



Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association

Minutes: Class Liaison I & Regatta Committee I - Combined Meeting

November 11, 2023 2:00 pm

Metedeconk River Yacht Club

Call to Order – Vice Commodore Christina Connell, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm

Roll Call – Commodore Ned Thomson, VC Christina Connell, RC Buzz Reynolds, FC Jean Mastrangelo, Secretary Tricia Surdovel, Treasurer Rob Vogel, PC Jack Heacock, PC June Kingman, PC Mark Masur, PC Bill Scheyer, Lynn McGuire, Katie Iverson, Paul Smutz, Had Brick, Rick Slack, Nancy Seggel, Dave Applegate, Jim Walsh, Brian Hendrix, Mark Connell, Tom Sollas, Mimi Dimon, Trace Dittenhoffer, Kevin Kearney, Frank Parisi, Frank Rodino, Tim Faranetta, Jen Bredin, Russ Lines, John Wurch, Art Bailey, Stan Switlik, Carl Horrocks, Fran Lynn, (34 attendees). All clubs were represented except for OCC, BYC and SAYC. All fleets were represented

Approval of Minutes - Vice Commodore Christina Connell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regatta II and Liaison II minutes from February 25, 2023. **Motion** Rob Vogel **Second** Tom Sollas. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous consent

Commodore's Greeting/Message – Commodore Scott Yates

- In addition to the usual business done over the winter such as trailer storage and inventory, Committees will convene to research two main areas for improvement:
 - Website maintenance, including archive
 - Scoring program updates and communication
- Stan Switlik requested an inventory and condition report as soon as possible for mark replacement purpose

Officer Reports

Regatta Committee - Vice Commodore Christina Connell

- Thank you all for helping plan the 2024 season
- Happy Veteran's Day to all who served

Class Liaison - Rear Commodore Buzz Reynolds

- We will seek input from each fleet during this meeting

Equipment - Rear Commodore Buzz Reynolds

- We will get a list of marks and share with Stan
- Tricia Surdovel reminded that we discussed using a big blue feather mark on the finish boat to differentiate it from tenders and patrol boats

Safety - Fleet Captain Jean Mastrangelo

- Working with Toms River Fire Department for 2024 season coverage by EMTs
- June Kingman noted that Point Pleasant *Boro* has EMT boats sitting in their parking lot at the base of the Rt 88 bridge. Jean will reach out to them.

Training - Fleet Captain Jean Mastrangelo

- Looking into patrol training to streamline and give tips for new volunteers
- A Laser clinic is in the works for Spring 2024
- Discussion of level 1 training availability at Beachwood and Metedeconk

- Meeting survey of how many clubs have installed wireless kill switches (7 clubs currently installed)

Measurer - Measurer Dave Magno

- I would like to discuss how we can handle safety inspections with our current resources. I believe this only needs to be done on the Green Course. The E Fleet already supplies their own patrol boats for the Rose Course. It would be impractical to conduct safety inspections on the Rose Course. Please make this an Agenda item for the February Meeting

Correspondence - Secretary Tricia Surdovel

- A condolence note was sent to the Elias family of SPYC for the passing of Bob Elias, captain of Kritter Gitter
- A condolence note was sent to Patty Lucas for the passing of her husband George Lucas (father of PC Russ Lucas)
- Acknowledgements were sent for financial donations received in Sept and October

Standing Committee Reports

Appeals - Chairperson Jim Walsh

- No appeals were filed last season
- We invited committee members to virtual meetings with Dave Perry

Protest - Chairperson June Kingman

- Several protests were filed but all were resolved before a hearing took place
- Independent protest committees and judges are always available to avoid conflicts of interest and hearings can be held virtually

Scoring – Scorer John D. Heacock

- Lasers have been the most troublesome fleet due to sharing sails or registering incorrectly
- The 3 Laser sub fleets don't get good counts for starts and finishes, especially for second start if sailors leave course
- Archive: Fleets and clubs please go to your club historians to review accuracy of trophies listed on the site
- The MC Scows need a trophy – does any club have an old trophy that could be re-deeded?

Class Eligibility - Chairperson Peter Sayia – *absent – report submitted*

- All classes in 2023 qualified 3 or more boats and are therefore eligible for starts in 2024
- There were 127 qualifiers (UNOFFICIAL) in 2023, 107 in 2022 and 110 in 2021
- CLASSES:

- A CAT-7
- M SCOW-8
- E SCOW-10
- MC (AM)-19
- ENSIGN-7
- MC (PM)-5
- FLYING SCOT-10
- SANDERLING-9
- LASER 4.7-7
- SANDPIPER-15
- LASER RADIAL-7
- SNEAKBOX-4
- LASER FULL-8
- SUNFISH-11

- On September 28, 2023 this committee received a proposal from Tim Faranetta regarding BBYRA Provisional status for the Melges 15 class starting in 2024.

- Per this committee's charge of "investigating the credentials of an applicant class" we would recommend including this class in the BBYRA next season. The Regatta Committee will have to review their application with regard to what they propose as to a race course, time, location, etc. There are a host of options that warrants discussion at the November meeting

Sailing Instructions - Chairperson Tom Sollas

- Last year the committee made several changes that worked out well, including removal of the dog-leg finish. This has worked well. Added the wording to allow finishes at the start boat or at a finish boat. Wording will remain the same except for minor non-standard wording items and will be presented in draft form at the February meeting.
- Has drafted a proposed schedule based on the fleet requests submitted prior to the meeting

US Sailing Championship Events Committee - Chairperson Jim Walsh

- Will pass along any events to BBYRA
- Reminded all to apply to the BBYRA's Fierer Fund for reimbursement of US Sailing Championship event fees

US Sailing Rep - Chairperson P/C Harry Foote

- Per RSA Zoom meeting on 10-18-23. Matt Hill advised that there is now a "dating site" for race officials looking for work and organizing authorities looking for officials. It is live and to get to it, log onto the US Sailing website site. Go to competition, then Race officials. On the left side of the page at or near the bottom there is a link to "RO/OA Connection Board"
- Just follow the prompts and each post will stay until you remove it or for a year which ever comes later

2024 Draft Racing Schedule (document attached at end)

Vice Commodore Christina Connell

- Tom Sollas reviewed fleet requests, highlighted changes and will add Melges 15.
- MC and FS fleets requested a finish at the club for TRYC and Ocean Gate races
- M Scow requested off OGYC PBYC day
- Lasers will update request when regional/national dates are published
- It is currently in DRAFT form and will be approved at Feb meeting

UPDATES from CLASS REPRESENTATIVES R/C Buzz Reynolds

Review of Fleet Preferences (share old Doc)

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Fleet requests

A Cat – Stan Switlik

- Safety request "Star fleet" vertical gate mark 5 boat lengths above and below windward mark for A cats to separate A Cat fleet and any other fleet and collision danger at windward mark. Discussion of how this would affect other fleets will take place in regatta portion of meeting
- Courses – Prefer Shore Acres Course for water depth and leg length. Propose staffing their own second course for the 4 upbay races with their support boats and a PRO and also for the two novelty races (Challenge Cup and Anchor Start)
- Prefer Seaside Course for downbay
- Fleet does not want to sail NBYC week this year
- Re 2 specialty races: Needs more pre-season conversation. Clubs are managing these races rather than BBYRA and it is problematic, in particular the anchor start

Ensign - Trace Dittenhofer

- Appreciate volunteers
- Concerned about state permits and crossing channels.
- State is aware of our locations. Prefer to not cross channels.
- Would like more communications when races are cancelled. Fleet would prepare by not carrying more sail. it may be a class guideline Issues are how many boats over, how many patrol and top to bottom ratio, chop. Decisions to cancel are based on multiple factors. PRO has final decision.
- Lengthy discussion of KPH vs MPH – it may be a class guideline Issues are how many boats over, how many patrol are available, top to bottom ratio, chop. Decisions to cancel are based on multiple factors. PRO has fleet preferences and final decision

E Scow - Carl Horrocks

- Appreciate volunteers
- Discussion of one drop for every five races. Fleet would like an additional drop (6th) if their number of races warrants (can potentially sail 32 races)
- Fleet is curious about DNS and daily registrants how it affects scoring with number of drops. No show scores are based on number of boats that came to starting area that day. Dailies cannot qualify for season. Scoring implications will be analyzed after this meeting
- Prefer postpone rather than just canceling the day

Flying Scot - Rob Vogel

- Thanks to the committee for their time and support
- Sailing locations presented challenges, Green Island bulkheads, power boats and channels were challenging in afternoons. 6th year requesting Seaside Course downbay. Upbay they prefer north of Hankins Island and the Lavalette Course used in their Sunday series
- Leg length – prefer shorter course rather than crossing channels

MC Scow – Tom Sollas

- Issues with waves and chop
- Liked new later start time and got more races in
- Silver bay mouth and Wannamaker channel felt dangerous. Like Lavalette Course upbay. Seaside Course downbay
- Like no dog leg
- Discussion of seaside course 4-mile distance to TRYC for afternoon fleets. If sailing Seaside in afternoon they would use Wannamaker

Laser - Katie Iverson

- Re Scoring issues for downwind finish. Suggested upwind finish for reading sail numbers. Suggested calling out name and sail number at check in, discussion of bow numbers would need uniform placement on deck so committee can look down from committee boat and reminder that we are dealing with kids, adherence issues, full discussion of issue will follow at regatta portion of meeting
- Clarify language of skipper vs boat language – establish that it is skipper, not boat regarding 16.1. Will need to be resolved at regatta meeting because of implications for sunfish, qualifiers, drops, archive, team boats, etc. Suggest separate registration with same hull.
- Seaside course may be problematic with juniors that don't drive
- Having access to a club or coach tow may help increase participation

M Scow - Jamie Wasco Wright *absent* & Dave Applegate

- M Scows are a dying breed with only 8 qualifiers

- Prefer Lavalette course up bay or Seaside course downbay. Like 9:30 start
- June Kingman noted that scoring inquiries will now be taken on protest forms online

Sanderling - Art Bailey

- Thanked committee for their time
- Seaside vs Wannamaker – decide and stand by it. Last minute changes are a problem

Sandpiper - Mimi Dimon

- Request barrel courses 20% of time
- Prefer earlier 9:20 start or extending last start time to get a second race in
- Appreciate good communication
- Fleet split between Wannamaker and Seaside Courses
- Do not prefer Lavalette Course but would consider Normandy Beach upbay course which provides shelter for tow boats
- Happy to have scoring inquiries online

Sneakbox - Paul Smutz

- Requests fleet moves back to after the Lasers to avoid higher wind – unsure why move occurred
- Interested in a barrel course

Sunfish - Kevin Kearney

- Thanks to the volunteers
- Seaside flat water is a plus for Sunfish
- In favor of later start
- Radios – class does not approve, but sailors on the BBYRA like them for the safety aspect
- Sailing 8-10 mornings – the pm races went away, will check the schedule and confirm
- Launching from Seaside is a problem

Melges 15 – Tim Faranetta

- The fleet meets the eligibility requirements of number of boats, number of clubs etc., put forth in the Regulations of the BBYRA, section B and has been recommended by the eligibility committee
- There are currently 13 Melges 15 boats on the bay (TRYC, LYC, BHYC, MCYC, SPYC)
- Prefer afternoons, but not August 3 or August 10 (downbay LEHYC)
- Course: Lavalette Course for the following reasons:
 - 1 Chop, safety, traffic
 - 2 Quality of racing with asymmetrical chutes sailing at a different angle downwind
 - 3 The class will manage the Lavalette South Course” a little north of Ocean Beach channel to West Point Island
 - 4 Want to use beach with dollies – tucked in with west wind launch
 - 5 W-L courses finish at the start 3 races 20-30 minutes each – up to 24 races for the series
 - 6 Want a streamlined race committee on a provisional basis
 - 7 Document created with Peter Saiya’s guidance. LYC will assist with gear, marks, flags radios
 - 8 Can leave boats throughout the week when space is available
- Want to run through BBYRA. Think the class will get very big. The fleet is already popular in Ireland, Mexico, Canada
- \$185 fee mirrors M Scows (\$30 per day). Clay Johnson will put up a perpetual trophy. We will emphasize the importance of going back to host club.

Discussion and Comments:

- It's important to go back to the host clubs for awards, fleet must address the downbay requirements, the applicant fleet must be run through the delegates for approval as provisional as Delegates are the organizing authority. May require a special meeting to get it to run this season. Downbay requirements for championship series. As provisional they cannot win trophies. Fleet can run series by itself but would prefer to be part of BBYRA and send a clear message to those considering adding this boat.
- There are 2 questions: 1 Eligibility (which they have met) 2 New Course (Lavalette South). Will be discussed at Regatta Committee meeting and needs to go to delegates
- LYC commodore states that his club is 100% behind the fleet
- Regulations read aloud by Tom Sollas and have been met

Had Brick, Delegate from IHYC added the following remarks:

Does not want to lose the Wannamaker Course, concerned with powerboats running down Lasers and wants bow numbers and prosecution, wants video cameras for finishes, objects to boats being chopped up and would like the BBYRA to manage used boat sails on the website, wants patrol training for boat righting, wants hyphens in boat names, does not want the Seaside Course

4:02 Ten-minute recess: Regatta Committee will reconvene – Liaisons are excused

4:15 Regatta Committee reconvened to discuss requests

Regatta Committee

General comments: Some fleets want their own course

Some fleets want a different course location. We have assets to staff two courses but having multiple additional courses would dilute assets. Would prefer to not carve up fleets and BBYRA's two racing circles. Priority should be to improve sailing quality. Changes and accommodations have been made in the past for fleet sizes and which fleets use them

Discussion of fleet requests:

A Cats – Request their own course for safety and water depth reasons. Lengthy discussion of course options (LYC North and South Courses, NB Course) shifting some fleets to Rose Course since E Scow fleet has shrunk, which fleets are compatible (not As and Es), having some fleets race in both am and pm to allow switching

- Issues: Many fleets want their own course. All fleets want less chop and no channels. Clubs want close venues in pm for awards events,
- Having multiple venues dilutes boat assets and volunteers
- All fleets must comply with up/down requirements
- Switching fleets to other courses must be addressed in sailing instructions
- Possible solutions – Use windward star mark for a cats to achieve their 45 minute race goal, all other fleets go to short mark. Move fleets around that are compatible such as Ensigns and/or Scots going to Rose. E Scow fleet has shrunk – another fleet could go to Rose Course and have a separate start, move some fleets between am and pm, especially to accommodate fleet switching
- Changing courses may solve some of the problems of choppy water
- Fleets moved to Rose would need to address number and time of starts and Rose Course start times
- A Cat two specialty courses were impacted by heavy air and too many fleets on the course. Recommended running them alone on Wannamaker

MOTION: Tim Faranetta To add Melges 15 fleet as a provisional class in 2024. **Discussion:** As part of the existing racing circles. **Second:** Jack Heacock

Motion passed by unanimous consent

Another Regatta Committee will be scheduled after the holidays to decide remaining items before the committee.

Lasers – Is it the boat or skipper? Regulations say boat not skipper. This potentially changes regulations for all (must/shall wording)

Discussion: Change of skipper or sail just for lasers. Make a penalty – must be filed prior to 1st warning and is protestable. Registered change of skipper must be made before the first warning. Will be added to SIs as a “shall”

Lengthy discussion of improving reading laser sail numbers. Suggest bow numbers on top of laser that can be read from the start boat no matter the angle of the sail. This should be added to the SIs. Trapezoidal course was rejected during discussion

Unfinished Business – None noted

Announcements - Sailabration & SFBB Scheduling - Commodore Ned Thomson

- NBYC on June 15

New Business

- Feb 24th Regatta & Liaison II at TRYC

This regatta portion of the meeting was ended and will be continued virtually after the holidays to complete the open discussions in advance of the Regatta II Meeting on February 24.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom Sollas Second June Kingman Time 5:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tricia Surdovel
BBYRA Secretary

DRAFT 2023 CLASS SIGNALS & STARTING TIMES

Green Course

X indicates Class scheduled.

Signals will be omitted for Classes not scheduled.

MORNING RACES: FIRST WARNING 10:20 AM

CLASS	SIGNAL	6/24	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2
		BH MC	IH+	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD+ OCC	LA	SP+
MC SCOW	G	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
M SLOOP	T	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
LASER FULL	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LASER***	R	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
SANDPIPER	O	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
SUNFISH	W	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X	X	X		X		X	X	X
SECOND MORNING RACES											

MC SCOW	G	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X
M SLOOP	T	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
LASER FULL	R	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LASER***	R	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
SANDPIPER	O	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
SUNFISH	W	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
SNEAKBOX	K		X	X	X		X		X	X	X

AFTERNOON RACES: FIRST WARNING 1:20 PM

CLASS	SIGNAL	BH MC	IH+	MA MR	TR	SA	OG PB	NB	BD + OCC	LA	SP+
A CAT	F	X	X	X	*X	X	**X		X	X	X
MC SCOW (B)	G			X	X				X	X	
FLYING SCOT	FS Class	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ENSIGN	D	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X
SANDERLING	J	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
SECOND AFTERNOON RACES											
A CAT	F	X	X	X		X			X	X	
MC SCOW (B)	G			X	X				X	X	
FLYING SCOT	FS Class	X	X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X	
ENSIGN	D	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
SANDERLING	J	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	

X – FLEETS RACE GREEN AREA

* Finish at Host Yacht Club

** Special Course, Start/Finish at OGYC

*** Includes Radial and 4.7 rigs

+ Green Fleets racing on Seaside Course??

The signal indicates the Fleet's Class Flag use

DRAFT 2023 ROSE COURSE SAILING SCHEDULE

1 The E Scow class signal shall be code flag E.

2 First Warning Signal shall be 1000 each scheduled race day.

Date Racing Area Host Club

June 24 Cedar Creek Course

Bay Head Yacht Club

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

July 1 Green Island Course

Island Heights Yacht

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

July 8 Seaside or Wanamaker Course

Mantoloking Yacht Club

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

July

Green Island Course

Toms River Yacht

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

July

Seaside or Wanamaker Course

Shore Acres Yacht

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

July 29 | **BBYRA OPEN WEEKEND NO RACES**

August 5 | **ROSE COURSE OPEN WEEKEND NO RACES**

August 12 | **ROSE COURSE OPEN WEEKEND NO RACES**

**August
19**

Green Island Course

**Beachwood Yacht
Club**

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

August

Seaside or Wanamaker Course

Lavallette Yacht

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4

September 2

Wanamaker Course

Seaside Park Yacht

Race 1
Race 2
Race 3
Race 4