boat Club, in which the USYRU Insurance Program was described. ~~Any club requiring details of this program should~~ contact him. We are also advised of a Red Cross program insuring sailing instructors. Details are available from Mr. Wood.
- A motion was made and seconded that the USYRU policy be purchased. Motion carried.
- New Classes: No new classes have applied.
- Course Charts: No report.
- 1980 Regatta Schedule: Vice-Commodore La Pier reviewed schedule in detail. After lengthy discussion, it was approved.

Old Business: Dave Loughran's report of April 18, 1980, on language to be incorporated in sailing instructions regarding penalty scoring and acknowledgement of fouls, was submitted and is attached. Mr. Loughran recommends bringing the BBYRA rules into conformance with USYRU relating to penalty scoring. This would require a By-Laws change. Report will be referred to the Delegates' Meeting.

The subject of "E-Sloop" scoring and the possibility of including a Little Egg Harbor Race in the season standing was discussed at length. Discussion resulted in the following motion which was made and seconded: "No race other than those under BBYRA auspices will be included in BBYRA scoring." Motion carried.

Jim Carson's letter on By-Laws and BBYRA Racing Rules was discussed. This is an excellent report, and it was agreed that those involved will address the issues before the May Delegates' Meeting.

New Business: Rear Commodore West advises that instructions to host club will be updated and ready for 1980 season.

Adjournment: 1740

Respectfully submitted,



Leonard P. Egee
Secretary

Attach. (1)

April 18, 1980

To: Vice-Commodore Ted La Pier and other members of Regatta Committee

From: David P. Loughran, Chairman, Protest Committee

Subject: Language to be incorporated in sailing instructions regarding penalty scoring and acknowledgment of fouls (iota "I" flag).

Discussion:

1. At the 2/16/80 meeting of the Regatta Committee, I was tasked to address the subject referenced.

2. In approaching the task, a review was undertaken by me of the U.S.Y.R.U. Racing Rules, viz: The Yacht Racing Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union, as adopted by the United States Yacht Racing Union, effective April 1, 1977, (hereafter, 1977 Rules); the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association's "By-Laws and Racing Rules" as revised June 1970, as amended by "Addendum of all revisions to By-Laws and Racing Rules adopted from June 1970 to May, 1975", (hereafter, BBYRA racing rules); those amendments constituting exhibits to Jim Carson's memorandum of March 7, 1977 (copy attached); and the "Instructions For Races Under The Jurisdiction of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association" incorporated in the 1979 Upper BAY Course Chart, Toms River Course Chart and Seaside Park Course Chart.

3. At the outset, it is important to note: (1) paragraph two of the Foreword, page 2, 1977 Rules; (2) Part II, paragraph 3, page 10, 1977 Rules; (3) Part II, paragraphs 3.2(a)(ix) and 3.2(b)(xiv), pages 11-12, 1977 Rules; and (4) Appendix 3-Alternative Penalties for an Infringement of a Rule of Part IV, pages 53-56, 1977 Rules.

Reading all four references, it seems clear the BBYRA Multi-Penalty system is not equivalent to any one of the three alternatives systems authorized by 1977 Rule 72.4 as prescribed by USYRU in 1977 Rule 3.1. Note the BBYRA system does not, either directly, or indirectly, make "specific reference" to any 1977 Rule as required by 1977 Rule 3.1

It is, therefore, my recommendation the Regatta Committee make appropriate amendment to the BBYRA racing rules to bring them into conformance with the 1977 Rules relating to penalty scoring, which in turn covers the use of the iota flag (see, paragraph 2.2, page 54 of 1977 Rules). This can be accomplished by suitable insert on the course charts for 1980, similar to the block insert which appeared on the inside of the 1979 Upper Bay Chart. I suggest the following:

"The percentage penalty as provided in USYRU Rule 72.4 (Alternative Penalties), and Appendix 3, Alternative Penalties for Infringement of a Rule of Part IV, of the Yacht Racing Rules shall apply, instead of disqualification, for infringement of a rule of Part IV."

4. Also, to retain the disqualification for sailing in the area of another classes start rule (paragraph B.14 Class B (2) of BBYRA racing rules), I propose the following:

"Pursuant to USYRU Rule 3.2(b)(iii), these sailing instructions provide that a yacht infringing any rule of Part IV before said infringing yacht starts is subject to a 50% penalty in the race in which she is registered. See preamble to Part IV, page 27, 1977 Rules."

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Loughran