

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Liaison Committee Meeting

Manasquan River Yacht Club

November 22, 1997 at 1000

MINUTES

The Liaison Committee Meeting was called to order by Rear Commodore Patti Applegate.

FOLLOWING ARE FLEET REPORTS:

M Sloops - Curt Morton

Expressed concern about dwindling participation but hope to turn that around.

Urged use of shortened courses when appropriate.

Lasers and Laser Masters - John Applegate

Class pleased with season.

Masters appreciate sailing within class.

Sneakboxes - Jeff Lines

No problems races 1 through 9.

Lack of good windward legs in 10th race.

Upper Bay course problem -

NW wind courses generally go from F to G, often a no tack beat.

Suggest changing courses to F to H.

Flying Scots - Jeff Lines

Class very satisfied with season as a whole.

Courses generally good.

Patrol boat concerns were raised -

Some break downs were not noticed; some boats were not missed.

Patrol boats were busy reporting roundings at marks allowing them no time to look for break downs in middle of legs on windy days.

Commodore Waite explained duties of patrol boats.

Distress flags were suggested.

NW course problem on Upper Bay in Sneakbox report repeated.

Course 25 on Lower Bay chart -

D to B is a long reach; B to A is often a short one tack leg.

Suggested change: D to E to D to H to W.

Challenger Fleet Trophy -

Object is to encourage novice or less practiced sailors since fleet is larger.

To be paid for by fleet but bought by BBYRA.

To be awarded at Seaside to sailor not in the top ten in BBYRA in previous season for first year and previous two seasons thereafter.

To be eligible, election for this fleet is to be made when registering for season.

Radial Lasers - Ericka Amon

Good season with good courses.
Hiking pants are legal - US Sailing and class rules apply
Maximum wind - 25.

Blue Jays - Eve Allison

Number of participants dwindling; sailors seem to be leaving programs.
Blue Jay is excellent trainer for other double handed classes.
Short courses appreciated.
Maximum wind - 25.

420s - Mike Sparks not present but reported

Use national age limit - can't turn 22 in calendar year.

Sandpipers - Mimi Dimon

There was lower participation in 1997.
Maximum wind - no request
Cancel races if lack of wind.
Reported problems crossing channel
Like triangular courses

A Cats - Chris Chadwick

Feel race management has improved.
Appreciate wind limits; keep them the same.
Concern expressed about three different hull designs.
Request windward/leeward courses; eliminate traditional courses.

B Cats - John Cutting

Felt it was a good year with good courses.
Would like to increase number of participants in fleet.
Appreciate first race being canceled and Normandy Beach race being shortened.
Felt starting lines favored at pin end too much making it difficult to cross on starboard tack.
Would appreciate posting of class flags when there are two finish lines.
Request a nine race series next season -
Sailors want to race at LEHYC, taking a cut, but want no BBYRA race that Saturday for B Cats.
It was explained that the BBYRA has not historically allowed this.
LYC & MCYC plan to host a B Cat World Championship on September 19, 1998.

E Sloops - Buzz Reynolds

Real improvement in race management last 3 - 5 years.
Appreciate BBYRA volunteers.
Five new boats are possible.
Flotation requirements are appreciated.
VHF radio use suggested for boats in distress. (has been used by class for recalls)
Request course displayed ten minutes prior to start or as soon as known.
Request made that non BBYRA E Sloop sailors be permitted to race and be scored the last race in July.
Would like to use Website for a crew bulletin board.
Would like to race on Cedar Creek last BBYRA regatta hosted at SPYC.

Lightnings - Jim Carson

Positive about race management.

Starting line at SPYC regatta too favored at committee boat;
committee should continue to be cognizant of starting line.

Would like to go to eight race series with 2 cuts like E Sloops.

Measurer - Jim Carson

Requested all class representatives to provide current copies of class rules.

Registration

Forms should be filled out accurately.

Substitute skippers must register on daily basis and belong to a member club.

Lunch on water was disbanded after three weeks due to communication problem
with clubs and people making lunches and problems with sign up.

There are no plans to return to lunch on water.

Discontinuing lunches is in committee.

Commodore Henry Waite thanked class representatives for attending meeting.

He explained that only three people keep track of all of the boats and that
the Scorer's job is a tremendous one.

The Course Committee is conscientious and is continually working.

The protest procedure went well.

It was suggested that the cannon be fired at SPYC to announce the start of the awards
ceremony at the conclusion of the BBYRA season.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Jane France, BBYRA Secretary