

**Minutes of the Regatta Committee Meeting**  
**March 26, 1994**

Meeting was called to order by D. Dorria at 1330 hours at the Toms river Yacht Club. Role call reported all clubs were represented except: Beachwood, Normandy Beach, and Shore Acres. Commodore Wedam asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ted Lepier who had recently died. D Dorria made a motion that the 1994 season, book and Commodores Ball be dedicated to the memory of Ted Lepeir - motion seconded and passed.

Minutes of the Dec. 4 meeting approved with corrections.

**Correspondence** Commodore Wedam reported on correspondence regarding the security deposits for the Bemis and Sears races - Comm. Wedam responded to the letter and has resolved the problem, including return of the deposits.

**Committee Reports:**

**Jr. Sailing** - Patty Applegate reported on the program directors clinic held at Toms River Yacht Club and the upcoming Optimist instructors training course. The next Jr. committee meeting is scheduled for Apr. 16 at the Bay Head YC. Patty reported the Sears, Bemis, Symth Adams and Mallory to be July 12 at Saeside Park YC.

**Fleet Captain** - H Waite reported The safety committee reserves the right to inspect any class at any time, a class may be inspected more than once. The inspection boat will anchor to windward of the finish line.

**US Sailing** - Roger Brown - thanked all who helped out at the Sail Expo Booth in Atlantic City. All Insurance policies are in force and in order, Coast Guard permits have been requested. Roger attended the US Sailing meeting at Fort Worth Texas March 18-20 - a report is on file.

**Appeals**- Dale Doria reported that all appeals have been resolved.

**Safety** - Bill Studdiford patrol flags to be brought up to date, all radios are ready, all patrol bags to have a "C" flag and whistle

**Membership**- Werner Wedam has been handling the membership work and is looking for a volunteer to handle this work.. Some discussion of conversion of Ted's data to a format compatible with the bay computer.

**Finance** - Ann Attridge - no report.

**Scoring** - Report by Patty Applegate - Laser 150 class will not be scored to the next season. Continuing problem of accounting for all boats in the starting area., discussion of use of video tape to record the start and how to check in boats in the starting area. Discussion of how to distribute score reports to all of the clubs in a timely manor.

**Measurer / Courses** - Jim Carson - No problems to date. A file of specifications and class rules are maintained. Class eligibility the Hobie 18 and laser 150 classes are no longer eligible. We have received a request for the Sandpiper be included as a provisional class in 1994, starting in the AM after the Blue Jays. Motion made and passed to include the Sandpiper class. The Course committee has been vary busy over the winter preparing new courses for this summer - see the attached report.

**Rear Commodore** - Don McNeil reported that he has been working with Bill Studdiford on the Patrol bags which will be ready for the opening date. All equipment is ready and in good shape.

Vice Commodore - Dale Doria - Remind that we will hail from both ends of the line to identify those boats that are over the line. Discussion of the marks to use for Windward/Leeward courses - motion made and approved to purchase three yellow triangular marks.

Commodore Werner Wedam reported that new bylaws need to be approved by the delegates in time to be included in the booklet for this year. Request for all committees to write a procedures and guidelines manual to describe what and how the committee does its job. Runnie Colie will replace Ted Lapeir on the appeals committee.

Old Business - Request from Amy Rosenfield for financial assistance to defray expenses from her representing the BBYRA in Texas. Motion made and approved to grant her \$250 from the Frier fund.

New Business - Discussion of next meeting notice and reminders. NEXT MEETING Nov. 19, 1994 at Toms River YC same day as the Liaison meeting.

REPORT OF THE BBYRA MEASURER for  
REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING, March 26, 1994

No problems have been brought to the attention of the Measurer. The Measurer continues to maintain a current file of class specifications & rules. I plan to solicit up-dated data from the class representatives prior to the season.

REPORT OF THE CLASS ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE for  
REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING, March 26, 1994

The Class Eligibility Committee has reviewed the performance of classes participating in the regattas of the BBYRA. As previously reported the Hobie 18 and Laser '150' classes no longer meet eligibility requirements and we have recommended they be dropped from the starting sequence. In the case of the Laser '150', this class could be continued as a sub-group if the class so desires. Sub-group status was established in 1988 to permit any class representative to designate a group within its class for the purpose of season or special awards. The guidelines are that the BBYRA will note the sub-group by a character on the score sheet but rules, administration, and financial responsibility for awards will be the responsibility of the class. The Laser Masters fall in this category. The Laser Radial Junior Class does not, as it existed as a separate class prior to establishment of the current guideline.

In November, we received a petition from the Sandpiper Class to be included as a morning class for 1994. The Sandpiper is a 16' little sister to the Sanderling, a gaff rigged open cockpit catboat built by Marshall with a sail area of 166 square feet and displacement of 1050#. There is an active fleet at the BHYC. We have on file signed petitions from seven sailors representing three Clubs stating their intention to qualify in the BBYRA this year. A draft of Barnegat Bay Sandpiper Class Rules is also on file although these rules have not yet been approved by the class membership. We find that the Sandpiper may attract a number of sailors who do not want as much boat as the Sanderling and who otherwise would not participate competitively in the BBYRA.

Therefore, we recommend the Sandpiper be included in the 1994 schedule as a provisional class, starting after the Blue Jay. In order to accommodate the additional morning class, we recommend the afternoon starts be moved back 10 minutes with the warning signals at 1:30 and 2:00. Recalling that the afternoon starting sequence is ten minutes shorter than it was three years ago before the loss of the Prindle and Hobie, the 10 minute delay will not materially change the finish time of the afternoon races and would provide more time for the afternoon thermal to settle.

REPORT OF THE COURSE COMMITTEE for  
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First, a reminder to all Clubs that our Coast Guard authorization specifies that our marks will be orange with a white stripe. Some Clubs have been omitting the white stripe. Please be sure the white stripe is included this year.

Your course committee has had a busy winter and I'd like to first thank Del Kusma, Eric Johnson, Hank Waite, and the Vice Commodore Dale Doria for many hours of work with respect to our courses. This year we did more than just fine-tune our existing courses. Recognizing that sailboat racing is changing and that sailors today are not satisfied with the same format and same type of courses we've been using for years, we have examined what needs to be done to modernize our course format and race administration to get in tune with modern racing practice. We believe that to attract and keep our younger and more competitive sailors sailing in the BBYRA, some major changes will be necessary.

Recognizing that major changes are difficult, given the 80 year old traditions of the BBYRA and the number of competing classes, we are recommending changes in our courses and procedures which may in future years lead to the phase-out of fixed-mark courses in favor of portables, the use of multiple committees, committee boats and course areas. We'd like to be able to change course if the wind shifts and provide such modern improvements as off-set marks and gates.

Our near-term goal is improvement within our existing format and toward that end we are planning the following changes for 1994:

Relocation of some starting areas to provide the possibility of longer windward legs with respect to the second leg of the course which has sometimes been a very long out-of proportion reach.

Elimination of many "treasure-hunt" courses in favor of windward/ leeward, olympic and triangular courses using the present fixed-mark format.

Experimentation with a windward/ leeward course using portable marks. In this connection, we recommend the acquisition of two large yellow portable marks and the appropriate placards for signaling this course. The Sailing Instructions will contain a prohibition against sailing through the start/ finish line except to start or finish.

We recommend and the Vice Commodore has agreed to try to identify regatta committee members and others with special qualifications and make use of their expertise (ie: on the line boat for recalls, for portable mark setting, etc.)

We recommend member Clubs, where possible, appoint representatives with race management experience to the Regatta Committee and that the BBYRA initiate Race Management Seminars and/ or Training Sessions for Representatives.

We recognize this is an ambitious program but feel it is necessary to the future health of competitive sailing on Barnegat Bay.

Finally, Sailing Instruction/ Course Charts will be available for delivery June 21st. Each Club should let me know if they want any extra copies and where they should be delivered.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Carson  
March 26, 1994

## **Edward W. Feirer Memorial Fund**

The Edward W. Feirer Memorial Fund (Feirer Fund) was created by the family of Ed Feirer. Mr. Feirer was an avid sailor, active in the BBYRA for many years, and a long time member of Beachwood Yacht Club (BYC). The purpose of the Feirer Fund is to enable skippers "to pursue further competition beyond the BBYRA level" in US Sailing National Cup Events. As per the Deed of Gift, the Feirer Fund is to be placed in a separate interest bearing account of the BBYRA and maintained by the BBYRA. The interest of this separate account are the funds to be disbursed annually to qualified skippers. Any portion of the available funds that are not disbursed are to revert to the principal of the Feirer Fund. The distribution of the available funds is to be at the sole discretion of a committee consisting of a representative member of BYC, BBYRA Commodore and BBYRA Chairperson of US Sailing National Cup Events.

### **Edward W. Feirer Memorial Fund Disbursement of Funds**

1. All eligible registration forms submitted to the BBYRA Chairperson of US Sailing National Cup Events and approved by the Chairperson shall be considered an application to the Feirer Fund. The BBYRA Chairperson shall notify and forward a copy of each accepted application to the BBYRA Commodore and BYC Commodore simultaneously.
2. BBYRA shall pay the registration fee(s) for approved application(s) for those competitors who qualify for the finals of the National Cup Events from the BBYRA operating fund in consultation with BBYRA Commodore and BYC Commodore (or their designee). Disbursement is limited to posted registration fee.
3. The BBYRA Commodore, BYC Commodore and BBYRA Chairperson of US Sailing National Cup Events shall meet in September of each year to review the disbursements for the Feirer Fund and the performance of the Feirer Fund. BBYRA to be reimbursed for disbursement(s) made for posted registrations fee(s) for National Cup Events up to the maximum interest earned. In the event BBYRA disbursements exceed the annual interest of the Feirer Fund for posted registration fee(s) for National Cup Events, BBYRA will be reimbursed from the Feirer Fund as future funds become available.
4. Any funds that are not disbursed shall revert to the Feirer Fund principal.

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