

MEETING OF THE  
BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 4, 1993

MANASQUAN RIVER YACHT CLUB

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Wedam at 1330 hours. The Commodore noted that Greg Deppeler of Manasquan River had been elected Secretary, and officially welcomed him to the organization.

Vice Commodore Doria reported that he had received a letter from Manasquan River expressing that Club's willingness to host the Commodore's Ball on June 11, 1994.

Commodore Wedam mentioned he had received a request from Patti Applegate requesting an additional \$900 appropriation for Junior Sailing. This request has been forwarded to the Delegates for their vote. (Secretary's note: This request was subsequently approved).

In the JUNIOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT, Patti Applegate outlined a "Program Director" clinic to be held at Toms River on January 23, 1994. It is open to all interested parties, but is especially directed toward directors, head instructors, and instructors. The cost is \$25 per person (not including lunch), is limited to approximately 40 people, and will cover a variety of pertinent topics in a seminar (complete with facilitator!) type fashion. Patti also noted that there will be a clinic in the middle of June (date to be determined), also at Toms River, for those charged by their respective Clubs with the organizing and providing of instruction in Optimist Prams. When queried regarding where correspondence regarding such seminars is sent, Patti stated it is always sent to the attention of an individual at each Club involved in Junior Sailing. The next meeting of the Committee is on January 23 at Manasquan River.

Fleet Captain Waite pointed out that all boats in all fleets are subject to equipment inspection at any time, and underscored the fact that nay Fleet(s) could be subject to such inspection more than once during the season.

Roger Brown gave a rather detailed report on U.S. Sailing. It is on file with the Secretary. Roger also observed that Area C is taking a booth at Sail Expo, which runs from February 5 through February 13. Roger intends to put up a large BBYRA banner in the booth. All applicable fees charged to Area C will go to the Sail Expo foundation. Roger also presented a copy of the "Experimental Right of Way Rules and Definitions". The Secretary has retained this copy for the official record; individual copies are available upon request from Roger. The BBYRA Semi-finals of the Sears, Adams, Mallory and Smythe will be held on July 12 (filing deadline July 5) at Seaside Park and Metedeconk River. The Prince of Wales date has yet to be determined...Hank Waite will provide as soon as it's available.

Hank Waite had no SAFETY report. Past Commodore Studdiford states that we are acquiring a new base station as well as some new handheld radios.

There were no formal MEMBERSHIP or FINANCE reports.

Regarding SCORING, Commodore Wedam inquired about the degree of difficulty inherent in including "handicap scoring" (like Portsmouth) in our framework to encourage such classes like Multihulls. It was concluded that this could be amalgamated without too much difficulty.

Jim Carson's MEASURER report is on file with the Secretary. Past Commodore Loughran suggested requiring written requests for substitute sail numbers and/or skippers. It was concluded that instructions are clearly in place for sail numbers, and that a minor modification could extend these instructions to skippers as well. There was some discussion on the merits of having a junior program and organization separate from the parent, with racing activities held perhaps during mid-week. No definitive resolution was reached.

Don McNeil reported on the LIASON meeting. Topics covered included the 720 rule, the 1 minute rule, alternate courses (including windward/leeward) and hailing after starts. All classes were generally happy with their experiences during 1993. The Commodore offered his personal opinion that hailing prematurely starters may not be such a bad practice after all, as long as all contestants recognize that it is only an extended courtesy, that it cannot possibly be all inclusive, and that the ultimate responsibility for proper starts rest with the racers themselves. After a spirited dialogue regarding all facets, a MOTION was made, seconded and approved to hail from both ends of the line: to not employ a chase boat, and to focus on three classes; E Sloop, Lasers and Laser Radials. The next topic discussed was that of how a registrant does a "sail by" to be seen and, therefore, randed as a starter. It was noted that the Committee, line, and late entry boats can all "see" a registrant. While the Vice Commodore mentioned that he will address this problem at the March meeting, the apparent consensus was that only one boat should be employed for this task. The Laser II's will have no race on August 20 due to the Beachwood Regatta. Regarding the use of a mid-line marker, a MOTION was approved that it should always be picked up when no longer needed, and never placed near the pin. The next item was the "missing mark" concept. A MOTION was approved requiring a sound to be employed if a boat replaces a mark, but not if another mark replaces the original.

Vice Commodore Doria asked Fleet Captain Waite to work on a methodology to shorten courses in a "crisper" fashion. He then read a lengthy letter addressing several topics, including:

- . When are the scores of the individual races considered "final"? (A MOTION was approved to consider all preceeding races "final" after the fifth and ninth races are held);
- . Various classes want Bay participants to have to belong to the respective classes (the BBYRA agrees, but suggests the classes themselves must do the enforcing);
- . What should be done with racers starting four (or more) minutes after their official class start? While everyone recognizes that such valid reasons as an equipment breakdown might cause such a

situation to develop, it was also recognized that all classes have the right to as clean a start as we can provide. A MOTION to require registrants to start within four minutes of their class start was denied.

Under Old Business, all Delegates were encouraged to talk to their respective Commodores regarding the proposed By-Law revisions, and to get any comments back by April 30. Greg Parmalee pointed out that solicitations to advertisers for the 1994 BBYRA booklet should be begun, and the Vice Commodore said he will begin the outreach program. Treasurer Attridge noted she wants all advertising revenue to be received prior to booklet publication.

Under New Business, the Vice Commodore asked that the December meeting be moved to the afternoon of the November Delegates Meeting. A MOTION to affect same was approved. A MOTION was also approved to remove from all future Regatta Committee meetings any agenda items (insurance, historical, etc) that are more appropriate for the Delegates Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1630 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Gregory Deppeler