

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association
Liaison I Committee Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2009
Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Call to Order – Commodore Rich Proko called the Liaison I Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He thanked MRYC for hosting today's meeting.

Roll Call – All classes were present except Laser & 420 (absent). Also present: BBYRA flag officers (Treasurer Jim Maida & Rear Commodore Bob King came at 11:22), Measurer and Secretary as well as Class Eligibility Chair, and Sailing Instructions Committee Chair and members of various committees.

Commodore Proko discussed that the Delegate Meeting was scheduled for Saturday, April 3, 2010, which is Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. It was decided that the delegate meeting would be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The Secretary will send a letter to BHYC requesting to hold the meeting there.

Fleet Reports

A-Cat – Roy Wilkens (for Jim Kellogg) had the following report:

- Fleet would like to continue the 2nd racing circle at Seaside.
- Fleet would like to race one weekend up bay with second circle on the Green Island course. Their choice would be LYC.
- Fleet would like the wind speed to be changes to sustained 20 mph no race begins and races shortened at 22 mph
- Fleet would like to have two throw outs for the season, no matter how many races are sailed
- Fleet would like to continue with the anchor start
- Fleet would supply patrol and support (to move equipment) boats for the second racing circles at Seaside and Green Island
- There will up one up bay and one down bay Junior day, which will not be part of the race schedule
- Fleet would like the race schedule to be the same as last year

Ensign – Thom Healy had the following report:

- Fleet asks that their request for only one race on an up bay day be considered. This would be a rule change which would need to be reviewed by the Sailing Instructions and then a recommendation made to the Delegates. Some resistance will be made to this request.
- See attached schedule request

E-Sloop – Dave Magno had the following report:

- Fleet would like the second race circle on the Seaside course to be permanent

- Fleet would like a second circle on the Green Island course at LYC to be provisional
- Fleet reports that there are three new boats
- They have no wind changes
- There might be measurement changes to the sails, windows in the A sail
- See attached schedule request

Measurer – Jim Carson reported that all classes have websites except A-Cat. Roy Wilkens said that he would forward the new A-Cat website to Jim. Hard copies for the following classes are in the file: A-Cat (2007), Ensign (2009), Sanderling (2007) and Sneakbox (2002). Hard copies for Inactive Classes are also on file for the following: Blue Jay, Hobie 18', Laser II, Penguin and Prindle 18'. Jim needs to know if the website is current. When NOR goes out, classes need to let us know if website is current.

Flying Scot – Rich Kerdock had the following report:

- The fleet would like two races every weekend with one bye week. Will look at the national calendar and let us know which week they would like the bye week to be

Laser – Absent but Glen Dickson sent the following report in:

- Thank the committee for a great summer of racing
- Participation was slightly down form 2008
- Last year there were two bye weekends to accommodate Laser Nationals and Masters' Worlds, which were sailed on the East Coast. There are no major national Laser regatta nearby this summer, so two races for the first nine weeks and the one race at Seaside.
- If a bye weekend is needed, a down bay weekend would be the preferred bye week
- Windward-leewards on the portable courses are preferred. Olympic courses with reaches are fun when the breeze is over 12 knots. If patrol boats are scarce, triangles are the safest option for the big breeze (20+ knots)
- A new representative for the laser fleet needs to be found

Laser Radial – Nick Rinaldi had the following report:

- Would like the fleet to continue even though there were no qualifiers last year. The two laser fleets start together but are scored separately.
- New participants are being sought (at the end of the meeting two names were given to Nick)
- Two races every weekend with one race at Seaside

Lightning – Jim Carson had the following report:

- Fleet was happy with the RC administration and excellent sailing
- Lowest number of qualifiers due to major regattas taking place
- 2010 should see an improvement with the North American regatta at TRYC and the North American Juniors, Women and Masters regatta at MCYC
- Continue with the six day double race format
- See attached schedule request

M-Sloop – Jim Applegate (for Susan Kerr) had the following report:

- Rescind Sailing Instructions 8.5 (recalled fleet will move to the end of the starting order). There were several near-misses between E- and M- scows, especially on leeward mark rounding. Keeping the E-scows at the beginning of the rolling sequence should help alleviate this problem. A lively discussion followed. Morning fleets preferred E-scows to start first so they are not sailing thru the sunfish and 420 fleets. Afternoon fleets preferred them to move to the end of the sequence. A concern with afternoon fleets was having time for their two races if there was light air. Maybe a decision should be made on the race course based on time, wind and how far the fleet traveled.
- A “Z” flag (used on the Seaside course) or a Black flag should be used. The “Q” flag is not needed. Should flags be used for the starting sequence?
- Short leeward mark
- Portable marks
- Rebuilding boats, bringing boats in from the Midwest
- No change in wind conditions
- A “Z” flag (used on the Seaside course) or a Black flag should be used. The “Q” flag is not needed. Should flags be used for the starting sequence?
- See attached schedule request

Discussion on Start

- Signal course by flag only and not the “big box”
- Hold white board for number of rounding ex: 1, 2 or 3 (in rain numbers might wash away)
- Use “G” for gate course and “S” for short leeward mark
- Have gates as long leeward marks
- Use digital box (LYC)
- Use combination of radios (small boats do not carry radios), flags and place cards/whiteboard
- Initial mark too close to the windward mark. Get rid of it, it does not provide enough separation

Sanderling – Mark Schleckser had the following report:

- Thank you to the Race Committee
- No changes for next year
- See attached schedule request

Sandpiper – Mimi Dimon had the following report:

- Thank the BBYRA for their efforts this season and wish them good luck in 2010
- Continue with double races for a total of 15 races, see attached schedule request

- Fleet is asking for a variety of courses (especially in the second race), not just windward/leeward
- No change to the maximum wind limits
- Announce via VHF the finish time of the first boat
- Fleet wants to compete as a fleet. They would like to wait till all boats finish before starting the second race
- Fleet requests that the fleet be exempt from wearing life jackets when single-handed. This is a safety issue, so then they requested that the rule be enforce. If single-handed in the Sandpiper you must wear a life jacket.
- Fleet asked that a Masters Division be added. The age requirement would be 62 years. This information would be on the registration form. This would be in the first race of the day. This would be a division within the class for scoring. Fleet would ask some sailors who qualify as a Master not to participate this year to encourage others to race. Still working on details. Finish flags would be awarded to both fleets each week and an overall Championship trophy for each fleet also. The Sandpiper fleet would be willing to provide overall trophies, if the BBYRA is unable to.
- Also to encourage participation, the fleet voted to have an Upper Bay and Lower Bay Overall Trophy which will exclude BBYRA winners. The fleet will handle the scoring and trophies.
- The fleet would like to present at the annual awards the BBYRA Sandpiper Championship Trophy. This trophy will list all the BBYRA Champions since the fleet began racing in the BBYRA. The Fleet must write a "deed of gift".
- The BBYRA Sandpiper Fleet Class Rules have been amended and will be sent to the BBYRA

Sneakbox – Russ Lines had the following report:

- Fleet would like to express the sincere appreciation to the BBYRA and especially the volunteers that cover the S course for their tireless work and dedication to the BBYRA. Schedule will be looked at to make sure there are enough boats on the S course to cover the additional manpower needed.
- Fleet would like to sail on eight weekend, see attached schedule request
- If there was no trophy being given out, no one sailed. A request was made to go back to your club and trophies that are not being given out can be rededicated.
- Fleet prefers to sail the Lavallette course as opposed to the "river" course
- Scoring system was good

Sunfish – Wayne Bush had the following report:

- Thanked the bay for having the juniors and seniors separate
- Seniors like to mix the courses up with triangles and windward/leeward
- Juniors like triangle courses
- Juniors and Seniors would like a normal first race
- Seniors would like the second race to be a barrel race
- Juniors would like the course shortened on a light air day
- Since there are smaller fleets, a shorter line

- To encourage up bay sailing, consider using a trailer or towing. Maybe boats can be brought the day before
- No wind changes

420 – Roy Wilkens (for Donnie Burke) had the following report:

- Fleet happy sailing in the river
- Move the course closer to OGYC and IHYC
- Number of qualifiers down
- Remind yacht clubs of the OCC lease program

Commodore's Announcements:

- Committee will be formed for the 100th Anniversary in 2011
- Get requests into Sailing Instruction Committee prior to their December meeting

New Business:

- Register BBYRA logo
- Form committee to sell articles of clothing

Adjournment - With no other business to come before the Liaison Committee, Commodore Proko adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Alldian
Secretary

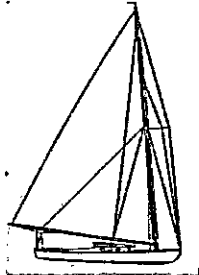
2010 Liaison Committee
 Schedule Request Chart for 2010 BBYRA Championship Dates
 Per the November 21, 2009 Liaison Committee Meeting

	June 27 ²⁶ BHYC/MCYC Week 1	July 3 IHYC Week 2	July 10 MYC/MRYC Week 3	July 17 TRYC Week 4	July 24 SAYC Week 5	July 31 Bye Week	August 7 OGYC/PBYC Week 6	August 14 NBVC Week 7	August 21 BYC Week 8	August 28 LYC Week 9	September 4 SPYC Week 10
A CAT			same	same	as	last year					
Ensign		2	1	2	2		2			2	2 1
E Sloop	2	2	2	2	2		← N/A →	2		2	2
Flying Scot										one bye week	
Laser	2										2
Laser Radial	2										
Lighting	2	2			2					2	1
M Sloop	2	2	2	2	2		2	X	2	2	1
Sanderling			look at last year				year				
Sandpiper	2	X	2	2	2		2	X	X	2	2
Sneakbox	2	X	2	2	2		2	2	2	2	2
Sunfish 1 st choice											
Sunfish 2 nd choice			same dates								
420			same as last year								

2009 Liaison Committee
 Schedule Request Chart for 2009 BBYRA Championship Dates
 Per the November 22, 2008 Liaison Committee Meeting
 Revised 12/19/08

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A CAT	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Ensign		2 races		2 races		---	2 races	2 races		2 races	1 race
E Sloop						---	No races	No races			
Flying Scot	<i>No requests for schedule changes, bye dates, etc.</i>										
Laser						---	No races			No races	
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	

Memorandum



To: BBYRA Bridge
CC: June Kingman
From: Jim Kellogg A Cat Fleet Captain
Date: 11/21/2009
Re: A Cat 2010 Recommendations

- Fleet would like to continue the second racing circle at Seaside *Lyc 3 circles*
- Fleet would like to race one weekend up bay with second circle on the Green Island course
- Fleet would like the wind speed to be changed to ^{*sustained*} **20 mph** no race begins and races shortened at 22mph
- Fleet would like to have **two throw outs** for the season, no matter how many races sailed
- Fleet would like to continue with the anchor start
- Fleet will supply patrol boats for second racing circles at Seaside and Green Island

CLASS DOCUMENTS ON FILE

Active Classes

A-Cat Hard Copy "Class Rules as of 2007" *Website changed
Roy will provide
new one*

Club 420 WEBSITE Dec. 2, 2007

E-Sloop WEBSITE, 2009

Ensign WEBSITE sketchy. Hard Copy in File dated 5/15/09

Flying Scot WEBSITE, August 2009

Laser/L Radial WEBSITE 2/4/08

Lightning WEBSITE current

M-Sloop WEBSITE sketchy 12-16-07

Sanderling WEBSITE 9/06, (Hard copy in file revised 4-27-07)

Sneak Box WEBSITE no rules – Hard Copy 1983 (indicated current 11/30/02)

Sandpiper WEBSITE 9/07

Sunfish WEBSITE 8/25/08

Inactive Classes

(hard copies – websites not explored)

Blue Jay 2006-2007

Hobie '18' 7/88

Laser II 5/91

Penguin 3/20/78

Prindle "18" 6/83

JGC
11/20/09

Dear BBYRA Committee,

As the liason for the Laser class, I would like to thank the committee for conducting another summer of great racing, though I only made a few weekends myself.

Participation: Participation was slightly down from 2008, with five qualifiers compared to 8. However, this number was consistent with 2006 and 2007, and we did have some new faces on the race course this year who will hopefully become full-time Laser racers on the Bay.

Schedule: While last year we had two off weekends to accommodate Laser Nationals and Masters' Worlds, which were both being held on the East Coast, there are no major national Laser regattas nearby this summer. I would suggest racing two races for the first nine weeks, with the traditional single race at Seaside. I have tried to build off weekends into the schedule to accommodate sailors making the effort to attend major events, but few BBYRA sailors actually do and I think encouraging local participation should be the priority in 2010. If the Bay does need Lasers to take an off weekend due to RC considerations, I would recommend it being a Downbay weekend, as the majority of today's fleet sails out of Lavallette.

Courses: Windward-leewards on the portable courses are still preferred. Olympic courses with reaches are fun when the breeze is over 12 knots. If patrol boars are scarce, triangles are the safest option for big breeze (20-plus knots) conditions, as they avoid the windward capsizes prevalent in heavy air running.

Representation: I have been seeking a replacement for my duties for several months as I did not qualify in Lasers last summer and do not plan to do so in 2010, as I have been focusing on the Flying Scot. I have asked the members of the fleet to step up and take over, but have gotten no response. I hope to have a new full-time liason in place by the next meeting in February.

Big-Picture Thought: I know the BBYRA has been seeking a representative for the Laser Radial class for several years, to no avail. Last year no one qualified in Radials, though one sailor did compete occasionally. As I suggested last year regarding the Sunfish class, I think the way to drive participation is to have all age classes compete together, and then award a separate junior prize if applicable.

In the Laser, this could be done by having everyone sail Standard rigs, particularly since most Saturday mornings feature relatively light air. Another possibility is to let sailors of any age freely alternate between Standard and Radial rigs from race to race, depending on the breeze conditions, as long as they maintain the same sail number. This is standard practice in Masters (35-years plus) Laser sailing, and allows lighter or older Master sailors to enjoy the control of a Radial in big-breeze conditions that they would otherwise be hesitant to race in. There is no competent Standard rig sailor who feels disadvantaged by this practice, though I can tell you that some savvy and physically fit older Laser sailors manage to do very well in Radials in big breeze against heavier, younger Standard

Rig competitors (For example, 72 year old Peter Seidenberg placed fifth in a 21-boat regatta in Rhode Island this fall, sailing a Radial against a host of much younger Standard rig sailors). Also, Radial Rigs are the only option for 65-year—plus sailors on the World level, and giving our local sailors the Radial option would only be fair and could only help participation.

Thanks again for running such great racing, and for hearing out my suggestions.

Sincerely,

Glen Dickson

LIGHTNING FLEET REPORT FOR BBYRA LIAISON MEETING
November 21, 2009

The Bay Lightning Fleets were polled by email.

2009 was not a great Lightning year on the Bay. With major regattas taking precedence attendance was down with only four boats qualifying. With few exceptions we were happy with the Bay's race administration and had excellent sailing and close competition. Hopefully 2010 will see a spike in Lightning activity as the Lightning North American regattas come to Metedeconk and Toms River. All those that sailed in 2009 plan to sail in 2010.

We would like to continue with a six day double race format in order that our sailors can attend important Class events and appease their families.

Our tentative request for dates is:

June 26	BH/MC
July 3	IH
July 24	SA
August 14	NB
August 28	LA
September 4	SP

Jim Carson
Class Rep.

BBYRA FLEET LIAISON MEETING
November 21, 2009

M16 Fleet Report
Representative: John Applegate for Susan Kerr

The class was contacted via e-mail in September. Below are the requests for 2010 season.

- 1) Please rescind Sailing Instructions 8.5 (recalled fleet will move to the end of the starting order). There were several near-misses between E- and M-scows, especially on leeward mark roundings. Keeping the E-scows at the beginning of the rolling start sequence should help alleviate this problem (or move them to another racing area?).
- 2) Please schedule 2 races for Beachwood race day. Therefore, M's would only like to have off Normandy Beach (same day as LEHYC's Down Bay Invitational).
- 3) We would also prefer more use of short leeward mark whenever possible. This also will help alleviate above-mentioned problem with rounding the leeward mark with E-scows and should help separate the fleets.
- 4) Last year's morning races were long and rarely over before 12:30. People scheduled to sail in the afternoon had trouble getting back to the launch club to get their boat out of the water and get back to the race course for the afternoon starts.
- 5) As always, windward/leeward courses using the portable marks are preferred.

To: BBYRA Liaison Committee

From: Sandpiper Fleet

Date: November 21, 2009

Re: Liaison Report

We would like to thank the BBYRA for all their efforts this season and wish them good luck in 2010.

The Sandpiper fleet held its annual meeting on September 26, 2009 and voted to continue with double races with 15 total races scheduled.

We would like the following 2010 BBYRA Schedule: (no change from 2009)

BH/MC	June 26	2 Races – 1 ST is the trophy race
IH	July 3	NO RACE
MR/M	July 10	2 Races
TR	July 17	2 Races
SA	July 24	2 Races – 1 ST is the trophy race
	July 31	OPEN
OG/PB	Aug. 7	2 Races
NB	Aug. 14	2 Races
B	Aug. 21	NO RACE
L	Aug. 28	2 Races
SP	Sept. 4	1 Race

The fleet is asking for a variety of courses especially in the second race, not just windward/leeward.

There is no change to the maximum wind limits.

We ask that the BBYRA continue to announce via VHF the finish time of the first boat.

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.

The fleet requests that the fleet be exempt from wearing life jackets when we single-hand the Sandpipers. *enforce rule if singles not wearing*

We would like the BBYRA to add a Masters Division to our fleet. We hope this may encourage some of the club racers to participate in the BBYRA. Masters age requirement is 62 years. We will be asking some of the present sailors who may qualify as a Master not

1st race of day

division w/in class

to participate this year in order to encourage others to race. We are still working out the details and will send to the BBYRA when finalized.

The Masters would race with the fleet but be scored as their own fleet in the first race scheduled each week, be awarded finish flags each week, and overall BBYRA Championship trophies. The Sandpiper fleet can provide the overall trophies, if the BBYRA is unable.

Also to encourage participation, we have voted to have an Upper Bay and Lower Bay Overall Trophies, which will exclude BBYRA winners. The fleet will handle the scoring and the trophies. Final details will be forthcoming.

The Sandpiper fleet would like to present at the annual awards the BBYRA Sandpiper Championship Trophy. The trophy will list all the BBYRA Champions since the fleet began racing in the BBYRA. *deed of gift*

The BBYRA Sandpiper Fleet Class Rules have been amended and will be sent to the BBYRA.

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November 21, 2009

To: BBYRA
From: Russell Lines, Sneakbox Fleet Liaison
Re: Sneakbox Requests for 2010 Season

As the Liaison representative for the Sneakbox fleet, I want to express the sincere appreciate to the BBYRA, and especially to the volunteers that cover the S course, for their tireless work and dedication to the BBYRA. Although the number of qualifiers was down for 2009, there has been some activity related to purchasing boats and some past qualifiers returning after taking some time off. We look forward to a successful 2010 season.

The fleet recommends no changes to the current format regarding scoring or location, and requests that the fleet sail on 8 weekends, with open dates being:

- July 3rd - Island Heights
- August 14th - Normandy Beach

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Lines