

**BBYRA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING 1-21-06
NOTES**

Attendance – All members attended except Len Egee who is in North Carolina. He sent comments. Vice Commodore Morrow also attended.

Chairman's Statement – Simplification!! Jim Carson stressed the need to strive toward simplification. Improving race management and honoring the requests of the fleets has complicated the Sailing Instructions.

Format & Schedule – Most fleets submitted specific schedule requests. In the absence of requests from the Laser, Laser Radial & Sneakbox classes we assume same schedule and format as 2005. We are unaware of a replacement for Jim Earle as Sneakbox representative. Morrow will check dates for 420 races. See later comments on 420 racing.

Rules – Recommend against implementation of Sanderling request to change qualification to 50% of races *completed* rather than *scheduled*. No other fleet made such a request. Qualification was made significantly easier in 2005. We see no reason to change.

Administrative - Tyvek Course Charts. Recommend cost of one Upper Bay & one Lower Bay be built into registration fee with option to buy additional sheets for \$2. each via website ordering prior to the season as long as they last. Plan to order 200 of each, same as 2005.

Sailing Instructions – Sandpiper request to make AM Cut-off 11:45 instead of 11:30. Recommend no change. Time between AM and PM races short enough now and time to complete first race should be adequate.

Courses – Barrel – Many changes in past years. Recommend no changes for 2006. _

Portable – Discussed suggestions for portable course changes to reduce congestion. The following recommendations were discussed at length and will undergo further study by the SI Committee.

Recommend move finish to windward of windward mark. Definite no brainer!!

Recommend against parallel Port/Starboard courses from Schmoo. In addition to marks to starboard on the right side course, it was felt there is inadequate space on the Bay to set up such a system given geographical restraints and the need to avoid the channel.

Recommend against 420 course between Start Boat & Schmoo. 420's

sailed collegiate style (no spinnaker and trap) need reaches that would overlap the regular windward-leeward course. In addition their presence to windward of the start boat would restrict ability of the committee to implement second race starts for other fleets.

Recommend an entirely separate course for 420s with three-minute dinghy starts. We envision a course sheet addendum in the form of a separate sheet spelling out changes from the regular SI's. In the future other fleets might fit such a format but we'd like to experiment with one fleet first.

Agreed to study the use of multiple leeward marks. We feel this is the most practical way to reduce congestion at the leeward mark. Dave Magno will consider how to accomplish this in the Sailing Instructions.

Recommend always use Schmoo as initial mark. Would eliminate need for "green flag" and any question in sailors minds as to its use. We will study further whether this should only apply to portable courses.

Scheduling – A request by the Ensign fleet to move up into the first starting group in the afternoon prompted a discussion of starting order. In view of the fact that other fleets would also like to move up and many other fleets now have double races as well, this committee strongly recommends all fleets be started in "speed order". This also saves time by eliminating the gap in the starting sequence. The tentative proposed schedule is shown this way.

A schedule was developed based on fleet requests. Where we recommend changes, the fleets involved will be contacted. All other dates would be honored. See attached schedule outline.

Carson will contact the Lightning fleet and Magno the Sunfish fleet with respect to moving from IHYC to MYC/MRYC to reduce number of double races at MYC/MRYC. We (including the Vice Commodore) feel all other double dates are manageable.

We plan to schedule the 420's for one regular size race at Seaside. In addition to space limitations at Seaside we feel Seaside is a tradition that should be honored with traditional races in all classes.

Next Meeting (s) – Committee work will proceed by e-mail until after the Officers Meeting.

NEXT SI COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 10 AM, FEB.

11th at which time we will make plans for presenting recommendations to the Regatta Committee on February 25th. (We will have a lot of work to do after the 25th.)

Officers – Feb. 4th

Regatta Committee – Feb. 25th AM