

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

Call to Order – Commodore Robert Morrow called the Regatta Committee I meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Bob thanked MCYC for hosting today's meetings.

Roll Call – All BBYRA clubs were present except Mantoloking Yacht Club. Also present were BBYRA Officers Commodore Robert Morrow, Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, Fleet Captain Bob King, Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira, P/C Roger Brown, P/C Bill Scheyer and P/C Jack Heacock.

Approval of Minutes - Commodore Morrow asked for any corrections to the February 24, 2007 Regatta II Committee Meeting Minutes. Seeing no corrections, said Minutes are approved.

Correspondence – None.

Officer Reports

Regatta Committee - Due to the absence of Vice Commodore Rich Proko, Commodore Morrow reported that good feedback was received for the 2007 season and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Regatta Committee. Liaison Committee met this morning – all issues that were raised were points well taken. Feedback and suggestions will be referred to the Sailing Instructions Committee. Commodore Morrow thanked and recognized the work of the Regatta Committee for their efforts for the 2007 season – 147 races were scheduled and 127 races were started.

Class Liaison & Equipment – Rear Commodore Ed Reardon reported that due to Vice Commodore Proko's recent work travel schedule, he has been unable to meet with him as of yet. New marks need to be ordered from Switlik. The trailer is parked at LYC and Ed has a key.

Training – Fleet Captain Bob King reported that defibrillator training will be held in the Spring of 2008 at LYC. Exploring the possibility of having Race Management Training in the Spring or Fall 2008. There is a Judges Seminar next weekend at MRYC. Chris Petracco provided details. To date, three participants from BBYRA have registered. No date has been set for 2008 Regatta Committee practice session.

Measurer – Measurer Jim Carson presented his report (report is attached to the original minutes). The BBYRA Measurer is charged with maintaining a copy of each class's current scantlings. Records are up-dated each spring after solicitation of all active classes. Many classes now have websites that include scantlings and/or class rules. Jim has started to review them to see if they will

assist with BBYRA record keeping. Jim is happy to assist any class that incurs a measurement problem.

YRA Rep to US Sailing – Due to Past Commodore Harry Foote's absence, Commodore Morrow reported that Harry's term of office as Area C director has concluded. The new Area C director is Robert Thomas from Yorktown, Virginia. On the US Sailing website, there is a survey of yacht clubs and how they are organized. Link is on home page of US Sailing. Chris Petracco commented that Area C clubs were not sufficiently represented in the survey.

Appeals - Chair Chris Petracco reported that no appeals were received for 2007.

Protests – Chair Tom Sollas reported that there were changes to the Sailing Instructions for protests for the 2007 season. The use of electronic filings of protests was an unqualified success –almost everyone filed electronically. They will continue to use this practice. Tom thanked the members of the Protest Committee (Harry Foote, June Kingman, Drew Seibert, Bob King, Sam Starkey, and Dave Loughran) for their services during the past season. In 2007, three protests were disallowed, three were granted redress, one Part 2 protest, and there was one scoring inquiry. Note taking worked well. There were more redresses than Part 2 protests. There was confusion/errors regarding boats finishing races. Hopefully changes to the Sailing Instructions will make things clearer.

Scoring – Scorer P/C Jack Heacock requested that if at all possible, information be received for scoring in the order that it happened. It is more difficult to get information into the computer for scoring when it is received out of order. Most of the work is at the end of the day and it gets hectic. Multiple classes of same boat types were discussed at today's Liaison Committee meeting (i.e. – Sunfish and Laser Radials). Question was raised – what will be the new cell phone number to call in for 2008 since Harold will no longer be doing it. Jack will pass out his cell phone number, if needed.

Registrar – Registrar/Assistant Scorer Eileen King reported there was an increase in early registration. Only 98 lunches sold this year (less than half of the boats that registered for the season) – NBYC was paid to make only 11 plus they had to feed the committee. Three fleets did not have enough to qualify in 2007: Laser Radial, Junior Sunfish and Sunfish PM (2 each). Discussion followed regarding Laser Radial on Q Course - 420 fleet was successful on Q Course. Eileen informed the Regatta Committee that if a boat registers for season – 34 % of the races scheduled for the season need to be raced in order to qualify. Some fleets could have registered for the season late in the season. These changes were made to encourage more boats to qualify – this does not seem to be the case. Discussion followed regarding daily registration versus season registration, number of races *sailed* rather than number of races *scheduled* for qualification, daily entrants are scored, trophy order, clarify qualification in Notice of Regatta,

lunch count and need for lunch, etc. Issue was referred to Sailing Instructions Committee.

Sailing Instructions – Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdok reported that he is in the "issues gathering" stage. They will codify and come up with universal things to discuss at the SI Committee's December meeting. Issue was raised about number of races *sailed* rather than number of races *scheduled* and request for definitions. It was stated that defined by US Sailing, an abandoned race is null and void. Protest Chair Tom Sollas is willing to help the Sailing Instructions Committee with any these issues.

Class Eligibility – Class Eligibility Chair Ed Vienckowski reported that there have been no petitions forthcoming for new classes - the November 15th deadline is looming on the horizon. Provisional classes that are at or below the threshold will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Input is needed by year-end so the information can be provided to the Sailing Instructions Committee so their committee is ready for the February meeting. The Class Eligibility Committee will discuss gray areas.

US Sailing National Cup Events – Commodore Morrow reported that US Sailing National Cup Events Chair Jim Walsh was in touch with Bob earlier this week electronically and there is no report. Chris Petracco reported that there is one event that Jim does not take care of – USMRC (US Match Racing Championship). Chris takes care of that. Areas A, B and C are considered a region and has a Quarter Final. Graded system is used towards world rankings. Chris is currently looking for a Quarter Final host and a semi-final host. Quarter is BYOB (bring your own boat), centerboard boat (Lighting or Flying Scot). Quarters are usually 4 to 6 boats; semis are usually an 8 boat sail off and final is usually 12 to 18 boats. If your club is interested in hosting, please contact Chris. They were last held in the area three years ago at IHYC. 2012 is the first opportunity to host the USMRC finals. Chris would like to hold the finals in this area. Event can be held in front of your club – sit on the dock and watch. Women's Match Racing will be in the 2012 Olympics.

Unfinished Business

2008 BBYRA Commodores Ball – There was no TRYC rep that could speak on the topic. It will be held on June 8, 2008 – an all-inclusive event.

2008 BBYRA Yearbook - Commodore Morrow announced that he is looking for editors. He wants to break out the yearbook jobs with 2 co-editors and one co-editor for ad sales. If anyone is interested, contact Bob. Yacht Clubs are encouraged to turn information in a very timely fashion. Ad forms are available here today and on the BBYRA website. Discussion followed about responsibilities of the position(s). "Drop Dead" deadline has historically been April 1st. Yearbooks have been distributed at BBYRA Commodores Ball.

2008 Website – Webmaster Past Commodore Jack Heacock reported that the usage is down this time of year. Information will be archived by December 2007. There are sections for the committees. Chairs are asked to review their respective committee listings. Revisions can be made to committee sections over the winter. Open Regatta Club Trophies are on the website – there is a picture, description and history listed for each. Clubs are encouraged to list all open events on the website. "What's New" is listed on the Index page.

New Business

1. Toms River Seaport and Maritime Museum – is the central record section for BBYRA. BBYRA would like to include any old records that are available. If you have any old photos, records, etc., please contact Jack or Greg Parmele.
2. BBYRA Advertising – Issue was raised of there being any merit to selling T-shirts. It could raise funds for gas money to supplement seasonal gas expenses. The Regatta Committee meeting was advised that on or about April 2006, the Executive Committee definitively voted down such a proposal. Letters are distributed each Saturday for tax purposes. Plan is to distribute letters in 2008 to each club for their volunteer patrol and committee boats. Letter is self-explanatory.
3. a. Racing Rules of Sailing in Yearbook – It was suggested that the term "Conditions of Championship" be used to encompass the conditions of the Championship Series, particularly those conditions that do not pertain to the racing aspect.
b. Redress – issue was raised of a patrol boat that acted improperly. How is it clarified – is the patrol boat part of the Race Committee or the organizing authority? Patrol boats can affect the outcome of races. They are affiliated with the organizing authority. Discussion followed regarding the training of patrol boats. Patrol Boat Checklist needs to be revised, particularly regarding the "zone defense." Clubs were asked for input with their best practices for patrol boats. It was also reported that some patrol boats are told that they are not needed and sent home.
c. Safety Inspections – Discussion on the current safety inspection format (each fleet inspected one time per season). Boats are DSQ without a hearing – a hearing for a DSQ should be held. Ninety percent (90%) of failures were for lack of whistle on throw-ables. Liability issue was further discussed – including a suggestion to discontinue random inspections. Due to the issue being a matter of liability, Past Commodore Scheyer stated that the final decision would be made by the Executive Committee. Commodore Morrow will take the issue under advisement on whether or not to bring the issue to the Executive Committee.
4. NBYC reported that on their Bay Day, one AM class sailed races and three PM classes sailed. This makes it hard to sell BBYRA role to NBYC members with so few participants on NBYC's Bay Day. It was requested that a main fleet be added to the course. Issue was referred to Sailing Instructions Committee. Discussion followed – fleets are encouraging all to compete at other regattas and national championships, rotate dates of

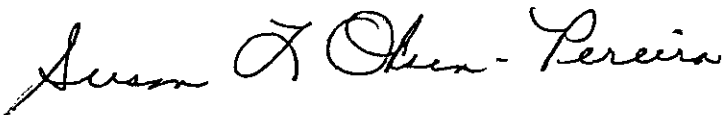
BBYRA regattas at clubs, suggested three fleets per racing day, lottery for days off, liaison committee provided wish lists for dates to be sailed, needs for the volunteers versus needs of sailors, three cuts per season, etc. Suggestion was made to have NBYC and SAYC flip-flop weeks on alternate years. Both clubs will take back to their respective boards for possible change for 2009 season. All were encouraged to steer classes to NBYC. Cooperation between clubs is encouraged to help with staffing of patrol boats and committee boats for regatta days.

Announcements

1. The Champion of BBYRA Championship will be sailed in Sandpipers on June 8, 2008 at Metedeconk River Yacht Club.
2. 2008 Commodores Ball is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2008 at TRYC.
3. Ad forms for the 2008 Yearbook are available.
4. Small supply of qualifiers flag is left – if anyone wants a small memento, please see Bob.
5. Regatta Committee II meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Toms River Yacht Club.
6. A new A-Cat is under construction at the Philadelphia Maritime Museum. It is being commissioned by a member of SPYC and should be on the water next year.

Adjournment - With no other business to come before the Regatta Committee, Commodore Morrow adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan L. Oksen-Pereira
Secretary

BBYRA
MEASURERS REPORT
REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 2007

The BBYRA Measurer is charged with maintaining a copy of each class's current scantlings. Records are up-dated each spring after solicitation of all active Classes for up-dated information. Attached is the current status of Class Documents on File.

A number of classes now have websites that include scantlings and/or class rules. I've just started looking at whether using this information will assist our mandated record keeping.

Most classes that have measurement concerns police themselves. If a Class has a measurement problem, I'm glad to assist.

Respectfully submitted,



James G. Carson

CLASS DOCUMENTS ON FILE

Active Classes

A-Cat	6/08/02 (website indicates "Proposed 2007 Revisions)
Club 420	1/14/06 (information on website)
E-Sloop	8/23/05
Ensign	2001 (indicated current 11/22/03) (website?)
Flying Scot	6/13/03
Laser	8/17/04
Laser Radial	8/17/04
Lightning	7/07 (latest information on the website)
M-Sloop	1997 (indicated current 07/12/04)
Sanderling	9/06
Sneak Box	1983 (indicated current 11/30/02)
Sandpiper	5/2000
Sunfish	2006-2007 (Website?)

Inactive Classes

Blue Jay	2006-2007
Hobie '18'	7/88
Laser II	5/91
Penguin	3/20/78
Prindle "18'	6/83

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11/9/07