

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Regatta I Meeting

Manasquan River Yacht Club

November 22, 1997 at 1330

MINUTES

The Regatta I Meeting was called to order by Commodore Henry Waite.
Roll call was taken by Secretary Betty Jane France - 12 clubs represented, 17 attendees.
Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as written.

Correspondence -

A letter was read from William deCamp who made a donation in memory of Ted Skinner to be put into the BBYRA Edward W. Feirer Memorial Fund.
At his request, the family will be notified.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Class Liaison/Equipment - Rear Commodore Patti Applegate

All fleets were represented at the Liaison Meeting except the Ensign Fleet.

The following requests were made:

E Sloop Fleet -

Requested a one day invitational on July 25, 1998.

Flying Scot Fleet -

Would like to present a trophy to encourage sailors of lesser ability.

It will be paid for by fleet, bought by BBYRA, and awarded at Seaside to a skipper not in the top ten in BBYRA in previous season for first year and previous two seasons thereafter.

Sanderling Fleet -

Requested a nine race series with no race on August 15, 1998 when there would be a class cut.

A Cat Fleet -

Also requested a nine race series and class cut on August 15, 1998.

They would like to race on the Cedar Creek course the Saturday of the Ocean Gate Regatta.

They prefer windward/leeward courses.

Most of the classes are happy; many complements were received relative to race management.

Safety/Training

The fleets want all boats accounted for.

Use of VHF radios or distress flags was suggested for break downs.

P/C Roger Brown requested that the use of VHF radios for safety be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Regatta Committee - Vice Commodore Harry Foote

Copies of a letter from Dave Magno will be made and contents will be discussed at a future meeting.

Patrol boat problems and possible solutions were discussed -

Problem:

Many inexperienced people are operating patrol boats.

Possible Solutions:

Commitment is required.

A consistent cadre of patrol boats is needed -

Perhaps up bay cadre could patrol up bay and down bay cadre could patrol down bay.

Training is needed - classes or apprenticeship.

Member yacht clubs could send junior instructors to patrol.

It was suggested that Representatives and Alternates be present each week to help.

Representatives should go back to their clubs for suggestions and/or volunteers with suitable boats to patrol on a regular basis.

It was mentioned that sailors could take cut to serve on regatta committee.

A letter will go to member clubs regarding responsibilities of Representatives.

Sailing Instructions/Eligibility - Measurer Jim Carson

The Sailing Instructions Committee has not met.

More windward/leeward courses are desired.

Eligibility -

The Flying Scot Fleet and the Sanderling Fleet each had about 20 boats qualify in 1997.

The Blue Jay Fleet and the M Sloop Fleet are in trouble.

The 420 Fleet had 6 boats qualify and may be recommended for full status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

US Sailing & National Cup - Rear Commodore Patti Applegate

All 1997 events completed.

1998 Area C eliminations will be held at MCYC.

Sears Cup may eventually be dropped.

1998 BBYRA eliminations for Sears, Bemis, and Smythe will be held July 14 at SPYC - deadline July 11.

The Bemis and Smythe have been expanded to include two teams from each Area.

Midgets Areas B and C will be held together.

Doublehanded - no competitors. Each club urged to seek competitors.

Scoring - Rear Commodore Patti Applegate

No complaints

Appeals - P/C Roger Brown

No appeals.

US Sailing General Programs and Services - P/C Roger Brown

Personal Flotation requirements for Offshore Racing only.

A U. S. Disabled Sailing Team has been created with blind sailors also being allowed to compete. The Paralympics will be a full medal sport in 2000.

The US Sailing Junior Olympic Path Program will be expanding the program to 10 regional events, one being at IHYC.

There should be no filing fees for protests, requests for redress, or requests to reopen hearings. If organizing authority insists, fees should not exceed \$25, be the same for all, and be included in notice of race and sailing instructions.

Junior Sailing - No coordinator.

Membership - no report

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion took place about creating a film promoting BBYRA.

Greg Parmele to report back.

P/C Roger Brown asked for manpower to man booth at Boat Show

February 4 - 8, 1998.

The meeting was adjourned at 1435.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Jane France, Secretary