

Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association  
Liaison I Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2013  
Metedeconk River Yacht Club

**Call to Order** – Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski called the Liaison I Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Rear Commodore Vienckowski thanked everyone for coming.

**Roll Call** – All classes were present except A-Cat, Ensign and 420. Also present: BBYRA flag officers Commodore Ed Reardon, Vice Commodore June Kingman, Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski, Fleet Captain Brigitte Hoey, Secretary Jennifer Alldian and Measurer John Applegate (Treasurer James Maida was absent) as well as Past Commodore Jack Heacock and Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdock.

**Fleet Reports**

**A-Cat** – Chip Hillyer submitted the following report:

- They had no fleet meeting, but no one had any changes.
- Fleet would like to keep all their races days the same as last year.
- See attached schedule request

**Ensign** – ~~Allan Terhune~~ Bill Murphey submitted the following report:

- We are a busy fleet. The National Regatta is a week later than usual in Pentwater, MI.
- So the major changes will be to add two afternoon races at NBYC; change to one afternoon race at BYC; dropping LYC
- Our Fall Fleet meeting will be right after Thanksgiving, so any changes will be forwarded to you then.
- See attached schedule request

**E-Sloop** – Dave Magno had the following report.

- The fleet has met and we have come up with five (5) suggestions in order of priority.
  1. The top matters for the fleet are course location and water depth. The two (2) issues are often intertwined depending on wind direction. Our proposed solution (except for Seaside which will continue to be sailed on the Wanamaker course) is to switch venues to the opposite side of the bridge. On Up Bay weeks we can be put anywhere from Wanamaker to Seaside depending on the conditions. On Down Bay weeks we can be put anywhere from Green Island to South Mantoloking depending on weather. The entire fleet tows to the races so the venue switch is practical.
  2. Should the venue switch not be approved; then the course locations need to change. I've sailed at Lavallette over numerous years and can tell you that unless the water is high, E boats will hit bottom

south of Q barrel. Our Up Bay courses need to go north to either Green Island or South Mantoloking/Normandy. The Seaside course is tight because of water depth. However, the course needs to be stretched to the maximum to avoid pile-ups at the marks.

3. Since we are isolated (no fleet wants to sail with us), we propose a shorter lunch break. Our proposal is that after the final boat finishes the last morning race, the afternoon warning shall be one (1) hour later, but not before noon. In this manner a boat only sailing the afternoon series would know when to arrive.
4. Why do we still sail only one (1) race at Seaside? Computer scoring should remedy previous time constraints. Even sailing one (1) longer race often leaves significant down time (sometimes three hours between morning and afternoon).
5. The Black Flag should not be used until there is at least two (2) general recalls because of the severe penalty. The I Flag used immediately is fine, and the race committee should start recalling OCS boats within the last minute. The positive aspect of the early identifications would be to decrease the probability of a general recall. It was noted that with GPS on all the boats, they are usually not over until the last ten seconds and then the RC is in the countdown sequence and can't call boats over, since the same radio channel is being used to countdown and call boats over. Also, use of the Z Flag penalty after a general recall is encouraged. So the I, Z then black flag.

➤ See attached schedule request.

A discussion followed about whether to go north by Curtis Point and if the race course would be in the channel and have too much boat wake. The Rose and Green courses have dedicated RC but there may not be enough patrol boats. The possibility to sail the E-Scows on the Cedar Creek course was mentioned (not by Dave) but was not given serious consideration. ~~not received well~~. After a poll was taken, it was decided to request that all AM fleets sail two races on the SPYC Bay Day.

**Flying Scot** – Rich Kerdock had the following report from Rob Vogel:

- Fleet would like to thank the BBYRA for running a successful season in 2013, especially with all the difficulties created by Superstorm Sandy.
- For 2014, we would like to recommend that the afternoon first warning signal be moved back to 1:30, from the earlier time of 1:15 that was set for 2013. There are a few sailors that participate in the morning races and having the extra 15 minutes would be helpful. The Sanderling Fleet offered to switch places in the sequence.
- Fleet would like to sail all weeks in the afternoon except for a break on the SAYC week (this is the same schedule as 2013).
- The first race was too long sometimes, last season. You can't start after 11:30, so make quality races instead of trying to get two races in.

- See attached schedule request.

**Laser** – Had Brick had the following report:

- Fleet requested that the length of course correlate to the wind strength.
- The Radial fleet should be open to everyone, not just juniors.
- It was requested suggested (not by Had) that 4.7 lasers be allowed to sail, but that fleet did not apply.
- The schedule for major Laser regattas has not yet been finalized, so the fleet will let us know at a later date if there will be any open weeks. The drop dead date for changes is January 15, 2014.
- See attached schedule request.

**M-Sloop** – Susan Kerr had the following report:

- Fleet thanked the BBYRA for last year.
- Fleet liked that the second race of their fleet was started before all the other morning fleets finished their first race.
- Fleet requested that the starting pin not be moved when they are in sequence.
- John Applegate will be the new liaison.
- See attached schedule request

**Sanderling** – Brian Harris had the following report:

- Fleet voted to allow the motor size to change from 4.0 to 3.5, and will get this change to Measurer John Applegate.
- The fleet requests the same schedule as last year.
- They are the last fleet in the afternoon so they will trade spots with any other afternoon fleet that would like to start later. If there are any general recalls, that decreases their chance of having a second race.
- Fleet requests that after the A-Cats start the start line be made shorter.
- See attached schedule request

**Sandpiper** – Mimi Dimon had the following report:

- Fleet would like to thank the BBYRA for all their efforts this season and wish them good luck in 2014.
- The Fleet did not hold a meeting in the fall, but was polled and would like to continue with double races for a total of 15 races and the same schedule as last year.
- The Fleet is asking for a variety of courses especially in the second race, not just windward/leeward, barrel courses would be appreciated as well as finishes to windward.
- One boat would like double races at Seaside, which was requested and another would like to start before the Sneakbox class.
- The fleet asks that the course board have darker/thicker markers so the course can be seen.
- There is no change to the maximum wind limits.
- The fleet asks the BBYRA to continue to announce via VHF the finish time of the first boat.
- The Fleet wants to compete as a fleet. The Fleet wishes to wait for all boats to finish before starting the second race. It was requested that a

patrol boat tow those who will not finish within the time limit to the starting line for the second race.

- There has been no change to the BBYRA Sandpiper Fleet Class Rules.
- See attached schedule request.

**Sneakbox** – Russ Lines had the following report:

- The fleet would like to express the sincere appreciation to the BBYRA, and especially the volunteers who cover the Green course, for their tireless work and dedication to the BBYRA. We look forward to a successful 2014 season.
- The fleet requests a change to the wind guidelines; raise the wind speed limit for cancelling races to 15 mph and for safety reasons, request races already in progress be shortened at the next mark if the wind speed reaches or exceeds 15 mph and abandoned when the wind speed reaches 17 mph if not already shortened.
- The fleet wishes to sail 8 weeks (off weeks being: BHYC/MCYC and BYC).
- See attached schedule request.

**Sunfish** – Dave Thompson had the following report from Kevin Kearney:

- The fleet would like eight Saturdays of racing in 2014. They would like to take off the first and third Saturday's. Two afternoon races on all Down Bay Saturdays and an afternoon race at Seaside Park. For the remaining Up Bay Saturdays, two morning races each at SAYC, NBYC and LYC.
- Triangles, triangles, triangles. The Sunfish Fleet requests race courses using portable marks in a triangular configuration. Many fleet members have expressed their desire to race Sunfish on triangular courses. Other fleets benefit tactically racing downwind on W/L courses. Not Sunfish. The configuration of the Sunfish lateen sail rig makes for an enormously favored starboard gybe straight downwind. So much so, unless the course is severely skewed (which rarely happens) or a dramatic wind shift has occurred the downwind port gybe is avoided. W/L courses produce a dull, uneventful, downwind starboard gybe parade to the leeward mark. Triangular courses will provide tactical maneuvers for the Sunfish fleet not available to the boat on a W/L course.
- Barrel courses are also desired. The Ralph Bush Trophy race during week 6 has been suggested as a good race for a barrel course.
- Top end wind parameters at 22 mph are fine. We would appreciate the low end wind, to start a race to be not less than 2 mph.
- See attached schedule request.

**420 & Junior Sunfish** – Susan Proko submitted the following report:

- See attached schedule request.

**Announcements** –

- The Championship of Champions Regatta was voted to be discontinued by the Delegates. This year no-one very few signed up, so the lack of participation did

- not warrant all the effort that goes into planning and running the regatta it. Had Brick objected to the discontinuance of the Regatta.
- The flag distribution was discussed. On any given Saturday, the first, second and third flags are available the following week and should be picked up by your club's bay representative. They are never available the same day due to protests.
  - Flags that were lost during the storm may be able to be replaced by contacting Jody Lutz, from North Flags to see if they can be ordered.
  - Sneakbox fleet had the biggest gain in qualifiers in 2013.
  - BHYC has been moved to the tennis courts. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball will be held in the Dale building or outside. Stan and Pam Switlik are the chairs. A tentative date is June 14, 2014.
  - Vineyard Vines merchandise is selling well. Some sizes are sold out. We have paid the BBYRA back for the initial outlay of money and all sales now are profit.
  - The next Liaison meeting is President's weekend. The Sailing Instruction Committee would prefer the date to be pushed back to February 22, 2014.
  - The Toms River Seaport Society holds all the records for the BBYRA. There is a Holiday party at the Seaport on December 8.
  - BYC will hold a boat parade on December 7 which is open to the public.
  - Junior participation has decreased over the years in the BBYRA. It was suggested (by Roy Wilkins) that the weekly Interclub's act as their BBYRA series and an Up Bay and Down Bay flag be awarded at SPYC. This is not part of the Len Egee trophy.

**Adjournment** - With no other business to come before the Liaison Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Alldian  
Secretary

*Attachment: 2014 Fleet Requests for Racing Schedule & 2014 Guide to Class Preference*

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2014 Liaison Committee  
 Schedule Request Chart for 2014 BBYRA Championship Dates  
 Per the November 9, 2013 Liaison Committee Meeting

	June 21 BHYC/MCYC Week 1	June 22 IHYC Week 2	July 5 MYC/MRYC Week 3	July 12 TRYC Week 4	July 19 SAYC Week 5	July 26 BYE WEEK -----	August 2 OGYC/ PBYC Week 6	August 9 NBYC Week 7	August 16 BYC/OCC Week 8	August 23 LYC Week 9	August 30 SPYC Week 10
A CAT						---					1
Ensign						---					1
E-Sloop AM						-----					1
E Sloop PM						---					1
Flying Scot						---					1
Laser						---					1
Laser Radial						-----					1
M Sloop						---					1
Sanderling						-----					1
Sandpiper						-----					1
Sneakbox						-----					1
Sunfish						-----					1
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A CAT	2	2	2	1	2	---	No Races	2	2	2	1
Ensign	No races	1 AM 2 PM	2 PM	1 AM 2 PM	No RACES	---	2 PM	1 PM	No RACES	1 PM	1 PM
E-Sloop AM	2	2	2	2	2	-----	No Races	2	2	2	2
E Sloop PM	2	2	2	2	2	---	No Races	2	2	2	1
Flying Scot	2	2	2	2	No Races	---	2	2	2	2	1
Laser	2	2	2	2	2	---	2	2	2	2	2
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Sandpiper	2	2	2	No Races	2	-----	2	No Races	No Races	2	2
Sneakbox	No Races	2	2	2	2	-----	2	No Races	No Races	2	2
Sunfish	No Races	2 PM	No Races	2 PM	2 AM	-----	2 AM	2 PM	2 AM	2 AM	1 PM 2 AM
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## Per the November 8, 2013 Liaison Committee Meeting 2014 GUIDE TO CLASS PREFERENCE, GENERAL

X indicates preferred course, where X's are duplicated for a class, class prefers a variation.

CLASS	MILES *	PORTABLE			WIND/LEE BARREL	MAX WIND SPEED TO START A RACE, mph	NOTES IF ANY
		TRIANGLE	OLYMPIC	WIND/LEE			
E Sloop	8 - 10			X Gate		25	
M Sloop	5 - 7.5		X (hvy. air)	X	X	22	2
Laser/Laser R	6 - 7		X	X		35	2
Sneakbox	4 - 6	X (>10)		X	X	15	2, 7
Sandpiper	4 - 6	X (>14)		X	X	18	2
A Cat	7 - 9			X Gate		20	1
Sanderling	6 - 7			X Gate	X	18	3
Flying Scot	5 - 7			X	X	25	5
Ensign	5 - 6			X	X	25	4
Sr./Jr. Sunfish	6	X (light air)	X (hvy. air)	X (rarely)	X	22	6
Club 420	4 - 6	X		X		22	

\* Except back-to-back races, which should be shorter.

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5. For Portable W/L Courses the Flying Scots prefer 2 to 4 legs, **no 6 leg courses.**
6. Sunfish want triangles, ~~olympic~~ and some barrel courses. ~~W/L courses rarely.~~
7. Sneakbox would like the course shortened if the wind gusts get to 17 mph reaches 15mph sustained after the start, and cancelled outright if winds increase to 17mph after the start.



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Ensign	5 - 6			X	X	25	4
Jr. Sunfish	6	X (hvy air)	X	X (lt. air)	X	22	2
Sr. Sunfish	6	X (hvy. air)	X <sup>heavy air</sup>	X (lt. air) <sup>rarely</sup>	X	22	6 *
Club 420	4 - 6	X		X		22	

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