

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

CLASS LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

February 24, 2007 at 1330 hrs

Toms River Yacht Club

MINUTES

Commodore William Scheyer welcomed all present and thanked our host, TRYC. Fleet Captain Edwin Reardon presided in Rear Commodore Richard Proko's absence. Roll call by Secretary Betty Jane France indicated that all fleets were represented with the exception of Flying Scots. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Minutes, as emailed, of the November 11, 2006 Class Liaison Meeting.

REPORTS

CLASS ELIGIBILITY

Committee member Jim Carson reported that Junior Sunfish have been approved as a Provisional Class for 2007. AM Sunfish will sail as one fleet on the "Q Course". Entrants are eligible if their 18th birthday will not have been reached by the last day of the calendar year. A January 15th cutoff date for requests for consideration as a Provisional Class will be recommended.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Carson reported that this has been a challenging winter for the Sailing Instructions Committee. He thanked Vice Commodore Bob Morrow and committee members Roger Brown, Peter Chance, Dave Magno, Del Kusma, Rich Kerdock, and June Kingman. Special mention went to Rich and June for their work on the Q Course.

It is the responsibility of the Committee to update and publish the Sailing Instructions and to assist the Class Liaison Committee and the Vice Commodore.

The committee dealt with Class and Committee requests including the following:

The Sailing Schedule

Proposed Changes in the Racing Rules of the BBYRA to -

Consolidate the Lower Bay and Seaside Park venues.

"Each class shall be scheduled to compete at least once in each BBYRA race venue (Upper Bay & Lower Bay)."

Provide for obtaining and filing Protest Forms on line.

Protests must be submitted by 2000 hrs on the day of the race in question, in person or electronically, except last day when protest time limit shall be 1 hour from the time the Signal Boat docks.

The time limit for any redress filings on the last scheduled day shall be the protest time limit.

Protests will be heard at Regatta Headquarters commencing at 0700 hrs on the next scheduled race day or at a location and time agreed upon by the protest committee and interested parties except the last day when protests will be heard immediately following the races.

Provide that Website is Official Notice Board for the Protest Committee.

Delete requirement that 420s carry a paddle.

The committee dealt with changes in the Sailing Instructions including the following:

Adoption of a new Q Course Addendum to accommodate -

Additional Classes -

Laser Radial and AM Sunfish in addition to Club 420.

New Venues -

The Upper Bay sailing area will be in the vicinity of the LYC.

The Lower Bay sailing area will be in the vicinity of the TRYC.

Use of an additional course (modified "N")

Unlimited number of races within a fixed time limit -

9:20 AM warning

No warning after 11:30 AM

Unique Scoring System -

On each scheduled race day, multiple races will be scored as a short series.

No races will be excluded.

On each scheduled race day a boat's placement in the short series will be used for daily awards and BBYRA Championship Series scoring.

Season drops - no change.

Minor changes to conform more closely to ISAF.

Red flag rule same as ISAF.

Disposition of Class/Committee Requests

Sanderling request for an earlier start was considered not practical given the prevailing conditions on Barnegat Bay and the capability of the committee. Also, most Sanderlings are from Upper Bay and they have no double races on the Lower Bay.

The following were included in new Q Course Plans:

420 request for an earlier start.

420 request for more races per day

Use of Q Course by other classes

Increase # of races per day on the Q Course

420 request not to be required to schedule race(s) at SPYC.

Deletion of paddle from required 420 equipment. Not needed as boat can be driven by kinetics.

Cut off registration before date required by current Rules. No need.

Change rule for qualification ("races completed" instead of "races scheduled")

Not justified inasmuch as rules for qualification are already liberal.

Also improved race management actions will be taken to avoid abandoned races.

Schedule Make-Up Races. Deemed impractical.

A CATS

Greer Scholes reported that Lotus will be launched at Nelsons Marina on June 2nd.

The fleet will have dinner in Forked River after the race from anchor.

ENSIGNS

Tom Healey reported that the Ensign Regional Championship will be held when SAYC hosts BBYRA. The fleet would like to switch to week 3 (1st choice) or week 1 (2nd choice).

E SLOOP

Dave Magno reported that nothing has changed.

LASER

Glen Dickson requested that the Lasers not sail the first week (June 23) and sail double races when BYC hosts.

M SLOOP

Sue Cundey requested a longer leeward leg for the M Sloops. She also requested VHF notification of next class up, course number, and reading (degrees) to first mark.

SANDERLING

Mark Schleckser felt that starting last will be detrimental to fleet.

SUNFISH

Wayne Bush thanked the committee for adding Junior Sunfish as a Provisional Fleet. Wayne would like to hold a meeting for new sailors and would like BBYRA representation. He was informed that there will be a Competitors Meeting on June 22nd at LYC.

420

Greer Scholes thanked BBYRA for changes requested by his fleet.

CREW TROPHIES

Mimi Dimon had samples of possible crew awards for 2007; discussion ensued. Considerations were medallion, circular and rectangular glass paper weights, silver plates, wall plaques, and a smaller version of the skipper's trophy. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that crew trophies to be glass paper weights.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF BBYRA CHAMPIONS

The Championship of BBYRA Champions will be held on June 16, 2007 at TRYC. The five race regatta will be sailed in Tech Dinghies skippered by 2006 BBYRA Champions. Skippers can contact Will Demand if they care to practice in a Teach Dinghy. The winner will receive a keeper trophy and two championship flags - one to keep and one to present to his/her club. If successful, Commodore Scheyer will request, at the October meetings, for it to become an annual event.

BBYRA YEARBOOK

Cochairmen Jim Carson and Betty Jane France reported that the absolute deadline for yearbook information is April 1. They had ad forms and explained that hopefully ad receipts will cover the cost of printing the yearbook.

BBYRA WEBPAGE

Webmaster Jack Heacock explained that protest forms can be obtained and filed electronically. Also, the Website is the Official Notice Board for the Protest Committee. There is fleet space for newsletters, officers, class rules, etc. The website also contains archives, trophy information, open regattas, and much more.

BBYRA COMMODORES BALL

The Commodores Ball will be held on June 9th, co-hosted by IHYC and OCC and catered by the Old Corner Deli.

PROTESTS

Vice Commodore Robert Morrow emphasized changes in the Sailing Instructions. (See Sailing Instructions Report) Following RRS Rules, Ensigns, E Sloops, and A Cats must fly the red flag if protesting. The Race Committee must be notified by all classes if protesting.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1445.

CALENDAR

3/31/07 - Executive Committee & Delegates Meetings at BHYC

4/1/07 - Deadline for BBYRA Yearbook

6/2/07 - CPR/ADF Training at LYC

6/2/07 - Launching of Lotus

6/9/07 - Regatta Committee Practice Session at LYC

6/9/07 - BBYRA Commodores Ball hosted by IHYC & OCC

6/16/07 - Championship of BBYRA Champions hosted by TRYC.

6/22/07 - Competitors' Meeting at LYC

6/23/07 - BBYRA week #1

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jane France

Betty Jane France, Secretary