



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

Regatta Committee Meeting

November 17, 2001 at 1330
Manasquan River Yacht Club
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1330 by Commodore Patricia Applegate. There was a moment of silence in memory of P/C Bill Studdiford and Tosh Brown, both avid BBYRA supporters.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Betty Jane France.

All clubs were represented with the exception of Beachwood Yacht Club.

The following correspondence was read:

A thank you note from P/C Roger Brown.

A thank you note from Joey Studdiford.

A letter from F/C Rod McKenzie, TRYC

relative to responsibility of bay markers "R" and "O".

A letter from P/C Roger Brown resigning as Delegate to US Sailing CSA, Chair of Appeals Committee, and obtainer of USCG permits.

OFFICER REPORTS

Regatta Committee

Commodore Applegate reported that 2001 changes were implemented by a race committee that worked cohesively. BBYRA used the philosophy that "we walk before we run".

Double races were successful.

The scoring system was changed.

The BBYRA web site helped with communication and with posting scores.

Class Liaison

Rear Commodore Jack Heacock reported that at the morning Liaison Committee Meeting, most comments were favorable and most fleets were happy. The Sunfish had a great first year.

There are fleet requests for -

double races (back to back and 1 AM, 1 PM), all downbay races, and all upbay races
alternate different color windward mark (E-Sloops) and alternate leeward mark (A-Cats)

Scoring requests include -

Sunfish - subclasses

E-Sloops - high point percentage with 1 drop and 1 cut (objected to DNC scoring in 2001)

Sandpipers - all remaining boats be scored last instead of DNF when time limit expires

Problems -

starting line too favored at pin too often
finding correct finish line

Equipment

Rear Commodore Jack Heacock reported that Fleet Captain Bill Scheyer has the patrol boat bags with radios and that the trailer is in good shape.

Safety and Training

Fleet Captain Bill Scheyer reported that six people were certified in CPR and defibrillator use last spring. It is desirable to train six more.

To date 35 have enrolled in the Club Race Officer Seminar on 12/15/01 at MRYC.

12 have signed up for the Regional Race Officer Seminar on 12/15/01 & 12/16/01 at MRYC.

Having a Race Management Handbook is mandatory for certification; they are not available until spring. If all other requirements are met and a pre-order form with a credit card number is filled out, applicants will become certified.

Senior Race Officers are grandfathered.

Measurer

Measurer James Carson reported that he received up-dated information from the E-Sloop, Laser, Lightning, and Sunfish Classes.

The A-Cat Class is currently working on up-dated plans and specifications.

He is aware of sail measurement by the Sanderling Class and boat weighing by the Lightning Class.

No measurement problems have been referred to Jim.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Class Eligibility

Chairman Jim Carson will be meeting shortly with his committee. It appears all classes are eligible for next year including the Sunfish. The Laser class is in the most trouble.

Sailing Instructions

Chairman Jim Carson wishes to make as few changes to the Sailing Instructions as possible when his committee meets in January. Suggestions for change have been received from Scorer Harold Lewry and from the Liaison Committee.

Appeals

Roger Brown reported that one appeal from the Flying Scot Nationals is still pending; it will be reheard.

Protest

No report.

Scoring

Assistant Scorer Jack Heacock reported that the final copy of the 2001 race results have been filed with the Secretary.

The St. Pete program will continue to be used; two programs will be run in sync.

A computer will continue to be on the committee boat with scores entered as soon as possible.

The qualifying list had some missing names; the greatest participation trophy went to the correct club.

Mark Schleckser, sailing Sanderling SA13, withdrew from the final race which changed the final scores moving John Schwind to second place and Mark to third. The appropriate trophies have been switched.

US Sailing Cup Events

Chairman Bill Bogardus reported a successful season.

Sears - Andrew Brennan, MCYC, won BBYRA and Area C. He was 4th in National Finals.

Bemis - Mergenthaler, TRYC, won BBYRA, Area C, and National Finals.

Smythe - Clay Johnson, TRYC, won BBYRA, Area C, and National Finals.

Midgets -

Opti - Bernie Rosler, IHYC, won BBYRA Eliminations and was 3rd in Area B & C Finals.

420 - Carrie Amarante, IHYC, won BBYRA Eliminations.

POW - An Area C rep is needed.

Mallories - There was a scheduling problem in 2001.

Area C Junior Representative is Robin Johnson.

LYC would like to run either a BBYRA Elimination or an Area C Elimination.

A letter from BBYRA, as a YRA, will be sent voicing concern over a communication problem.

Appointments should go through the Area Director.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Site

Harry Foote and Jack Heacock visited Green Eggs to add a bulletin board with a crew wanted/available section, questions to officers, a private directory for inventory, source files, and communication for officers.

Yearbook

1400 yearbooks will be ordered in 2002; 100 for each club, 100 for advertisers and officers.

Advertisers will be charged for 2002 ads and will be acknowledged on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

Double Races, All Upbay Races, All Downbay Races

Requests are being made to deviate from the old ten week, one race per week format.

Sandpipers have requested two AM races back to back some weeks.

Lightnings have requested two PM races back to back some weeks.

Ensigns and Flying Scots have requested one AM race and 1 PM race some weeks.

Some fleets have requested sailing only upbay or only downbay.

Reasons for departure from the old format need to be addressed philosophically and practically.

We want to encourage participation.

The BBYRA is both up and down bay.

Some fleets want to race elsewhere and have special date requirements.

Is the Race Committee willing to do extra work to accommodate double races?

The long lunch hour can be cut into.

This will be addressed at the next Officers Meeting.

Make-Up Races

The make-up race which was scheduled for the A-Cat Fleet was with the unanimous consent of the fleet. Make-up races should be requested by the fleet and will be granted case by case.

Equipment

Fleet Captain Bill Scheyer reported that to equip 4 committee boats and 16 patrol boats, the BBYRA needs 8 new duffle bags, 7 new patrol boat bags, 2 race committee flags, 2 on station flags, 6 "M" flags, 6 "Y" flags, 6 "L" flags, 10 more first aid kits, and 4 new radios.

Rear Commodore Jack Heacock reported that, in the past, only the MCYC and TRYC launches would handle the BBYRA pins. He has located two inflatable pins - a 4 foot pin weighted to stand up and one 5 feet tall and nun shaped. Silver tape was suggested to help visibility.

A propane cannon (\$640) was discussed. It is safer, cleaner, and the operating cost is minimal.

An additional orange mark is needed so that we have 3.

\$3000 for equipment is in the 2002 budget.

It was determined that only BBYRA clubs can borrow BBYRA equipment.

BBYRA Commodores Ball

Chairman Greg Parmele reported that the Commodores Ball, which is a fund raiser, will be held on June 15, 2002 at the Bay Head Yacht Club. Since the BHYC capacity is 230,

BBYRA Officers, Past Commodores, Delegates, Representatives, Alternates, and Liaisons will be invited as will member club flag officers, patrol people, etc. Names and addresses of those interested in attending should be forwarded to -


Secretary Betty Jane France

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by 1/31/02.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Jane France, Secretary