

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

Call to Order – Vice Commodore June Kingman called the Regatta Committee I meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call – All BBYRA clubs were present except for Island Heights, Pine Beach and Shore Acres Yacht Clubs. Also present were Commodore Ed Reardon, Vice Commodore June Kingman, Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski, Fleet Captain Brigitte Hoey, Secretary Jennifer Alldian, and Measurer John Applegate, P/C Jack Heacock, P/C Bob Morrow, and P/C Harry Foote. Also present was Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdock.

Approval of Minutes – Steve Foster motioned to approve the Regatta Committee II minutes of February 23, 2013, seconded by Jack Woods. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Commodore Ed Reardon thanked MCYC for hosting the meetings and Fran Lynn for the lunch that she provided. Commodore Reardon mentioned that he had brought some of the 100th Anniversary Vineyard Vines merchandise if anyone wanted to do some Christmas shopping.

Correspondence – None.

Officer Reports

Regatta Committee – Commodore Ed Reardon thanked the Regatta Committee for their support.

- Commodore Reardon stated that we were able to get all 10 weeks of racing in despite the storm. Only one or two races were lost because of no wind; and only one or two races were lost because of too much wind.
- Commodore Reardon mentioned that Race Committee participation was poor this year may be due to the storm and the damage to power boats.
- The Kellogg ribs were asked for and used each week. It should be noted that if the boats are asked for every effort should be made to make sure they are used.
- The Championship of Champions Regatta was voted to be discontinued at the October 2013 Annual Meeting.

Class Liaison & Equipment – Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski reported that all fleets were represented in person or with a report at the morning Liaison meeting.

- A few fleets were changing the wind speeds.
- Sunfish would sail in the AM Up Bay and PM Down Bay.

- The E-Scows were concerned about the water depth and were thinking outside the box. They wanted to switch venues with the rest of the fleets. When everyone was Up Bay they would sail Down Bay and when all the fleets were Down Bay they would sail Up Bay. The Regatta Reps should go back to the clubs and see how they feel. This would solve the problem with the Race Committee since the ribs have to come anyway.
- Another possibility would be to sail all ten weeks in Cedar Creek.
- Powerful boats are needed to right the E-Scows and the new ribs work well.
- There would have to be enough committee people to run both courses.
- Historically you had to sail on all three venues to qualify on the Bay. Other fleets might also request to not have to sail on all three venues. The issues would have to be studied.
- Motion was made by Ed Vienckowski to have the E-Scows sail on the opposite course. Jack Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed with 19 yes and 2 opposed.
- Discussion then followed, what if there were other regattas on the course, we would not want to infringe. The Sailing Instruction Committee will look at the request.
- A request was made that the Laser Radial class be open to everyone, not just juniors. If enough juniors qualify then a separate trophy will be given out. Sunfish fleet is open to everyone with juniors scored separately.
- The morning fleets will race two races on the Seaside Park Bay Day.

Equipment - Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski reported that most equipment was lost in the storm and replaced over the season. Two trailers were purchased along with carts to move the equipment.

Safety & Training –Another defibrillator will be purchased for the second course. Everything has been transitioned for the winter. MRYC is holding a Club Racing seminar today. RC Vienckowski would like to schedule a junior instructor seminar with Dave Perry in the spring. The funds for this seminar are not in the budget.

Measurer – Measurer John Applegate mentioned that the Sanderling class approved a 3.5 motor for those that needed to replace the 4.0 motor that was damaged in the storm.

YRA Rep to US Sailing – P/C Harry Foote said that the annual US Sailing general meeting was held in October on Captiva Island. US Sailing can mention what services they provide to better market itself. If you join US Sailing thru your Yacht Club, the club receives "membership points" that can be used to purchase US Sailing items from their store.

Appeals –Chair Jan O'Malley submitted a report by mail which said that they received and decided one appeal in the 2013 season. The committee appreciates the excellent job the BBYRA protest committee has done, thus

reducing our load. Posting the protest information and decisions on BBYRA.org is very well received.

Protests – Chair Tom Sollas did not submit a report.

Scoring – Scorer P/C Jack Heacock reported that there were still problems with communication. Results and data will still be published on the web site.

Registrar/Assistant Scorer – We are looking into using PayPal for participants when they register in 2014. The cost is 2.2% of the transaction plus \$.30 per transaction.

Sailing Instructions – Sailing Instructions Committee Chair Rich Kerdock said the team includes: June Kingman, John Applegate Dave Magno, Russ Lines and Peter Sayia. They asked that all requests be given to the committee prior to their first meeting on December 14, 2013.

Class Eligibility – Rear Commodore Ed Vienckowski reported that Peter Sayia will be taking over as chair. RC Vienckowski reported that no petitions have been received for new classes. The two junior classes sail with classes open to all ages, so though there were no junior sunfish or Laser Radial qualifiers they will be allowed to sail in 2014.

US Sailing National Cup Events – P/C Rich Proko did not file a report.

Publicity – Chair Had Brick had a hard time getting out on the course. Photographers and journalists need to get on a boat. Each fleet should designate a writer. Toby Price from the Asbury Park Press and Charlie Suzman from the Star Ledger get on a boat.

Unfinished Business –

1. BHYC was moved this week.
2. The BBYRA Ball will be held at BHYC this summer with a date TBD.
3. A request was made at the Liaison meeting this morning that darker markers are used to note the course. Also the course needs to be angled towards the pin and be written thicker. The fleet designation should be next to the course.
4. Boats should try to sail in the area before the start and check in at the committee boat.
5. When the upper wind limits are reached in the Sanderling fleet the sails are not hoisted. If the race is cancelled, the committee can't see the sail number so they don't get points for being there.
6. Gary Jobson conducted over 90 interviews over the summer. The film is in production and is starting to be written.
7. More perpetual trophies for classes that don't have a lot of trophies.
8. If there are tragedies on the water, you have to get the person to a dock. The Coast Guard or State Police can help on the water. If there is an

emergency, please move to another channel. A portable hoist for lifting an injured or unconscious person from the water into a boat was donated by Ed Reardon to BYC. The hoist will be installed on their club boat "By the Sea".

9. Videos of the starts and finishes will not be done.
10. Have a class on how to use the defibrillator.

New Business

1. The National Sailing Hall of Fame inducted Runyon Colie Jr. last month. Many members of the BBYRA and MYC traveled down to Annapolis for his induction.

Announcements

1. BBYRA Ball was held in September at SPYC. Over 130 people attended with both a cork pull and silent auction.
2. The Championship of Champions will be discontinued due to lack of participation. This was decided by the delegates at the Annual Meeting in October.
3. The Centennial Ball will be chaired by Stan and Pam Switlik.
4. The book signing and film premier will be held on May 31, 2014 at OCC. The committee is working on several different ideas for admission; as as: the price of the admission will be applied to the purchase of the book or the purchase of the book will include the admission. But nothing has been finalized as of this meeting. Lara Walsh is traveling down to Annapolis every 2-3 weeks.
5. The 100th Anniversary Committee borrowed money from the BBYRA to purchase the Vineyard Vines items. All sales going forward should be profit.
6. The Regatta II and Liaison II meetings are scheduled for February 15 which is President's Weekend. It was voted to change the date of the meetings to February 22, 2014.
7. Secretary Jennifer Alldian asked all clubs that have not sent in their 2014 Contact Information list to please do so.
8. The BBYRA Yearbook will be back to full scale this year. Bridget Doran will be the co-editor with Lorraine Morrow. Ad forms will be sent to all the fleets and clubs.

Adjournment - With no other business to come before the Regatta Committee Steve Foster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jack Woods. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer C. Alldian



Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association

3 October 2013

From: Ed Vienckowski, BBYRA Fleet Captain

To: BBYRA Officers, Executive Committee and Delegates

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

I'd like to thank my fellow officers, past commodores and other race committee members for their help both on and off the water this year.

SAFETY

- This was the first year where we followed the guidance of our friends at the New Jersey Marine Police and submitted permit applications only to NJMP rather than both NJMP and USCG. This simplified our application process and perhaps avoided any post-Sandy complications.
- We did not replace any of our radios this year, but did have a couple older handhelds go bad on us, so we likely will need to purchase a couple new ones for next year.
- We had one health scare on the water this year (week 4) when a Flying Scot crew fell ill during a race and required medical attention. Several boats in the fleet rendered assistance (thankfully one of which had a registered nurse aboard as crew). Our RC responded with a fast rescue boat and oxygen, calling 911 and monitoring the victim until EMT's arrived on scene.
- This year we put out a special request to all clubs to provide their large Kellogg RIB's (staffed with personnel) on alternate weekends, to ensure we had adequate rescue boat coverage, particularly for the Rose Course where such boats are very helpful in tending to E Scow mishaps. I very much appreciate those clubs that stepped up and answered that call. I would recommend we formalize this arrangement at the fall Executive Committee meeting, so we can count on this type of support every year.

TRAINING

- In the spring, as we have done every quadrennial that new Racing Rules of Sailing are published, we hired rules expert Dave Perry to give two training sessions. A full day session open to all Junior Sailing instructors covered tips for managing a sailing program, then an evening session open to all BBYRA members covering rules in general, with focus on changes in the rules. Both sessions were held at Ocean County College thanks to Don Doran and Roy Wilkins. I attended both and can attest that the subject matter was excellent and very well received by all those who attended. But I'm sorry to say that the attendance at both was "soft", especially considering the considerable expense the BBYRA put out to make these "free admission" to all.
- As we enter this offseason, we will look to schedule and/or notify members and delegates of race management or other appropriate training opportunities as they arise, and welcome any suggestions any may have for providing same.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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From: Ed Vienckowski, BBYRA Class Eligibility Committee Chair

To: BBYRA Officers and Delegates

Our committee, comprised of myself, Jim Carson, Peter Sayia, Greg Parmele and James Maida will not meet until after the November Class Liaison meetings and Deadline for Applications for new classes have passed. To date, as far as I am aware, there have been no applications by new classes submitted.

Attached to this report is my summary of class participation for the 2013 season, which was compiled from the Championship Series Results posted on the BBYRA website. It comes as no surprise that we experienced a drop in the number of season qualifiers in this the first season post-Sandy. Overall we dropped by 11% from 2012 numbers (134, down from 151). But to put that in perspective, recall that we'd experienced growth the two prior years, and just three years ago (2010) we had 132 qualifiers.

While the E Scow fleet continues to have by far the largest number of qualifiers, they did drop by a couple in both morning and afternoon, to 23 and 25 respectively. On a very positive note, the Sneakbox class rebounded this year with 5 qualifiers, up 3 from last year. Other classes showing gains were the Flying Scot and Ensign. The largest declines were seen in the Sandpiper and Sunfish classes, but I believe these are temporary, Sandy-related drops, after healthy gains last year in both classes.

The only concern, if there is one, is the lack of meaningful participation in the Junior Classes (Laser Radial and Sunfish). We await those classes' inputs at the November Class Liaison meetings, but I am inclined to simply open both to all ages and award Junior entries within each if participation warrants.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Ed Vienckowski
Chairman, BBYRA Class Eligibility Committee

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Attachment: BBYRA Participation by Class--2013

BBYRA Participation by Class--2013

<u>Class</u>	<u>Qualifiers</u>	<u>Non-Qualifiers</u>	<u>Total Participants</u>	<u>△2012 Qualifiers</u>
MORNING CLASSES				
E Sloop AM	22	6	28	-2
M Sloop	13	3	16	0
Laser	6	5	11	-1
Laser Radial Jr.	3	3	6	-1
Sandpiper	13	4	17	-5
Sneakbox	5	1	6	+3
Club '420"	5	5	10	-1
Sunfish Open	11	8	19	-5
Sunfish Junior	1	1	2	-1
AFTERNOON CLASSES				
<u>Class</u>				
E Sloop PM	23	4	27	-2
A Cat	9	0	9	-3
Flying Scot	8	2	10	+2
Ensign	9	0	9	+1
Sanderling	6	2	8	0
TOTAL	134	44	178	-17