

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association  
Liaison II Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2008  
Ocean Gate Yacht Club

**Call to Order** – Commodore Robert Morrow called the Liaison II Committee meeting to order at 1:50 p.m. Commodore Morrow thanked OGYC for hosting today's meetings.

**Roll Call** – All classes were present except A-Cat fleet (absent) and Laser Radial (vacant). Also in attendance were BBYRA Officers Commodore Robert Morrow, Vice Commodore Rich Proko, Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, Fleet Captain Bob King, Measurer Jim Carson, Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira, PC Bill Scheyer, PC Jack Heacock, Class Eligibility Committee Chair Ed Vienckowski, Protest Committee Chair Toms Sollas, Sailing Instructions Chair Committee Rich Kerdock, Eileen King and June Kingman.

Commodore Morrow turned the meeting over to Rear Commodore Ed Reardon.

**Approval of Minutes** – Ed Vienckowski motioned to accept the revised minutes of November 11, 2007 (changes to p. 2 Sanderling Fleet, Para #2 on qualification), seconded by Tom Sollas. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Sailing Instructions Committee** - SI Committee Chair Rich Kerdock presented a summary of the issues that were discussed at the morning's Regatta II Committee meeting:

*Scheduling:* Laser Radial fleet has been moved back to the main course – they will be starting with the Laser Full Rig fleet, but scored separately; Sneakbox fleet has been moved over to the Q course;

*Qualification:* for 2007, qualification was to attend fifty percent of the races scheduled. For 2008, qualification has been changed to come to the starting area fifty percent of Race Days scheduled;

*Sanderling Request:* for an earlier start cannot be honored;

*M-Sloop Request:* for an earlier a.m. finish is a Race Management issue;

*Sandpiper Request:* for a time limit change will remain the same; Race Committee will announce time of first finisher on channel 68 (to allow slower boats to retire and prepare for the start of the second race) for all fleets;

*A-Cat Requests:* for a radio hail from the Race Committee for wind speeds greater than 16 mph – this is not a Race Committee function; Return to two-turn penalty – good idea for all fleets; portable windward/leeward – in Race Committee Guide Book now; fewer drops requested – drop policy for all has been modified;

*E-Sloop Request:* request for more courses east of Good Luck (to be clear of A-Cat fleets): hard to accomplish;

*Sneakbox Request:* wind speed at the start not exceed 14 mph – in Race Committee Guide Book now;

*Season Registration:* time limit has been changed;

*Sailing Instructions Changes:* Q-flag/Class flags dropped between starts will be eliminated;

*Failed Inspections:* Boats that fail inspection will receive a DSQ. That will be accomplished the Race Committee protesting a boat that failed inspection and a hearing will be heard;

*Cuts/Drops:* summarized as follows:

1 – 3 races completed: zero exclusions

4 – 6 races completed: 1 exclusion

7 – 8 races completed: 2 exclusions

9 – 12 races completed: 3 exclusions

13 – 15 races completed: 4 exclusions

16 or more races completed: 5 exclusions;

*Changes in Mark Colors:* Main Course: initial mark will now be a yellow cone;

Q – Course: turning marks will now be yellow balls; start/finish marks will now be orange balls; short windward mark will now be a yellow tetrahedron;

*Editorial changes:* will also be made to improve language in the 2008 SI's.

## **Fleet Reports**

**A-Cat** – absent.

**Ensign** – Thomas Healey advised there was no report for the fleet.

**E-Sloop** – Dave Magno reported that the E-Sloop fleet will be sailing with a new rig configuration – asymmetrical spinnaker, bowsprit and rigging. The fleet recommends wider leeward gates to the Race Committee. Also: Starboard roundings would complicate things for the fleet.

**Flying Scot** – Rich Kerdock reported that they are in good shape. The Flying Scot North Americans will be held on Barnegat Bay this year.

**Laser** – Glen Dickson thanked the committee for honoring the fleet's request for days off. Glen raised the issue of marking the finish boat. Rich Kerdock advised that the finish boats will fly a sizeable blue cylinder that will be permanently displayed.

**Laser Radial** – No representative. Glen has sent out an e-mail blast to the district association, there has been no response to a request for a representative.

**Lightning** – Jim Carson reported that the fleet would like a smaller gate.

**M-Sloop** – Susan Kerr advised there was no report for the fleet.

**Sanderling** – Mark Schleckser advised there was no report for the fleet.

**Sandpiper** – Mimi Dimon raised the issue of the start of the second raise. Flags will indicate starting sequence – order of starts can be changed.

**Sneakbox** – Russ Lines reported that the Q-course will be new to the fleet. It was confirmed that everyone is on one course at SPYC. Russ requested that each race be scored equally, not the way it's being done. Discussion followed: totally number of races with a number of drops; consistent for all; body of effort vs. day's efforts; all fleets should be scored the same; it was suggested an experiment for this fleet for this year; etc. Rear Commodore Reardon asked Russ Lines and Rich Kerdock to have e-mail correspondence to reach a satisfactory resolution to the scoring issue raised. Russ reported that there is a lot of excitement within the fleet with regard to the course change this year.

**Sunfish** – Wayne Bush reported that to date, eight senior sunfish sailors have committed to sailing a.m. races; five juniors have committed to sailing a.m. races; and only two seniors have committed to sailing p.m. races. Wayne asked: what is the BBYRA's pleasure regarding only two sailors committing to the fleet? After discussion, it was decided that the fleet is in the schedule. Wayne commented that there is a good format on the Q-Course.

**420** – Greer Scholes advised there was no report for the fleet.

### **Miscellaneous Topics**

Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas advised the group that the SI's have been modified. Section #14 (penalty) – states that are two forms of penalty: two turns and an alternative. Inspections will be a hearing-based procedure. Sailors can withdraw by notifying the Protest Committee or the Race Committee if that is their intent. The protest procedures for 2007 worked well – there will be no changes for the 2008 protest procedures.

Rear Commodore Reardon thanked all for coming and turned the meeting back over to Commodore Morrow.

### **Announcements**

Commodore Morrow advised the group of the following:

1. *BBYRA Championship of Champions* will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2008 at MCYC.
2. *2008 Commodores' Ball* will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at TRYC. Three thousand invitations will be mailed out. Number of attendees will be capped at 300. All were encouraged to return their RSVP's quickly.
3. *Feirer Fund*: since several US Sailing National Championship Regattas are now non-ladder events, instructions and an application for applying to the Feirer Fund have been developed and are posted on the BBYRA website. All are encouraged to get the word out to sailors who compete in US Sailing National Championship Regattas so they may apply for a portion reimbursement from BBYRA.
4. *2008 BBYRA Yearbook ads*: Yearbook Co-Editor Lorraine Morrow encouraged all the fleets to take out an ad. Ad forms are available on the BBYRA website and creativity is encouraged.
5. *Webmaster*: P/C Jack Heacock advised that scantlings for each fleet are needed. Rules for local fleets can go on BBYRA's fleet pages or a link can be created to national fleets. Measurer Jim Carson urged all fleets to explore their respective fleet pages and/or links on the BBYRA web page. They all need to be current. Some fleet sites are obviously not up-to-date. Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas advised that the protest committee needs class rules for each fleet also. Webmaster P/C Heacock advised that he is working on a system that can be data-based for open events on the bay that can be used for open club events. Preference cookies would need to be used.
6. *Registration*: Registrar Eileen King advised that the season registration information will be mailed out shortly. Change cards are available on the

BBYRA website. The daily form can be downloaded and turned in on the water (with exact change). Boats that sail for special races only are also being encouraged to download the daily registration form. It was confirmed that the boat is scored, not the helmsman (someone else can sail your boat). All were asked to spread the word. Anything that can be done ahead of time with respect to registration would be greatly appreciated.

**Adjournment** - With no other business to come before the Liaison Committee, Ed Vienckowski motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m., seconded by Tom Sollas. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Oksen-Pereira  
Secretary