

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

**Call to Order** – Vice Commodore Rich Proko called the Regatta Committee I meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He thanked MCYC for hosting and Fran Lynn for all her efforts and time putting out lunch for everyone.

**Roll Call** – All BBYRA clubs were present. Also present were BBYRA Officers Commodore Robert Morrow, Rear Commodore Ed Reardon, Fleet Captain Bob King, Secretary Sue Oksen-Pereira, Measurer Jim Carson, Class Eligibility Ed Vienckowski, Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdock, Protest Committee Chair Tom Sollas, P/C Roger Brown, P/C Harry Foote, P/C Jack Heacock, P/C Dave Loughran, P/C Don McNeil Jr., and P/C Bill Scheyer.

**Approval of Minutes** – Tom Sollas motioned to approve the Regatta Committee II minutes of February 23, 2008, seconded by Steve Foster. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

**Correspondence** – None.

### **Officer Reports**

**Commodore's Comments:** Commodore Morrow thanked MCYC for hosting and Fran for putting together a great lunch.

**2009 BBYRA Commodores' Ball** – June 13, 2009 at OGYC;

**BBYRA Championship of Champions** – June 7, 2009 at SPYC in sunfish;

**October 4, 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes and 2009 Budget** are posted on BBYRA website (Go to "private" section: login: "bbyra", password: "barnegat");

**New Sailing Rules** go into effect as of January 1, 2009. US Sailing will be issuing new rulebook via mail in November/December to all US Sailing members. **Dave Perry Rules Seminar** will be reprised on Friday, June 19, 2009 at OCC. OCC will host the event. Day seminar will be for junior sailing instructors; evening seminar will be for everyone else. There will be no fee; BBYRA will be hosting a **US Sailing Advanced Race Management Seminar** at MRYC on February 28 & March 1. There will be a fee. Watch the BBYRA website for information; **WOBM Stormwatch:** We are registered for weather-related announcements in the event of a meeting cancellation in February if needed; **2009 Yearbook:** Co-Editor Lorraine Morrow reported that in the 2009 Yearbook, they added trophy listings and photos. Forms for yearbook ads are available. For 2009, they will be adding a business card ad.

**Regatta Committee** – Vice Commodore Rich Proko thanked Jody Lutz/North Flags who continues to support BBYRA with flags at a reduced cost and Stan Switlik for providing race management supplies. Races scored: 235 – 139 on main course and 96 on Q course. Handful of races were cancelled due to weather. He thanked all Regatta Committee members for their support.

Highlights of the season: Positive feedback from Sneakbox fleet for being on Q course; A Cats will continue Junior Sailors day (a.m.); Many new members to the Regatta Committee – thank you to all for coming out each week, everything worked out well; Many phone calls were made to the clubs to request boats. BYC & LYC launches frequently served as Mark-Set boats – everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. Discussion of second racing circle will be held later in the meeting.

**Class Liaison & Equipment** – Rear Commodore Ed Reardon reported that all fleets except Laser Radial were represented at this morning's Liaison meeting. Most were happy with the 2008 season. Discussion centered on date scheduling, starting times, etc. Second racing circle was separated. Motion from today's Liaison meeting: *"...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..."* Everyone was strongly in favor of the second racing venue. Thanks to LYC for allowing the equipment trailer to be stored there. Some to be refurbished over the winter. Stan Switlik donated equipment to BBYRA valued between \$3,500 and \$4,500.

**Training** – Fleet Captain Bob King encouraged all to attend the Advanced Race Management Seminar as mentioned by Commodore Morrow. CPR/Defib will be scheduled for April (moving it from June to encourage more attendance). Permit application process was discussed. Bob was strongly encouraged to begin the process despite the fact that the racing areas are still to be determined. Communication between New Jersey Performance Power Boat Club and BBYRA is good. 2014 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BBYRA – if anyone has items of historical importance, please forward to Jack Heacock.

**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. Jim keeps hoping that all the fleets' websites would be current. He is not aware of any problems during the season. Fleets tend to police themselves.

**YRA Rep to US Sailing** – P/C Harry Foote reported that there is a mistake in the Rulebook (back cover – flags). A sticker to correct the error should be included in the Rulebook. Simplified rulebook is expected to be available in June.

**Appeals** – Tom Sollas reported on behalf of Chris Petracco that there is one appeal from 2008 that has not been resolved yet.

**Protests** – Chair Tom Sollas thanked those who served on the protest committee: June Kingman, Paul Gelenitis, Harry Foote, Drew Seibert, Bob King, and Jim Marites; electronic filings work well, but there was an increase in paper filings in 2008. On-line notice boards worked well. Full decisions were posted on

the BBYRA website. 21 hearings were filed; 5 disallowed redress requests, one redress request was granted, 3 disallowed Part 2 protests, 2 allowed Part 2 protests, 6 protests filed by the RC – 3 were allowed, 3 were disallowed. Goal is to get more judges. A Judges workshop is coming in the spring – Chris Petracco to be scheduling it. Changes in the 2009 Rulebook affect sailors more than race management. Tom recommends keeping three boat lengths.

**Scoring** – Scorer P/C Jack Heacock reviewed highlights of his submitted report (a copy of which is attached to the original minutes). Scorers are experiencing problems getting data, last two weeks had accuracy problems – boats were missed. Problems getting supplies back (i.e.: three voice-recorders, only one usually comes back) and the records for the day; need more variations in the courses to scatter boats around (Course 7 is used every day); downwind finishes are difficult; singleton boats in a race need to be reviewed; juniors need help to ensure that they are registered properly; suggested that name, phone number, e-mail address and mailing address be included in change of registration & daily registration; suggestion was made to have a line boat to help with downwind finishes.

**Registrar** – Registrar/Assistant Scorer Eileen King reported there were 168 season registrations for 2008, a decrease of 11 less than 2007. In 2007, 44 boats came out as daily registrants. In 2008, there were 33 daily registrants. Overall down 22 boats from 2007. Seven boats that registered as dailies qualified for the season. Daily registration needs more information – including a category to identify junior sailors. With fleets so spread out, it is more difficult to tell who started, who finished. Discussion followed on issues raised in report. Mark Masur pointed out that it was cheaper for sunfish sailors (Q course) to register on a daily basis rather than register for the season. Issue will be reviewed.

**Sailing Instructions** – Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdock reported that the SI committee has a lot of work to do. There is a good team: Jim Carson, Susan Kerr, June Kingman, Bill Scheyer, Dale Kusma, John Applegate and Dave Magno. They will be getting to work very soon on the issues at hand.

**Class Eligibility** – Class Eligibility Chair Ed Vienckowski reported that no petitions have been received and the November 15<sup>th</sup> deadline has passed. There was no participation in the PM Sunfish fleet so the class will be dropped. Status of the Junior Sunfish fleet was raised – it is still a provisional fleet. Committee will review and take in to consideration information presented at the Liaison meeting. Ed will advise Rich Kerdock by mid-January 2009.

**US Sailing National Cup Events** – US Sailing National Cup Events are posted on the US Sailing website.

### **New Business**

VC Proko opened discussion of possibility of creating a second racing circle in the afternoon. Some of the many points/suggestions/comments raised in the lengthy discussion: what sailing areas to put the second course upbay/downbay, taking up too much space on the water, sufficient race management and boats to support a second course, OCC has pledged 2 rubber inflatables for the Q Course – is willing to commit them to the afternoon second circle; 65 registered afternoon boats for 2008 – 27 of them were E's & A's; channel issues; putting boats of the same boat speed on the same course; barrel courses; fair race courses for all fleets is important; etc. Topic was referred to Sailing Instructions committee. The SI committee will report back at the Regatta II meeting in February.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Regatta II meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at TRYC.
2. Liaison II meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2009 1:00 p.m. at TRYC.
3. Steve Foster reported that NBYC received the boat request/assignment list. Another boat was needed for the Q Course. Steve begged someone with a boat to help. When the person arrived, they were told that the boat was not needed. Steve urged that the amount of boats requested be reviewed to see if they are all necessary.

**Adjournment** - With no other business to come before the Regatta Committee, Bill Scheyer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tom Sollas. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan L. Oksen-Pereira  
Secretary

BBYRA  
MEASURERS REPORT  
REGATTA COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

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. Some of this information is now on the various class websites but in some cases it's not current or complete.

I'm not aware of any serious problems during the 2008 season. The classes do a good job of policing them selves.

Respectfully submitted,



James G. Carson

# Scorers Information and Comments

## General Information and procedures:

- Order of information input to the program matches order of events
  1. Registration
  2. Check in
  3. Race start
  4. Race finish
- Observed order is often different and incomplete with late registration and check in arriving after the boats return to the host club. Start information requires someone to monitor the radio to get limited information (thanks Eve )
- Race audit portions of the program are only being used after the fact to help find and correct problems the **following day**.
- Voice recorder often not returned ( Only 1 of 3 normally returned )
- Committee breaking into lots of little pieces with lots of idle time.

## Q Area Courses

- Often only one recorder on the finish boat recording all information – short distances make it possible to see the start and add it to the record
- Checkin / Registration not checked at the start
- Large number of RC boats for few fleets and sailors.
- SPYC day did **NOT** follow the SI!

## Main Courses

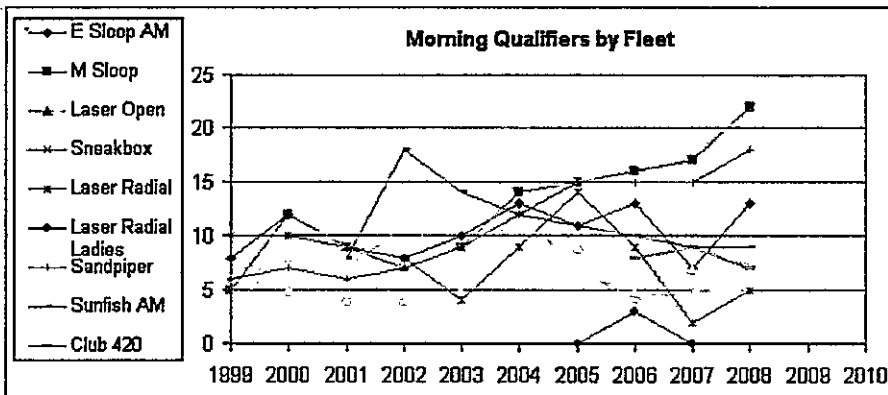
- Little variation in courses on a given day – Course 7 used for most races.
- Down wind finishes are hard to identify boats correctly
- Last two weeks several boats Missed – not recorded at the finish!

## Scoring Issues

- Singleton boats – need to record for qualification – but should not be a valid race.
- Boats changing / correcting fleet registration force a rescoring of all races that the boat entered.
- Fleet counts are checked by scoring class not by general type of boat.
- What is a 'Day'? - this year Ensign sailed am races with pm races on the same day. Should this be by race session same as the scoring program file structure with qualification based on race sessions?
- Divisions within a boat type? – currently divided into several classes – should they be scored together as a single class ? with group to split-up the reporting like opti white, blue, red fleets.

## Series Qualifiers by Fleet 2000 - 2008

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
E Sloop AM	8	12	9	8	10	13	11	13	7	13		
M Sloop	5	12	9	7	9	14	15	16	17	22		
Laser Open	6	5	4	4	5	7	9	5	7	8		
Sneakbox	6	8	7	11	8	12	7	4	5	5		
Laser Radial Jr.	10	10	9	8	4	9	14	9	2	5		
Laser Radial Ladies							0	3	0			
Sandpiper	6	7		7	9	12	15	15	15	18		
Sunfish AM + Jr			8	18	14	12	11	10	9	9		
Club 420	0							8	9	7		
<b>AM TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>		



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
A Cat	8	7	9	10	10	10	10	9	11	12		
Sanderling	19	21	18	16	14	14	11	10	12	11		
E Sloop PM	7	14	11	9	12	13	12	14	12	12		
Lightning	5	7	6	7	8	7	9	6	7	4		
Flying Scot	20	24	15	18	16	12	12	10	12	12		
Ensign	5	6	5	8	4	6	7	6	8	6		
Sunfish PM							5	4	2	0		
<b>PM TOTAL</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>57</b>		

