

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association  
Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2007  
Metedeconk River Yacht Club

**Call to Order** – Commodore Robert Morrow called the Liaison Committee meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Class Eligibility Committee Chair Ed Vienckowski, Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas and Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdok were introduced. Bob thanked MCYC for hosting today's meetings.

**Roll Call** – All classes were represented. Also in attendance were BBYRA Officers Commodore Robert Morrow, Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, Fleet Captain Bob King, Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira; PC Roger Brown, PC Bill Scheyer, PC Jack Heacock, Class Eligibility Committee Chair Ed Vienckowski, Protest Committee Chair Toms Sollas, Sailing Instructions Chair Committee Rich Kerdok, PBYC Commodore Kevin Kearney, Steve Foster/NYBC and Greg Parmele/BHYC. Sue circulated a Liaison Committee Roll Call sheet and asked all to list their contact information. All were asked to do whatever they could to facilitate the return of contact information sheets from each BBYRA club. It was also announced that minutes and meeting notifications would be sent via e-mail. If anyone wanted hard copies sent via US Mail, they were to indicate so on the roll call form.

Commodore Morrow turned the meeting over to Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, chair of the Liaison Committee. Rear Commodore Reardon welcomed everyone and asked for fleet reports.

**Ensign** – On behalf of the Ensign fleet, Wayne Bush reported that everything is good on the Bay. He thanked the Race Committee for the good job done for the 2007 season. Courses were fine. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart).

**Sunfish** – Wayne Bush reported that he plans to be aggressive recruiting participants. Fleet is requesting the same format. He hopes to keep the juniors participating. The PM participation was light and will give projections for participation at the next meeting. Issue was raised: were there any reports of Q Course participants getting to the PM race courses – no. Issue was raised of number of juniors and PM participants. Class Eligibility Chair Ed Vienckowski requested "numbers" information. Scorer Jack Heacock suggested starting everyone together and scored together with subgroups. Measurer Jim Carson advised that there is a provision for subgroups within a fleet, which was adopted in 1988. Jim will get the information to Ed. Matter was referred to Eligibility Committee. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of having a junior sunfish representative.

**E-Sloop** – On behalf of the E-Sloop fleet, Gary Sayia thanked the Race Committee for the 2007 season. Request for dates/race for the 2008 season

was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart). Gary requested that downbay races be moved east of the channel where there is less chop and less traffic.

**Flying Scot** – Joe Thorpe thanked the Race Committee for the 2007 season. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart). Requested off week will be spent preparing for Flying Scot Nationals.

**Laser** – Glen Dickson thanked the Race Committee for the 2007 season and reported that the fleet is on the rebound. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart).

**Laser Radial** – At the present time, the fleet is without representation.

**Lightning** – Jim Carson presented the report of the fleet's meeting last Sunday (report is attached to original minutes). Fleet members attended or sent e-mail comments. Fleet feels BBYRA does a good job considering the magnitude of effort required and the relative knowledge of the different volunteers each week. Local Lightning sailors are reluctant to take the time necessary to compete when better racing and competition is available at nearby regattas. Preferred courses and wind limits remain unchanged. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart).

**M-Sloop** – Susan Cundey presented the report of the fleet (report is attached to original minutes). Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart). However, they may request a change of schedule at a later date if there are scheduling conflicts with major regattas whose dates are not yet available. The fleet made the following requests: keep wind limits at 22 max; course selection – windward/leeward is preferred, include a triangle if windy (over 15), keep the course square; uniform placement of short leeward mark; two-race format is good – however, would like to finish earlier to facilitate those who want to sail PM races, please start on time; biggest complaint: inability to see class flags on finish boat. Discussion followed regarding the inability to locate the finish boats. Various suggestions were offered. Matter was referred to the Sailing Instructions Committee.

**Sanderling** - Charlie Barclay reported that the class met last week. They were happy with the 2007 season. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart). Since the Sanderling is a slower boat, the fleet is requesting that their starting time be moved up to 1:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. if possible.

Issue was raised regarding qualification for the Championship Series. Currently qualification represents fifty percent (50%) of races *sailed* rather than races *scheduled*. Cancelled races affect qualification.

There was a request for clarification: Is the finish line an open gate for another class? Answer was that the start lines are closed, finish lines are open. Discussion followed regarding the issue. Race Committee should note if a boat from another class goes through the starting line, however, they (RC) are not obligated to protest. It is their job to run races, not enforce rules. Race Committee can serve as a witness in protest.

**Sandpiper** – Mimi Dimon thanked the Race Committee for the 2007 season and wishes the new officers good luck. Fleet requested same schedule as 2007 for 2008. Fleet suggested having the Race Committee announce the finish time of the first place boat over the radio (channel 68). This would allow boats that will not finish in time to drop out and make their way to the starting area allowing them to make the second race. It was also requested that patrol boats tow stragglers from the first race to give everyone an opportunity to start the second race. There was a request to change the 11:30 a.m. time limit to 12:00 p.m. or 12:15 p.m. The fleet liked the 2007 courses and would like to do a variety of different courses. Sandpiper fleet was in agreement with the Sanderling fleet – they would like to see fifty percent (50%) of races *sailed*, not *scheduled* for qualification.

Rear Commodore Ed Reardon asked if any fleet had an objection to announce the first place finish time over the radio – there were no objections. As a courtesy, the Race Committee will announce the finish time of the first boat from each fleet over the radio.

**Sneakbox** – Russ Lines presented the Sneakbox report (report is attached to original minutes). On behalf of the fleet, Russ thanked BBYRA for the 2007 season and looks forward to the 2008 season. Request for dates/races for the 2008 season was made (see attached 2008 Schedule Request Chart). Fleet's preferred courses are windward/leeward, triangles, barrels (most barrel courses in 2007 did not provided good windward legs). On light wind days and/or 2 race days, shorter courses are requested. (Getting to the afternoon races has become a problem.) If the A Cat fleet requests a morning start and BBYRA approves, Sneakbox fleet recommends a separate race course and starting area for either the Sneakbox or A Cat fleet. Rear Commodore Ed Reardon suggested moving the Sneakbox fleet to the Q Course. If the fleet moved to the Q Course, there is still concern about getting to the afternoon races. Fleet requests that the maximum wind speed at the start be changed to "*not to exceed 14 mph*" which is a decrease from 16 mph.

**420** – Greer Scholes thanked the Race Committee for the 2007 season. There is no new news. Fleet liked the 2007 changes.

**A Cat** – Jim Kellogg reported that the fleet met last week. There are now 13 boats. The Race Committee was thanked for the 2007 season. New class rules have been written and a brief summary was given. It was requested that the Race Committee notify the fleet of the wind speed 15 minutes prior to start.

Rear Commodore Ed Reardon will pass the request on. It was requested that the Standard US Sailing scoring be used: one drop per five races (maximum of three drops). It was requested that the anchor start at OGYC be at 2:00 p.m. The fleet is open to any suggestions that they can do to avoid other classes since their fleet is difficult to maneuver. The fleet will continue the morning junior races. There is an interest within the fleet for morning races for the purpose of gaining experience. Approximately four boats are interested. Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas stated that protests are based on class rules – he requested that the new class rules be e-mailed to him. Measurer Jim Carson stated that the Measurer should have a copy of the rules also. Information on class websites is sometimes not current. Later in the meeting, clarification was given on the morning races – on the downbay junior day, downbay boats will sail and on the upbay junior day, upbay boats will sail. It was requested that the AM boats sail at NBYC (which has no A-Cats scheduled). Eligibility Chair Ed Vienckowski reminded all of the eligibility paragraph and procedure – the deadline to petition is November 15<sup>th</sup>, five days from the date of this meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Topics**

The E Sloop experiment on asymmetrical will come to a vote in January. Two-thirds majority is necessary to pass the class by-laws change. There is a possibility for asymmetrical on the bay – whatever happens there will not be a mixed fleet on the bay. E-Sloop requested a change in the scheduling of the BBYRA bye week. TriSail is scheduled for the bye-week so a change is not possible.

Laser fleet raised the issue of traffic management. Discussion on the use of the schmoo followed. The schmoo is necessary for multiple fleet management. Explanation of use of schmoo, including diagram to illustrate, was also included. Problems were reported with the reach and beat.

Webmaster Jack Heacock reported that there are fleet areas on the BBYRA website. Small fleets are able to use the BBYRA website or to establish links to the BBYRA site.

Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas reported on the 2007 protest filing procedures – how to file, e-filings, deadlines etc. In 2007 there were 10 to 13 filings – only two physical forms turned in. One Part 2 protest was filed. All competitors are encouraged to file protest if needed.

There was discussion regarding the lack of a Laser Radial representative. To encourage more participation by the Laser Radial fleet, a suggestion was offered to move the Laser Radial fleet from the Q Course back to the main course and move the Sneakbox fleet to the Q Course. Sneakbox fleet will discuss and advise.

Rear Commodore Reardon summarized that ninety percent (90%) of the issues raised will be addressed by the Sailing Instructions Committee and the remaining issues are administrative for the Race Committee.

**Announcements**

Commodore Morrow advised that there is a US Sailing Judges Workshop next weekend at Manasquan River Yacht Club. All are encouraged to attend.

The Champions of Championship will be sailed in Sandpipers on June 8, 2008 at Metedeconk River Yacht Club.

The BBYRA Commodores Ball will be held on June 7, 2008 at Toms River Yacht Club.

The next Liaison Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at Toms River Yacht Club.


Past Commodore Roger Brown advised that the state is requiring sailors to take the Safe Boating Course for boats 19 feet and above. There may be exemptions for racing sailboats.

Issue of using radios more was discussed.

Greg Parmele/Bay Head Yacht Club advised that BHYC is hosting a tune-up Regatta one week before the BBYRA season begins. All are invited. Class can request to be included.

**Adjournment** - With no other business to come before the Liaison Committee, Commodore Morrow adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan L. Oksen-Pereira  
Secretary

Attachment: 2008 Schedule Request Chart

2008 Liaison Committee  
 Schedule Request Chart for 2008 BBYRA Championship Dates  
 Per the November 10, 2007 Liaison Committee Meeting

	June 21 BH/MC @ MYC Week 1	June 28 IHYC Week 2	July 5 MR/M @MYC Week 3	July 12 TRYC Week 4	July 19 SAYC Week 5	July 26 BYE WEEK	August 2 OG/PB @ OGYC Week 6	August 9 NBYC Week 7	August 16 BYC Week 8	August 23 LYC Week 9	August 30 SPYC Week 10
A CAT	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Ensign	2 races			2 races	2 races	—	2 races			2 races	2 races
E Sloop		No races				—	No races	No races			
Flying Scot	2 races	2 races	2 races	2 races	No races	—	2 races	2 races	2 races	2 races	2 races
Laser	2 races	No races	2 races	No races	2 races	—	2 races	2 races	2 races	2 races	2 races
Laser Radial	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye days, etc.</i>										
Lightning	1 race	2 races			2 races	—	2 races			2 races	1 race
M Sloop	2 races					—		No Races	No Races **		1 race
Sanderling									No races		
Sandpiper	<i>Requested same schedule as 2007</i>										
Sneakbox	1 race	No races	2 races	1 race	1 race	----	2 races	No races	1 race	1 race	1 race
Sunfish	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye days, etc.</i>										
420	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye days, etc.</i>										

M-Sloop: \*\* M16 National Sailing Association is still waiting on race date of mid-west regatta and may request change of schedule at later date, if possible.



November 10, 2007

To: BBYRA Liaison Meeting

From: Russell Lines, Sneakbox Fleet Representative

Re: Requested Changes to 2008 Sneakbox Fleet Schedule, Courses, Maximum Wind

The Sneakbox fleet thanks the BBYRA and all the representatives for their dedication to fair sailing and the successful 2007 season. We look forward to a successful 2008 season. The Sneakbox Fleet has authorized me to request the following changes for the 2008 BBYRA season.

Schedule:

June 28 21	BH/MC at MYC	1 race
<del>June</del> July 5 28	IHYC	no race
July 12 5	MR/M at MYC	2 races
July 19 12	TRYC	1 race
July 26 19	SAYC	1 race
Aug 2 26	Open	
Aug 9 2	OG/PB at OGYC	2 races
Aug 16 9	NBYC	no race
Aug 23 16	BYC	1 race
Aug 30 23	LYC	1 race
Sept 6	SPYC	1 race
August 30		

Courses:

Preferred courses are windward/leeward, triangles, barrels (most barrel courses didn't provide good windward legs in 2007. Windward legs turned into reaches. Perhaps a better selection of courses would eliminate this problem). On light wind days and/or 2 race days, course selection should consider shorter rather than longer courses. Getting to the afternoon race has become a problem. If A-Cats request a morning series and the BBYRA approves, it is strongly encouraged that either the Sneakboxes or the A-Cats receive a separate race course and starting area.

Maximum wind speed at start:

The fleet requests that due to the age of the boats/risk of breakdown in heavy wind conditions, desire to increase participation, and crew considerations that the maximum wind speed at the start of the race should not exceed 14 mph. Changed from a range of 14 to 16. 14 is the top wind speed.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Lines, Sneakbox Fleet Representative



Report of the BBYRA Lightning Fleet  
Liaison Meeting, November 10, 2007

The Lightning Fleet met last Sunday. Attendance or e-mail input was requested from all those that qualified in 2007. Six of seven were either present or sent comments. We also had comments from three active Lightning sailors that consistently decline to sail the Bay.

The Fleet feels the BBYRA does a good job considering the magnitude of effort required and the knowledge (or lack thereof) of the different volunteers each week.

Local Lightning sailors are reluctant to take the time necessary to compete when better racing and competition is available at nearby regattas.

Preferred courses and wind limits remain unchanged.

We request the following schedule of two single days and four double days similar to 2007 scheduled to avoid important Lightning Class events.

June 21, BH/MC	one race (Kalning & Barnegat Cups)
June 28, IH	two races (first race Wright Trophy)
July 19, SA	two races
Aug. 2, OG/PB	two races
Aug. 23, LA	two races (first race Marie Slovak Trophy)
Aug. 31, SP	one race

Jim Carson  
Lightning Fleet Representative  
November 9, 2007

**BBYRA FLEET LIAISON MEETING**  
**November 10, 2007**

**M-SLOOPS**

Representative: Susan Cundey

- 1) Current scheduled: Class agrees to keep current schedule: double races each day, except Seaside, and no races Normandy (Little Egg Invitational) and Beachwood. (M16 National Sailing Assoc. is still waiting on race date of mid-west regatta and may request change of schedule at later date, if possible.)
- 2) Wind limits: Keep at current levels (22 max.)
- 3) Course Selection: Windward Leeward is preferable, except if windy (over 15 mph?) then include a triangle. Class is split on preference of barrel vs. inflatable marks. As always, please try to square course to wind, or reset mark(s) if possible.
- 4) Short Leeward Mark: Class liked use of short leeward mark, but would prefer more uniform placement of short vs. long leeward mark. At beginning of year, short mark was half way down, and as season wound down, short mark was placed closer to longer mark.
- 5) Time Management: 2 race format is good, but would like to finish earlier if possible, especially if crew wants to sail afternoon races. As always, please start races on time.
- 6) Biggest complaint: Inability to see class flags on finish line boats, especially if a downwind finish. Please place flags more prominently on rear or windward side of boat so they are visible.