BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Delegates Meeting

April 12, 1997 BHYC

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Commodore McNeil at 1330.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary; all clubs were represented.

Previous minutes of October 5, 1996 meeting were approved.

Coast Guard Representatives Chief Peck and Ken Holmes were introduced to bring us up to date on recent new rulings. In order to eliminate paper work, requirements for saiding events have been changed - waterway safety is prime concern; yacht clubs are responsibile for safety of participants; each yacht club has received a package explaining that if there are more than 50 boats participating, Coast Guard application must be submitted, less than that, application not required. Safe Boating Week of May-17 thru 24 is the kick-off for the boating season.

Correspondence - none

OFFICER REPORTS:

Commodore McNeil reported that a short Executive Committee meeting had been held - nothing to vote on; it was held with discussion and adjourned.

Vice Commodore Waite reported that the Regatta Committee meeting went well and turned the floor over to Rear Commodore Foote who briefly discussed comments made by various fleets at the liaison meeting regarding courses and possibility of providing a lunch boat on the water.

Fleet Captain Heacock reported that safety inspections have continued; one significant change for E-Scows is flotation is required at all times.

Measurer Carson reported on racing rules changes approved by Regatta Committee, also asked that sailors be encouraged to <u>read</u> the instructions. Laser II dropped; Laser Masters continued as a sub-division and to be billed for trophy awarded. 420 still provisional, no age limit, a trophy at end of season - will be re-presented next year for permanent status. On motion made and seconded, all changes approved.

Membership - W. Wedam reported membership numbers are up; will be up and running by May and June; thanks to Carol Lapier for her help in stuffing envelopes.

Treasurer Attridge reported that we must now file tax forms with IRS and State of New Jersey because of income over \$25,000.

USSA/General Programs and Services/ etc.: P.C. Brown was not in attendance; however he had forwarded his report on the U.S. Sailing spring meeting, sponsorship limitations, Women's Open Championship report, safety at sea report, junior olympic program, etc. - this was made available to all present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Van Horn has presented all yacht clubs with model boat kits to be used for protest meetings; all are very grateful for his thoughtfulness.

J. Carson asked all present if more than 600 course sheets are needed, to advise him.

Blue Gavel meeting to be held next week to organize Commodores Ball on June 14.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next meeting on October 4, 1997 at Bay Head Yacht Club at 13:30

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Gelenitis, Secretary