

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2001 Bay Head Yacht Club

MINUTES

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 1130 by Commodore Harry Foote. Roll call was taken by Secretary Betty Jane France. All clubs were represented.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed accepting the minutes of the October 7, 2000 meeting.

Correspondence was received from Save Barnegat Bay, Pat Heacock, and Zoe Wells.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Changes to the BBYRA Racing Rules for 2001.

Vice Commodore Patricia Applegate reviewed for approval the proposed BBYRA Racing Rules for 2001 which will be submitted to the Delegates for final action. The changes bring conformity to our sailing instructions, racing rules, and US Sailing.

The starting procedure has been changed.

Low Point Scoring will be used.

Crews are exempt from membership requirements.

In order to enter the championship, a boat must register for the entire season before her first race. Races sailed prior to season entry will be scored DNC.

Daily entries will be accepted but will not be included in series scoring

In order to qualify for the championship, a boat must compete (come to the starting line) in at least 66% of those races completed by her class.

Sunfish have been added to the schedule as a Provisional Class and will be the last class off in the morning all ten Saturdays. Wayne Bush was commended for being the driving force behind this.

Proposed Schedule Change

Vice Commodore Applegate explained the rationale of the proposed rotation.

Many classes made requests at the fall Liaison Meeting for more than one race some Saturdays and no races others allowing participation in other regattas. Complying with such requests leaves unequal numbers of participants week to week. Vice Commodore Applegate mailed a proposed rotating schedule from 2002 to 2007, to each member club commodore, asking them to review it with their club officials and bring concerns to today's meeting. The intent of the rotation is to equitably distribute the burden each club bears and to increase participation in the BBYRA. The following was discussed:

Many clubs are happy with their traditional spot.

Club social calendars are planned around the BBYRA schedule.

Concerns were expressed about breaking tradition and trophy deeds of gift.

Consider dealing with double races and other changes on an individual basis.

Consider voluntary rotation.

Consider adjusting the classes not the rotation.

Participation is declining; change needs to be considered.

Clubs are willing to help one another.

Patti was commended for looking ahead.

The consensus of those present seemed to be to leave the schedule as it is.

The proposed schedule change was tabled until the October meeting.

Commodores Ball

The Commodores Ball will be held on June 2, 2001 at Normandy Beach Yacht Club. Initially, ten invitations will be sent to each member club. Parking is a problem so attendees are urged to carpool and call ahead if arriving by boat.

Web page - WWW.BBYRA.ORG

Jack Heacock, our Web master, has put considerable effort into the web page. At 1215, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jane France, Secretary