

BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

REGATTA I MEETING

November 11, 2006 at 1300

Metedeconk River Yacht Club

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Commodore William Scheyer at 1300.

All clubs were represented, with the exception of PBYC, when roll call was taken by Secretary Betty Jane France.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed approving minutes of the 2/25/06 meeting.

Correspondence was summarized from Jane Egee, Pat Dunn, Glen Dickson, Bill Donohue, Andy Lookup, Dale Doria, Shore Acres Yacht Club, and Dale Polizzi.

OFFICER REPORTS -

VICE COMMODORE

Vice Commodore Robert Morrow, Chairman of the Regatta Committee, presided over the remainder of the meeting. He reported that the 2006 season had been a difficult and challenging season due to the weather. The following changes proved to be successful:

- A second racing circle was used.

- The A Cats raced two morning races with juniors aboard to promote junior sailing.

- The portable mark finish line was moved upwind.

- A short leeward mark was used.

REAR COMMODORE

Rear Commodore Richard Proko reported that the AM Liaison Meeting had gone well with positive feedback which included the following:

- One fleet asked for an additional race.

- Qualifying relative to races scheduled vs races sailed was discussed with no conclusions.

- A makeup race be held at SPYC if needed for a fleet to qualify.

- There was a favorable reaction to the short leeward mark.

- A fleet of Junior Sunfish is being proposed. Some letters have been received; eight are anticipated. The Appendix Q circle may expand.

Relative to equipment, Rich reported that the missing marks are showing wear and may have to be purchased. Marks for the second racing circle may have to be purchased.

FLEET CAPTAIN

Fleet Captain Edwin Reardon reported that CPR and defibrillator training will take place at LYC early spring. Race management and judges training is being looked into.

Two to five new radios will be purchased as will new patrol bags.

Digital recorders seemed to be used and worked well.

MEASURER

Measurer James Carson reported that nothing much is new relative to measuring.

As Chairman of the Sailing Instructions Committee, he reported that his committee has a lot of work to do. He thanked the 2006 committee and welcomed June Kingman to the 2007 committee.

The initial mark, short leeward mark, and separate finish line worked well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

APPEALS

No report.

PROTEST

Chairman Tom Sollas was not present.

Vice Commodore Morrow thanked P/C Dave Loughran for a job well done as Chairman of the Protest Committee for many years.

SCORING

Scorer Harold Lewry was not present; Assistant Scorers Jack Heacock and Eileen King reported.

Of 219 boats registered, 186 for the season, 167 qualified.

1519 boats were scored.

With four boats taking finishes and sending results ashore, there were accountability issues; there were times when race 2 results were in before race 1 results.

141 out of 183 scheduled races were held.

The downwind finish boat recorded the most finishes, (52) while performing other duties.

5 fleets raced only 6 weeks.

There were late starts most weeks.

Most season registrations were received prior to June 15th.

There were some registration issues.

Some boats could have registered until the OG/PB race.

95 lunches were paid for.

Some changes were not picked up.

A suggestion was made to send registration instructions, patrol instruction, etc. to each host club well ahead of time.

CLASS ELIGIBILITY

Chairman James Maida was not present; the following was reported:

1. The Club 420 Class was recommended to become a Permanent Class in 2007.

Spinnaker and trapeze vs collegiate mode were discussed.

2. The Laser Radial Adult Women Class was recommended to remain a Provisional Class.

They need to promote themselves heavily.

3. Junior Sunfish will be considered when the correct number of letters have been received (4 have been received thus far.).

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to move the Club 420 Class to permanent status.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep the Laser Radial Adult Women Class as a Provisional Class.

US SAILING NATIONAL CUP EVENTS

Chairman James Walsh was not present but sent word that his goal is to have one representative from BBYRA from each of the events move up to ladder.

The Hobie Alter Multihull event, which will be hosted by SAYC, is a new ladder event.

The BBYRA eliminations for Sears, Bemis, and Smythe will be held on July 2, 2007.

The United States Finals for Sears, Bemis, and Smythe will be held from August 11-16 on Barnegat Bay with MYC, BHYC, and LYC hosting.

YRA REPRESENTATIVE TO US SAILING

P/C Harry Foote announced that there will be a US Sailing meeting next weekend.

COMMODORES BALL

The 2007 Commodores Ball will be hosted by IHYC and OCC.

BBYRA's liaisons relative to donations, guest list, etc. will be June Kingman and Lorraine Morrow.

YEARBOOK

Cochairmen are Jim Carson and Betty Jane France. Jim had ad forms.

WEB PAGE

Web master Jack Heacock reported that he is reformatting the web page and is trying some new things such as a members page and a schedules page. He'll soon be purging/cleaning out.

NEW BUSINESS

CHAMPION OF BBYRA CHAMPIONS

On June 16, 2007 at TRYC, there will be a Champion of BBYRA Champions Regatta when all of the 2006 BBYRA Class Champions will sail five races in Tech Dinghies to determine the 2006 Champion. The champion will receive two flags - one to keep and one to present to his/her club. Commodore Scheyer and Fleet Captain Reardon will write the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

PROTESTS

Vice Commodore Morrow will look at some of the following protest issues over the winter:

- Filing

- Time limits/deadline for filing

- Flag requirements

- A page or two on the web page

- More flexible scheduling of hearings

- Expanding the composition of the Protest Committee which is now restricted to the Regatta Committee

APPENDIX Q CIRCLE

The Appendix Q Circle may be expanded to include the Junior Sunfish and Sneakbox Fleets.

SUGGESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

A docking problem exists when BYC hosts.

A suggestion was made to consider giving flags for a race series on a given day in the Appendix Q Circle.

A suggestion was made to give a flag, etc. to patrol boats, etc.

Eileen King, Assistant Scorer and Registrar, reported the following observations:

The Regatta Committee and members of host clubs are volunteers.

Host clubs now have to supply more boats as new courses are added.

With six committee boats, there are problems with the work load not being equally distributed.

Members of the committee can no longer do more than one job like they did when on a single boat.

Sailors don't want to race every week but committee members find it difficult to take a week off.

Race results are taken by fewer people causing problems with accuracy and accountability.

Race results are late getting ashore to be scored causing inconvenience to the scorers and delay getting race results out.

Sociability and fun have lessened.

"We need to find a way to balance the requests of the fleets with what we can reasonably do well as a race committee and still have some fun."

Steve Foster reported a problem with inspections, particularly now that there are two racing circles.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jane France

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BBYRA 2006 Scheduling Report

Fleet	# Races Scheduled	# Weeks Racing	# Races Started	# Races Completed
A Cat	15	9		10
B Cat	12	9		7
Collegiate 420	16	6		13
E Sloop AM	15	8		14
E Sloop PM	15	8		11
Ensign	10	6		6
Flying Scot	10	8		6
Lightning	10	6		6
Laser	10	8		9
M Sloop	15	8		14
Laser Radial/Radial Women	10	10		9
Sandpiper	13	7		11
Sneakbox	10	10		8
Sunfish AM	10	6		9
Sunfish PM	10	6		6

181

+2 Special A-Cat AM Races

139

2
141

Weeks Racing

Fleets

6 weeks	5
7 weeks	1
8 weeks	5
9 weeks	2
10 weeks	2
	15

Starts Scheduled

BH/MC - 20

IH - ~~24~~

M/MR - 19

TR - 19

SA - 21

OG/PB - 15

NB - ~~15~~ 17

BD - 16

LA + 19

SP - 15

The only week the AM races started on time may have been NB where I show the Lasers starting at 9:24 + SA was close with a time of 9:33 for the E's. The other Sat's a run of 25 min. delay

BBYRA 2006 Course Report

Fleet	Portable	Barrel	Unknown
A Cat	8	1	9 1. anchor start 1 barrel races abandoned after start
B Cat	6	2	8
Collegiate 420	13		13
E Sloop AM	13	1	14
E Sloop PM	10	1	11
Ensign	5	1	6
Flying Scot	4	2	6
Lightning	5	1	6
Laser	7	2	9
M Sloop	12	2	14
Laser Radial/Radial Women	3	6	9
Sandpiper	8	3	11
Sneakbox	3	5	8
Sunfish AM	9		9
Sunfish PM	5	1	6
	111	28	139
<i>A Cat AM Special</i>		$\frac{2}{30}$	$\frac{2}{141}$
Downwind Finish Boat	52		
Upwind Finish Boat	46		
Barrel Finish Boat	28	36	
Collegiate 420	13		
	130		
	141		

Officers of the BBYRA

As a member of the Regatta Committee I feel the need to remind the Officers that the people that serve on the Regatta Committee and the club members that supply the needed committee boats and patrol boats are all volunteers. The reasons that people volunteer their time to an organization are as varied as the people that volunteer. However, I believe that the reasons people continue to volunteer their time are universal. First, they enjoy being with the other volunteers. Second, they feel that their time has been well spent. Finally, they have fun.

When I began volunteering on the BBYRA, the majority of the Regatta Committee members were on "THE Committee Boat" while a small group were on the Late Entry Boat or the Line Boat. Each member could do more than one job if necessary because most of the jobs were done from one boat. Also, we could have several people doing the same job. For example, we had three people recording finishes on paper at all times, in addition to the tape recording made by the person sighting the finish line. Now we have members on six different boats. This makes it much more difficult to allow for several people to record finishes and to cover jobs when members take a Saturday off. Also, you can't get to know all the Regatta Committee members because you are on different boats. So we don't get that feeling that we are a team working together.

Since we now have six Committee Boats, some boats are constantly running around to complete their assignments while others do little or no work at all. The Late Entry Boat runs around handing out course sheets, taking entries and then down wind finishes and then inspections while the barrel finish boat had ~~several weeks where they~~ only finished one or two races. How many club volunteers or Regatta Committee members will continue to return if their boat does little or no work from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM? These people have given up one of their two days off from work to be at the host club by 7:45AM. Then they go out on the water and do nothing. I'm not sure which of the following adjectives best describes our treatment of these individuals: rude, inconsiderate, or disrespectful.

Personally, I am not having as much fun as I did when I first became a BBYRA volunteer. As assistant scorer, I cannot start doing my job until other members of the Regatta Committee give me their paperwork. Then my work begins. When people delay giving me their information until they have stowed all their race committee gear in the trailer and their personal gear in the car, it puts a lot of pressure on the scorers to get their job done. Maybe people don't understand how much is involved in scoring. But after the racers have enjoyed their race they want their score recorded accurately. Before I can leave on Saturday all the scores need to be entered, problems with sail numbers resolved, inspection failures entered, flags put into flag bags and identifying trophy winners to the host club. Every Saturday the all the other Regatta Committee members would be at the Cocktail Party while Harold and I completed our work.

Why should you care that I am not having fun anymore? The main reason, there isn't a bottomless pit of competent and dependable people willing to give up 10

each club 2 members

*averaged
3 finishes/
week*

George

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Thank you for your support!

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Address _____

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Children's Name(s) and Grade(s) _____

Family Membership

\$5.00 Cash or Check is acceptable. Make checks payable to: **LENAPE PARTNERS**

Bagel Sale - (2nd Friday of each month in school or Thursday night prior for prep)

GRAD BASH - Graduation party for the graduating seniors. Many areas to help out in - the more we work together, the better the event. Remember, yours will be a Senior before you know it and will benefit by the volunteers' work.

Flag Sale - (ongoing) - Flags are \$15

Newsletter - (mailed to every family)

Fund Raising for Scholarships

Hospitality (helping at College Night, Back to School Night, etc.)

Will help out anywhere needed

Saturdays during the summer to be members of the Regatta Committee. Hell, most of the sailors don't want to spend 10 Saturdays racing. Only two of the thirteen fleets schedule races all 10 Saturdays.

Somehow, we need to find a way to balance the requests of the fleets with what we can reasonable do well as a race committee and still have some fun. Before we promise the moon to the sailors we need to seriously consider what we can do with the man power we have available on Saturdays. Or, maybe we should have each fleet adopt a Saturday to become members of the race committee or be patrol boats. Hopefully, that would help them to understand what it takes to run races for multiple fleets and why we can't always give them everything that they ask us to do.

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