

Barneget Bay Yacht Racing Association
Spring Meeting Minutes - Executive Committee & Delegates Combined
Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:00 am
Toms River Yacht Club

Call to Order – Commodore Scott Yates called the BBYRA Executive & Delegates Committee Spring meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Roll Call – All BBYRA Yacht Clubs were represented except PBYC and OCC. Present at the meeting included the following: Commodore Scott Yates, Vice Commodore Ned Thomson Rear Commodore Christina Connell, Fleet Captain Buzz Reynolds, Secretary Tricia Surdovel, Treasurer Rob Vogel, PC June Kingman, PC Ed Reardon, PC Jack Heacock, PC Bill Scheyer, PC Ed Vienckowski, Jim Cadranell BHYC, Will Wiencke BYC, Rick Slack (proxy) IHYC, Dave Applegate LYC, Jed Evans (proxy) MYC, Kevin Carton MRYC, Ned Thomson (proxy) MCYC, Mark Connell (proxy), NBYC, Russ Lines (proxy) OGYC, Jacqueline Wilhelm, John Wurch SPYC, Nany Van de Vaarst (proxy) SAYC, Mandie Rhodes, Kevin Hart, Maureen Kearney TRYC, Tom Sollas, Jim Walsh

Approval of Minutes - PC Ed Vienckowski **moved** that the minutes be accepted as read. PC June Kingman **seconded the motion**. The minutes were **accepted** by unanimous consent.

Correspondence – Secretary Tricia Surdovel reported the following correspondence:

- Written notification of the following proxy votes:
 - MCYC Commodore Johanna Schon authorizes Ned Thomson to vote on behalf of MCYC
 - OGYC Commodore Heather Andolson authorizes Russ Lines to vote on behalf of OGYC
 - NBYC Commodore Dan Kane authorizes Mark Connell to vote on behalf of NBYC
 - MYC Commodore Connie Kapp authorizes Jed Evans to vote on behalf of MYC
 - IHYC Commodore Jeanette Brick authorizes Rick Slack to vote on behalf of IHYC
- A thank you note was received from Sea Scouts Ship #117 LEH for allowing them to participate in patrol of the summer series and for the donation from BBYRA to help restore their Coast Guard boat
- A get-well gift was sent to Proko family for PC Rich and an acknowledgment was received
- Acknowledgements were sent to SFBB and Myth Foundation for funds received to offset the cost of wireless “kill switches” for club instructor boats
- Additional acknowledgements were sent for year-end donations, still trickling in

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Commodore – Scott Yates submitted his written report, the body of which is incorporated herein.

- Welcome to the start of the 2023 Season
- I thank all the Executives and Delegates here today. Like the most recent meetings, we are combining two separate sessions into this one
- We will report to the entire group, ask the executives to endorse the approval items, and then ask the delegates to vote to approve
- It takes a lot of effort behind-the-scenes before we even get to this meeting
- I wish to thank Vice Commodore Ned Thomson for leading the charge
- Special thank you to Tommy Sollas, Chairman of the BBYRA Sailing Instructions Committee and all the members of his committee for some great work. VC Ned Thomson will be seeking approval for the 2023 NOR
- I also wish to thank all the Past Commodores, current officers, and our army of volunteers in advance for coming out and helping run our amazing races and supporting the officers.
- Daily Host Club Sailors - Like last year, Sailors who do not race on the bay regularly, and would love to try, are encouraged to register and race for free on their home clubs host week (Where they will have lots of club support). You can find the directions to register for this promotion on the NOR fees page. The approved NOR will be available for posting after the Delegate and Executive meeting in March.

- New Weekly Traveling Rooster Flags - This year the weekly winner of the day for each class racing will be given the class Rooster to hold until the following week the class races. The class name and 23 will be on the Rooster. This year's Rooster will have bindings easier to write on to record the date and sail number. Please make sure sailors return the Rooster before the start of next week's races.
- Host Club Race Days - The BBYRA wants to help all clubs to have a fantastic after-race event. I ask the clubs to share their plans as soon as possible so we can spread the word among the sailors and support volunteers.

Vice Commodore – Ned Thomson

- Working on additional start boats for both courses
- Check inbox for a "Call for Race Committee" document
- TR and BYC are staffing boats all weeks, Rose Course has many returning volunteers and boats
- Commodore Yates: We created a detailed lunch list with names last season and will use this year.
- Two weeks before the bay day, club commodores will receive detailed information and checklists

Rear Commodore – Christina Connell

- Trailers were re-inventoried and items will be ordered in April
- PC Reardon: Toms River Medical on Rt 37 used to donate first aid supplies to BBYRA – check with them, and the AED are reasonably priced at AED Superstore
- Discussion: Need a bigger blue flag/shape for finishes. Commodore Yates: Big blue "feather" flags will be ordered for finish boats to improve visibility for sailors

Fleet Captain – Buzz Reynolds

- Kill switch program has gone well with 119 switches ordered. Clubs paid \$40 per unit which is a large discount thanks to donations of 50% of the total from Myth Foundation and a \$2500 donation from the SFBB and 42700 from BBYRA. Each club is responsible for installation. Clubs decide if they will use a pendant or a watch transmitter. Waiting for checks from 3 clubs (MCYC, IHYC, PBYC) before items are shipped. PC Vienckowski will check with DeRouville's to see if Ribcraft installations are possible while they are in storage there. (Post-meeting follow up note from EV: not possible this season)
- Arranging a foiling clinic August 14-15-16 at SPYC (after junior programs end). John Pierce of US Sailing Youth is our contact. Typical 30-40 sailors and \$150 per. We will go to SFBB to underwrite cost. Sue Proko, Junior Sailing Chair will promote and help determine qualification to the clinic – perhaps two sailors per club. Goal is to expose our young sailors to an Olympic style boat
- State Police Permit applications will be submitted this week

Treasurer – Rob Vogel

Treasurer Rob Vogel submitted a written report for review. The report is attached to these original minutes and incorporated herein.

- IRS returns filed for 2022
- Presented an overview of budget through February 28 with few changes noted over the winter. Donations in 2021 were \$17,000, 2022 were \$9000
- Insurance renewals are coming up – prices are going up with liability coverage increasing 15%
- US Sailing is not covering liability for race officers and coaches that are not working on US Sailing events
- RC Thomson: The Burgee program is only secondary coverage. Check with your agents
- Dues (\$20) and Ribcraft charter agreements and fees (\$1900) are the same and will be sent shortly

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee - Commodore Scott Yates

- **Ribcraft update** – no changes
- **Dues and fees 2023 Season** - 2023 Dues will remain the same as last year. Regatta Fees only changed slightly based on the number of races run by a fleet (refer to fee sheet in NOR)

Regatta Committee - VC Ned Thomson

- Will send out dates and info to clubs soon

Junior Sailing Chair - Susan Proko (absent, report submitted)

- A Zoom call was held on 2-27 for club junior sailing coordinators
- Many clubs are still looking for instructors, “slim pickings” this year
- The group is happy about the new Wireless Kill Switches
- The coordinators were encouraged to have their laser instructor go over the venue and launch area each week that the fleet is racing on the bay
- Coordinators are encouraged to have their juniors come out on their club Bay Day

General Programs and Services - PC Russ Lucas (absent)

Website – No report

Yearbook – Scott is helping Chairperson Bridget Doran create a yearly template for an online yearbook. Document will be populated, posted to the website and then given to the historian

Insurance – Information was presented during treasurer’s report

Finance Committee – Rob Vogel: No changes to report

Ribcraft Charter Agreements – Rob Vogel: No changes to report

BBYRA “Sailabration” Update – Commodore Yates

- Commodore Scott: We worked with Lara Walsh of the SFFBB
- We have agreed to move our June Sailabration to September
- This is a one-time move. We will continue to plan and hold our event in June in future years.
- Thank you to **Seaside Park Yacht Club** for stepping up and volunteering to host the 2023 Sailabration.
September 23, 2023
- Future June Dates and Host Clubs.
 - **2024 NBYC** – Mark Connell, Contact (June 2024)
 - **2025 TRYC** – Bob Baxter, Contact
 - **2026 BHYC** – Commodore Jim Cadranell stated that BHYC is prepared to host the event
- Jacqueline Wilhelm SPYC Sailabration Chair: SPYC is excited to host (Sept 2023). Please send ideas and she will check with recent hosts MYC and LYC.
- Mark Connell NBYC: NBYC will work with Jacqueline to ready for their event in 2024
- Discussion of asking local businesses or club members to donate or sponsor part of the event

APPROVAL ITEMS:

2023 Notice of Race Document (NOR)

VC Ned Thomson

- Sailing Instructions chairperson Tom Sollas presented the documents and a list of changes, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The biggest change is pushing back start times in hopes of more wind.
- Regarding adding MC Scows to the afternoon starts in addition to their morning starts, it was noted that experienced sailors prefer the heavier air in afternoons and that it could attract sailors from other venues (LEH, for example) who would want to sail more than two races after traveling
- A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the daily fee and the possibility of “gaming” through host club free dailies and just paying the daily fee without registering for the series. No evidence of gaming has been observed thus far per Scorer PC Jack Heacock. Dave Applegate of LYC noted that this aligns with our goal of bringing more sailors in, not to disincentivize

Executives: Voted to Approve the 2023 NOR with the two changes noted to send to Delegates for final Approval PC Ed Vienckowski and PC Bill Scheyer “No”, all others “Yes” **Approved**

Delegates: **Motion** to Approve the NOR with the following two changes noted:

1. “7.2 To qualify for the Championship Series, sailors must register for the series before the third week.”
2. The daily fee per week for A Cats will be increased to \$40 and the daily fee per week for E Scows will increase to \$50.

Motion: Dave Applegate **Second** June Kingman **Motion Approved**

High School Sailing Storage Agreement - Commodore Yates

- These documents were approved and signed in 2022 and are good through June 2025

NEW BUSINESS

- **On and Off Water Volunteers** - Vice Commodore Ned is working on communications to reach out to the volunteers who come out almost weekly. At the same time, we are sharing this plea for any BBYRA

member from your clubs to join the team. Sign up as a regatta rep via their Commodore or reach out to any of the Officers. Refer to flyer. An email will be sent after the meeting to share with club members.

- **Pre-Season Get-Together for the Race Committees (Club Comms, RC, BBYRA Officers and PCs)** - TRYC has offered Saturday, May 27, to hold this year's gathering. Details are still being confirmed. Stay tuned for future information.
- **Club updates/special events – Club executives and delegates are asked to share any special club events with this group. We can add to BBYRA website calendar if you like:**

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TRYC has offered Saturday, May 27, to hold this year's gathering. Details are still being confirmed. Stay tuned for future information.

Special Club Events – Commodore Yates

Commodore Yates asked Club Commodores or Proxy to share special club events, regattas or club anniversaries to be held this year:

BHYC – Callahan Regatta July 26-28, Sandpiper Nationals July 26-28 Cohosted with MYC

TRYC – Peto Cup Aug 4th, Ensign Regatta Sept 16-17, Mallory in May, Lightning August 7-11

LYC – Commodore Dave Applegate: LYC is hosting Laser Districts June 10-11, Flying Scot Atlantic Coasts Sept 23, Cressy High School Regatta Sept 16-17.

MCYC – PC Jack Heacock shared MCYC is hosting Women's Junior and Masters in Lightnings August 1-4, RC Laser Nationals in Oct.

IHYC – Junior Olympics will be held at IHYC July 17-18

OLD BUSINESS

- PC Vienckowski asked Historian June Kingman the status of the history archive scanning project: PC Kingman: All are ready to go, looking for a scanning company. Ed V replied that SBB just had it done by a company in Newark and would share the information. VC Thomson stated the original company hired to scan created files that were unreadable.
- PC Ed Reardon suggested donating a 100th anniversary video and book to all new sailors. Scott Yates: **Motion:** To distribute a copy of the 2014 100-year BBYRA history Book Chasing Roosters and/or a DVD to each child in junior sailing. Second: Ned Thomson **Motion** approved.
- Discussion: Does the DeRouville servicing include trailer lights? No
- BHYC Commodore Jim Cadranell shared that his club created custom wooden plaques listing all fleet BBYRA championship winners since 1914. They are located near the snack bar – please look next time you are in the club. E Scows are celebrating the 100th anniversary and Gary Jobson will be speaking at the Callahan

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the meeting, a **motion** to adjourn was submitted by PC Ed Vienckowski and seconded by PC June Kingman. **Motion** carried at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Mercer Surdovel
Secretary

View attachments and links below

BBYRA Year to Date 2/28/2023

Line	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	Actual thru 2.28.23	Comments
REVENUE					
1 Regatta Entry Fees (Season + Daily)	27,932	26,262	26,000		
2 Member Dues	65,400	68,860	69,000		
3 Ribcraft Charter Agreements	28,607	26,946	27,000		
4 Donations	18,810	28,741	15,000	9,374	Significantly lower, 2022 received \$17,298
5 Ribcraft and FJ donations	-	-	-		
6 Special Events Donations	35,562	-	15,000		
7 Advertising / Sponsorships	-	-	5,000		
8 Ads in BBYRA Book	-	-	-		
9 Interest / Investment gains/(losses)	6	(6,927)	-	3,760	
10 Merchandise Sales/other	506	557	500	338	
11 Total Revenue	\$176,823	\$144,438	\$167,600	\$13,472	
Expenses					
Regatta Expense					
12 Flags	24,755	22,924	23,000	91	
13 Trophies	6,560	5,621	7,000	-	
14 Race Committee Equipment	-	871	2,000	-	
15 Boat Charter	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	
16 Printing Costs--sailing	-	-	-	-	
17 Subtotal Regatta Expense	\$32,316	\$30,418	\$33,000	\$91	
Ribcraft Expense					
16 RibCraft Maintenance	34,299	25,347	30,000	-	
17 Vehicle Registration	535	535	550	187	
18 Subtotal Ribcraft Expense	\$34,834	\$26,882	\$30,550	\$187	
Support Sailing on Barnegat Bay					
20 BBYRA/NJISA FJ Purchase/Insurance/Storage	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	
21 Spring Rules-Tactics Seminar	-	-	2,000	-	
22 Jr Regatta Expense	125	-	1,500	-	
23 Grant to TR Fire Department	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
24 Support sailing causes on Barnegat Bay	100	15,350	10,000	2,500	Sea Scouts
26 Subtotal Support for Sailing on the Bay	\$4,726	\$19,850	\$18,000	\$2,600	
Operating Expenses					
26 Insurance	11,454	12,191	12,000	906	
27 Decals and cards	2,255	2,379	2,400	2,378	
28 Communications(Website, Constant Ct, EZTextIt)	2,470	1,458	3,500	1,856	
29 Photography	4,000	4,000	5,000	-	
30 Postage and office expense	1,189	1,505	1,500	232	
31 Bank/Paypal Fees	1,134	1,389	1,400	159	
32 US Sailing Dues	350	350	350	250	
33 US Sailing Meeting (Leadership Forum)	-	-	1,500	-	
34 Grants/gifts	7,588	1,288	500	660	
35 Legal/Accounting Expenses	3,563	3,910	4,000	150	
36 Meeting expenses	1,823	1,800	3,500	-	
37 Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$36,828	\$30,270	\$36,660	\$8,691	
38 Total Expenses	\$187,700	\$108,418	\$117,200	\$8,388	
39 Surplus +/deficit -	\$69,123	\$38,021	\$40,300	\$4,103	
Note: Allocation to Ribcraft Maintenance Program					
	32,600	32,600	32,600		
Bank Account Balance					
40 Business Interest Checking	219,397	164,289	203,948	162,980	
41 Flierer Fund	41,738	41,738	41,738	41,905	
43 Investment Account	-	93,073	94,110	96,550	
44 Paypal	-	55	-	1,823	
45 Total	\$261,136	\$299,166	\$339,796	\$303,258	
Designated Reserves (amounts shown are included in Bank Account Balance shown above)					
46 Ribcraft Maintenance Fund	26,359	60,723	91,373		
47 Archiving Project	10,000	10,000	9,177		

Summary of Changes to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for 2023

The Sailing Instructions committee has updated the 2023 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, based on the requests of the classes and the decisions made during the fall and spring Regatta Committee meetings.

Notice of Race highlights:

- No more scheduled Seaside course days, except for SPYC day. Feedback from the clubs indicated that scheduled SPYC race days were not desirable.
- No sunfish afternoon races.
- Added new MC-Scow afternoon series.
- No more Cedar Creek for E-Scows.
- Morning first warning has been pushed back to 1000, afternoon to 1330. Many morning classes complained of light air delaying or forcing abandonments of races, only to see sufficient wind to race later in the morning. It is hoped that this 40 minute later starting time will allow more multiple race days for the morning classes.
- Wording was added to clarify that E-Scows can substitute crews.
- Reformatting and wording cleanup.

Sailing Instructions highlights:

- No more dog leg for downwind finishes. In practice, the downwind finish is still a separate finish line. Note that it was mentioned that the RC had trouble with its downwind finish boat a couple of times last year, so the wording on the downwind finish now allows either the finish boat or the start boat to act as one end of the finish line. Specifically, the wording defines the location of the finish mark to always be to starboard of the start or finish boat, meaning the sailors will only need to locate the finish mark, and finish to the correct side of it in order to correctly finish the race.
 - No more “short leeward” mark. It was never used, and was confusing, as well as if incorrectly used, could have caused great confusion for the sailors.
 - The 4th drop now is given after the 19th race rather than the 20th. This allows for classes that sail every single week the chance to get a 4th drop, which previously was mathematically impossible for afternoon races since SPYC race day only features one afternoon race.
- Reformatting and wording cleanup.

The SI Committee notes that SI 3.1 as currently written does allow for amendments to the Sailing Instructions that could allow for a venue change, so long as the proper notice is given either posted 24 hours. The RC also has the flexibility as currently written in the SI's to give a verbal change on the water, although the SI Committee does not in general recommend doing this.

Note that while the SI's (as in previous years) do allow for a verbal SI change on the water, the procedure for this as written likely needs cleaning up in 2024. As written, should the RC need to make an on the water change to the SI's, the RC shall hoist the Lima flag (come within hail), and then verbally hail each boat of any change (as well as hail on VHF) in order to comply with SI 3.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing does define Lima as the “come within hail” flag, and as such, it is a rule. For 2024, we'd like to see the wording on sailing instruction changes on the water more formalized to make it more clear to the sailors.

Additionally, the SI Committee does recommend that for 2024, the SI written amendment deadline be pushed back to Friday afternoon, rather than 24 hours prior to the first warning, as well as allowing for the BBYRA SMS text system to be an official notification vector for SI amendments. Note that the RC already uses this system to notify sailors of abandonments due to weather, as well as other information. This could allow the RC to change the sailing venue with respect to optimal wind conditions and/or safety with more confidence.

Tom Sollas
SI Committee Chair