

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Liaison I Committee Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2008
Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Call to Order – Rear Commodore Ed Reardon called the Liaison I Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He thanked MCYC for hosting today's meeting.

Roll Call – All classes were present except E-Sloop (absent) and Laser Radial (vacant). Also present: BBYRA flag officers, Measurer and Secretary as well as Class Eligibility Chair, Protest Committee Chair and Sailing Instructions Committee Chairs and members of various committees.

Website: Webmaster Jack Heacock circulated website information for updates. RC Reardon advised the group that Ed Vienckowski (Class Eligibility Chair), Rich Kerdock (Sailing Instructions Committee Chair), June Kingman (Sailing Instructions Committee) were present to listen at the meeting and report back to their respective committees. (Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas entered the meeting at approximately 10:50 a.m.)

Fleet Reports

A-Cat – Roy Wilkins thanked the BBYRA for a good year. Fleet recommends continuing with special morning races for junior sailors on the same weekends as 2008, no wind speed restriction (fleet is adding a second reef point), fleet is in favor of two racing circles and will be dropping anchor start race at OGYC. (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes.)

Ensign – Allan Terhune reported that the fleet was generally satisfied with the 2008 season. Complaints of difficulty finding some finish lines; safety concerns regarding E-scows inability to see to leeward when using asymmetrical sail, lack of "G" designation posted at OGYC when a gate was in place, lower bay sailing area becomes crowded when most or all of the PM fleets are sailing portable mark courses. 2009 requests: decrease requirement for sailing on two different dates on the Up Bay course to one day; early start times to ensure two good races are completed; fewer well attended races in BBYRA Championship series (see attached chart for date requests), preferred race courses to be a portable mark course for the first race 4 leg W-L course, and the subsequent race a "barrel" course or another portable mark course; maximum wind speed to start fleet: 25 mph, general recalls: recommend that fleets recalled be moved to the end of the scheduled order for that start – do not delay the start of the next fleet; fleet is in support of a second racing venue if feasible and beneficial to the fleet and BBYRA as a whole. Allan Terhune also reported that the fleet is participating in a boat purchase program to mentor the fleet. Two boats have been purchased to date. Funds are available to purchase a third boat. If anyone is interested, please contact someone in the fleet. (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes.)

E-Sloop – Bill Warner requested no races for weeks 6 & 7 (see attached chart for date requests), asymmetrical spinnaker was discussed including concern

expressed about the safety issue of boats "sailing blind". There is "talk at the bar" of adding a window to the spinnaker. Fleet has a boat donation program in the works. Two boats to be available on a scholarship program. Selections to be made via resume. Will Demand is coordinating program.

Flying Scot – Rich Kerdock reported that the fleet enjoyed the season, requested to continue the racing schedule, fleet enjoys barrel courses.

Laser – Glen Dickson thanked the race committee for double races – all enjoyed it. Olympic and triangle courses are enjoyed by the fleet. It was requested that the race committee be cognizant of the breeze situation so sailors can finish morning races in time to sail afternoon races. Fleet is against any time change. Fleet requested two weeks off due to Laser Nationals and Laser Masters World (see attached chart for date requests). Despite recruiting efforts, there is still no laser radial rep. All enjoyed the radials being out on the big course.

Laser Radial – No representative.

Lightning – Jim Carson reported that the fleet complimented BBYRA on providing some of the best racing in years – plenty of wind and good courses, but fleet participation was down. Fleet working on improving participation. One instance of race committee failing to signal a gate when one was in place, which caused confusion, protests and requests for redress. Fleet had problems with "blind" E scows. Although it would be nice to have fewer classes on the course, fleet is concerned that one of the courses would be less desirable and that the smaller boats would be given that course. Fleet attitude is "let's do one course well before we try to do two." Fleet is going "international" with boat program. Afternoon races sometimes finish late due to starting late – sometimes due to morning races running late. Suggest a time-of-day time limit be added to the morning schedule to alleviate this problem. Fleet would like to avoid single race days – schedule request submitted (see attached chart for date requests). (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes).

M-Sloop – John Applegate reported that the fleet requests the same schedule (see attached chart for date requests). The windward/leeward courses are beneficial to the fleet. There are new class officers, fleet is stronger and better. Ed Vienckowski congratulated the fleet on having the most qualifiers for 2008 BBYRA Championship Series.

Sanderling – Mark Schleckser requested no changes to the scheduled (see attached chart for date requests). Fleet requests earlier start time.

Sandpiper – Mimi Dimon reported that the fleet thanks BBYRA for 2008 efforts and wishes them good luck in 2009; schedule request was submitted (see attached chart for date requests); announcing via VHF finish time of first boat was helpful, as well as announcing those over early at the start; requested starting time be moved up to get in both races in slow boats; request variety of course selection, especially in second race – perhaps some barrel courses, no change to maximum wind limit; suggest a 15 to 20 minute time extension to morning time limit to start a race; fleet wishes to wait for all to finish before starting the second race – if possible have patrol boats tow those who will not finish within the time limit to the starting line for the second race. (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes.)

Sneakbox – Russ Lines thanked BBYRA for 2008 season and successful venture to the Q Course. Fleet experienced advantages being on the Q Course. More boats did participate, but new venue did not increase number of qualifiers. For 2009 fleet recommends: continue to sail on Q course with a maximum of five races sailing; N course NOT be the favored course; that the scoring system be revisited; request for sailing dates submitted (see attached chart for date requests). Discussion on past experience of scoring each day as a series as was done in 2007. Russ will review the suggestion with the fleet and advise. Toms River Seaport Society has restored a boat – which is available to charter. No complaints on where they sailed. All were happy with the Q course. (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes.)

Sunfish – Wayne Bush reported the fleet requests to have the juniors continue to sail on the Q course and the seniors move back to the main course. Fleet feels that participation would increase with these changes. Sixteen sailors (junior & senior combined) have committed to sailing for 2009. Fleet has organized tows for 2009. Fleet has no interest in participating in afternoon races. Senior sailors want longer races (two per race day) rather than the five short races on the Q course. Request for Q course and main course dates were submitted (see attached chart for date requests). Eligibility Committee to discuss Junior provisional class over the winter. Some sailors did not register as juniors. Junior sailors will be shepherded through the registration process to eliminate the confusion. Discussion on separating the junior and senior fleets, – seniors want to go back to the main course. Fleet feels participation has dropped off for senior sailors since being sent to the Q course. (A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes.)

420 – Donnie Burke reported that the fleet was happy with the Q course and the race management. N course works well for the fleet. Fleet is happy with Lavallette course also. Request for sailing dates submitted (see attached chart for date requests).

Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas reminded all that there will be a new rulebook for 2009. There are changes to R 18 and R 19 – all were invited to look at the new rules carefully. Commodore Morrow reported that in conjunction with OCC, there will be a reprise of the Dave Perry Seminar on June 19, 2009 hosted by Ocean County College. Day program will be for sailing instructors, evening program for sailors. Electronic protest system continues to work well.

Commodore's Announcements:

1. Advanced Race Management Course – February 28 & March 1 @ MRYC. Mark Murphy will be instructor. Watch BBYRA website for more information;
2. Judges Workshop – Chris Petracco is putting course together for late spring/early summer. Course may be held in the evenings over several nights;
3. 2009 BBYRA Championship of Champions – June 7, 2009 @ SPYC. Fleet: sunfish;
4. 2008 BBYRA Annual Meeting Minutes & 2009 Budget – are now posted on the website. (Private section – “bbyra” is the login; “barnegat” is the password);
5. 2009 BBYRA Commodores' Ball – June 13, 2009 @ OGYC;

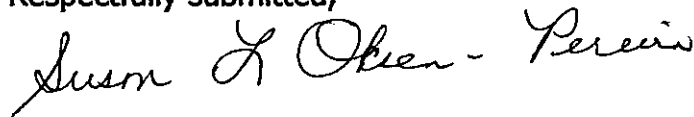
6. 2009 BBYRA Yearbook – new for 2009 will be business card ads.

Old Business

Second afternoon racing circle: Commodore Morrow advised the Liaison Committee that they had been charged with considering a second afternoon racing circle. (Motion from 10/4/08 BBYRA Annual Meeting: "...to authorize the Liaison, Regatta and Sailing Instructions Committees to discuss amongst themselves as well as the current eligible fleets for the Season Championship Series the feasibility of establishing on a trial basis, a second racing venue for the afternoon Season Championship Series races. Should the aforementioned determine that a second racing venue for the afternoon Season Championship Series race is feasible, then BBYRA's Committees shall take all steps necessary to implement said second racing venue for afternoon Season Championship Series races in 2009 on a trial basis...") Lengthy discussion followed regarding keeping the A-Cat fleet and the E scow fleet being separated from the other fleets. Concerns were raised about staffing, over-use of the river; A-Cats no longer want to go F to C, they want to stay out of the channel, E-scows have a safety issue, etc. Allan Terhune motioned to recommend to the Regatta and Sailing Instructions Committees that the possibility of two separate afternoon racing circles, with E-Scows and A-Cats being on the second circle, and all other fleets be on the first circle be fully explored, seconded by John Applegate. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Suggestion was made to start both racing circles at the same time.

Adjournment - With no other business to come before the Liaison Committee, Bill Scheyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m., seconded by Tom Sollas. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan L. Oksen-Pereira
Secretary

Attachment: 2009 Fleet Requests for Racing Schedule

2009 Liaison Committee
 Schedule Request Chart for 2009 BBYRA Championship Dates
 Per the November 22, 2008 Liaison Committee Meeting

	June 27 BHVC/MCYC Week 1	July 4 IHVC Week 2	July 11 MYC/MRYC Week 3	July 18 TRYC Week 4	July 25 SAYC Week 5	August 1 BYE WEEK	August 8 OGYC/ PBYC Week 6	August 15 NBVC Week 7	August 22 BYC Week 8	August 29 LYC Week 9	September 5 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	1 race
E Sloop						—	No races	No races			
Flying Scot Laser	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Laser Radial	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Lightning	2 races	2 races		2 races		----			2 races	2 races	1 race
M Sloop	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Sanderling	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Sandpiper	2 races (1 st race trophy race)	No races	2 races	2 races	2 races (1 st race trophy race)	----	2 races	2 races	No races	2 races	1 race
Sneakbox		No races				----		No races			
Sunfish 1 st choice		Q + 2 races			Q + 2 races			Q + 2 races	Q + 2 races		Q + 2 races
Sunfish 2 nd choice		Q + 2 races		Q + 2 races	Q + 2 races	—		Q + 2 races	Q + 2 races		Q + 1 race
420		No races			No races			No races		No races	

A CAT Fleet

To: BBYRA Regatta Committee

From: A Cat Fleet Captain Jim Kellogg

Re: Recommended changes for the 2009 BBYRA Season

1. Continue with the special morning races for junior sailors. Same weekends as last year.
2. There will be no wind speed restriction. The fleet is adding a second reef point to allow us to sail in heavier winds.
3. The fleet would like two racing circles
4. The fleet is dropping the anchor pull up at the OGYC special race. We still want the special race down bay and back , finishing at OGYC. We would like a traditional start in front of or near OGYC

The Ensign Fleet of Barnegat Bay would like to share the following feedback for 2008 and requests for the 2009 season at the Fall Fleet Liaison Meeting.

2008 Feedback: There was general satisfaction with last season's series, including course selection and length and starting on time. There were complaints of difficulty finding some finish lines. The OGYC race when a gate was in place but no "G" designation posted led to unnecessary confusion, protests, and appeals. The decreased ability of the e-scows to see to leeward when using the asymmetrical sail raises safety concerns. The Lower Bay sailing area gets too crowded when most or all of the PM fleets are sailing portable mark courses. This may be a good opportunity to try portable courses with starboard roundings.

2009 Requests:

1. Decrease the requirement for sailing on two different dates on the Upper Bay Course to one day. There are no boats in our fleet from the Upper Bay and this will reduce the burden on the boats and crews. Our fleet is hosting the Ensign Region I Championship on one of the summer weekends, possibly July 25 & 26, and several boats will travel to the National Championship August 23-27. We will be willing to sail at Normandy Beach for our day on the Upper Bay.

2. Early start times. This is always brought up and other fleets want them too. We want to be assured that we get two good races completed when we have two races scheduled in the afternoon. How early can the BBYRA begin PM races?

3. The Ensign Fleet wants fewer, well attended races in the BBYRA series. This allows for ease in scheduling and participation in Fleet Championship races, Regionals, Nationals, and fleet-building events. Last year we had up more races than ever and participation was relatively low. We have verbal commitments from 4 more boats than last season to race in the BBYRA for 2009. We request nine afternoon races as follows: 2 @ IHYC, 2 @ TRYC, 2 @ OGYC/PBYC, 2 @ NBYC, and 1 @ SPYC.

4. Preferred race courses to be a portable mark course for the first race, 4 leg W-L course, and the subsequent race a "barrel" course or another portable mark course.

5. Maximum wind speed to start the Ensigns: 25mph.

6. General Recalls: We recommend that fleets recalled be moved to the end of the scheduled order for that start. Do not delay the start of the next fleet.

7. Second Afternoon Venue: We would be supportive of a second afternoon racing venue if feasible and beneficial to the Ensign Fleet and the BBYRA as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Healey
Barnegat Bay Ensign Fleet

PS: Allan Terhune may have additional comments from the fleet as well as information concerning the new Ensign Fleet Boat Charter Program.

LIGHTNING FLEET INFORMATION
BBYRA LIAISON MEETING
NOV. 22, 2008

Last week we held a meeting for Lightning sailors that sailed the Bay in 2008 and new prospects.

In reviewing the 2008 season we want to compliment the BBYRA on providing some of the best racing in years. For the most part we had plenty of wind and good courses. Unfortunately, our participation down. The Bay spoiled one race by failing to signal a gate when one was in place which caused confusion, protests, and requests for redress.

We had problems with "blind" E Scows and our tactics were often dictated by the presence of other classes, particularly A Cats which is to be expected when you have multiple classes on the same course. In looking at the possibility of a second race course in the afternoon, it would be nice to have less classes on the course but we are concerned that one of the courses would be less desirable and that the smaller boats would be given that course. The attitude expressed by our Fleet was "let's do one course well before we try to do two".

Afternoon races sometimes finish late due to starting late. Sometimes this is attributed to wind but other times we perceive it's due to delays in getting set up because the morning races run late. Suggest a time-of-day time limit be added to the morning schedule to alleviate this problem.

Like the Ensigns, we need a minimum of race days with a maximum number of races per day in order to avoid conflicts with Lightning Class National & Regional events. We are finding it increasingly difficult to get sailors to sail the Bay when they can travel, sometimes only as far as LBI, to sail more races on a Saturday.

We're not looking at any change in our parameters for 2009 but would like to avoid single race days. Therefore, we request an eleven race series tentatively scheduled as follows:

Date	Venue	# Races
June 27	BH-MC	2
July 4	IHYC	2
July 18	TRYC	2
August 22	BYC	2
August 29	LYC	2
Sept. 5	SPYC	1*

* Assume we cannot schedule more than one race.

Jim Carson

BBYRA Liaison Meeting
November 22, 2008

Sandpiper Fleet

1. We would like to thank the BBYRA for all their efforts this season and wish them good luck in 2009.
2. At the annual Fleet meeting, the Fleet voted to continue with double races with 15 total races scheduled with a change from last season.

3. Race Schedule:

6/27	BH/MC	2 Races – 1 st is the trophy race
7/4	IH	NO RACE
7/11	MR/M	2 Races
7/18	TR	2 Races
7/25	SA	2 Races – 1 st is the trophy race
8/8	OG/PB	2 Races
8/15	NB	2 Races
8/25	B	NO RACE
8/29	L	2 Races
9/5	SP	1 Race

4. The Fleet thanks the BBYRA for announcing via VHF the finish time of the first boat. This did help a lot. Also, announcing those over early at the start is very helpful.
5. We would like our starting time moved up so we would be able to get in both races since these boats are slow.
6. We ask for a little variety on the course selection especially in the second race, throw in some barrel courses.
7. There is no change to the maximum wind limit.
8. We ask that the morning time limit to start a race, 11:30 am, be changed to accommodate any early morning postponements/delays not due to the wind and/or weather. We suggest this extension be 15 or 20 minutes.
9. The Fleet voted to compete as a Fleet. At this time, the Fleet wishes to wait for all to finish before starting the second race. We ask, if possible, for a patrol boat to tow those who will not finish within the time limit to the starting line for the second race.

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To: BBYRA

From: Russell Lines, Sneakbox Liaison

Date: November 22, 2008

The Sneakbox fleet would like to thank the BBYRA for the 2008 season and a successful venture to the Q Course. The fleet experienced good competitive racing, a greater number of races, better wind conditions overall, and much more attention to the fleet as opposed to being on the main course.

On the downside, although we had more boats participate, the new venue didn't increase the number of qualifiers. Next year will be the true test. Also, several of the participants expressed concern that certain skippers were given preferential treatment by the committee expressing disappointment in the way races were run on the Q Course.

As with any new venture, there are a few things that we feel need to be adjusted to make things better for competition and to meet the needs of the fleet.

Permit me to list the things that we would like the BBYRA to consider for the 2009 season:

- The fleet recommends that the Sneakbox continue to sail on the Q Course with a maximum of 5 races sailed on any weekend
- The fleet would like to request the N course NOT be the favored course utilized on the follow reasons:
 - The N course becomes a "follow the leader" course that restricts competition, especially based on the number of participants the fleet is experiencing.
 - The course is impossible to adjust when the wind shifts, due to the number of marks involved in the configuration of the course.

The fleet recommends windward leeward courses, or triangles with a longer first leg be the course of choice. Since we have so few participants, we should not cause much if any interference with other fleets if an N course is used for them. These courses are easier to adjust when the wind shifts and they tend to be less "follow the leader" type races. If it means few races, but better races, the fleet is willing to go in that direction.

- The fleet would like to revisit the scoring system. The number of drops was inconsistent with the scoring systems on the main course and made it impossible

for a skipper to miss 2 weekends (if 5 races were sailed on each weekend) and still have a chance to compete for the championship. A maximum of 46 races could have been sailed in 2008 which meant only 9 races could be dropped. This meant at least 1 DNC had to be scored. Also the 9 dropped races represents only 20% of races sailed which is the fewest number of drops allowed by any of the scoring systems for ANY fleet on the bay. Our recommendation would be scoring 70% of total races sailed by the fleet after reaching 10 races and result in a maximum of 11 drops. This would be consistent with other fleets and with the previous scoring system for the Sneakbox fleet in past years.

- The fleet would like to have 2 weekends that the Sneakbox does not sail – weekend of July 4th at IHYC and weekend of August 15th at NBYC.

Again, the Sneakbox fleet thanks the BBYRA for all the time and effort all the volunteers put in on a year round basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell Lines

November 22, 2008

To: BBYRA Regatta Committee
Fm: BBYRA Sunfish Class

Dear Regatta Committee,

The Sunfish Class met at Beachwood Yacht Club on November 8th to review the 2008 racing season and consider changes for the 2009 schedule.

The meeting was attended by a cross section of both senior and junior sailors. Both groups agreed that they would like to sail different courses for the 2009 season. The juniors want to continue to sail on the Q course and the seniors want to go back to sail on the Wanamaker and Green Island Courses.

The junior sailors feel that they can get a whole group of juniors out on the Q Course if the seniors were on a separate course. After checking, there is a group of sailors that have not raced against the seniors that would come out and race if the seniors were on a separate course. They also want to continue the short, 5 races per day.

The senior sailors, on the other hand, want to race longer races. They also feel that they could get more boats out to race if the format was introduced. They also tend to like the heavier air that may accompany the larger, unprotected courses.

Based on present commitments from sailors, the Class can put 8 juniors on the Q Course and 8 seniors on the Wanamaker/Green Island Courses. Enclosed, please see the list of sailors that we have commitments to sail under this format. There will be more to commit on both course. Please note the cross section from different yacht clubs we already have.

Based on this, the BBYRA Sunfish Class respectfully requests that the Q Course be kept for junior sailors only. For the seniors, we request that the normal Bay course be reinstated.

Please see the race schedule the Class has requested to be sailed along with the dates. They are in the order that the Class would like to sail, based on the approval of the BBYRA Regatta Committee.

Preferred 5 Week Schedule:

Island Heights,	7/04/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races - Wanamaker Course
Shore Acres,	7/25/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races - Green Island Course
Normandy Beach,	8/15/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races - Green Island Course
Beachwood,	8/22/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races - Wanamaker Course
Seaside Park,	9/05/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races - Seaside Park Course

2nd Preferred Schedule:

Island Heights,	7/04/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races -- Wanamaker Course
Tome River,	7/18/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races -- Wanamaker Course
Shore Acres,	7/25/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races -- Green Island Course
Normandy Beach,	8/15/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races -- Green Island Course
Beachwood,	8/22/09,	5 Races Q Course,	2 Races -- Wanamaker Course
Seaside Park,	9/05/09,	5 Races Q Course,	1 Race - Seaside Park Course

We have already set up tow separate tows for next year to tow Sunfish from the Toms River by Beachwood YC and Pine Beach YC. If approved, we will drop the juniors off at the Q Course at Lavallette YC and then have the seniors proceed up the Green Island Course.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wayne Bush
BBRYA Sunfish Class

- 1) Andy Lookup Sr.
- 2) Adam Lookup Jr.
- 3) KEVIN MASUR Sr.
- 4) Tony Roselli Sr.
- 5) CHARLOTTE Roselli Sr.
- 6) Zack Schippe Jr.
- 7) RJ Coletti Jr.
- 8) CORNER Coletti Jr.
- 9) ALLAN DITTENHOFFER Sr.
- 10) TRACE DITTENHOFFER Jr.
- 11) BRIGITTE HOEY Sr.
- 12) JOSEPH GONZALEZ Sr.
- 13) Todd PEARCE Sr.
- 14) John VEHEY Sr.
- 15) STEVEN VEHEY Jr.
- 16) Rob HERRINGTON Sr.
- 17)