



Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association

Spring Executives & Delegates Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:00 am

Bay Head Yacht Club

Call to Order - Commodore Ned Thomson called the meeting to order at 9:08 am

Roll Call – All BBYRA clubs were represented except OCC. Present at the meeting included: Commodore Ned Thomson, VC Christina Connell, RC Buzz Reynolds, FC Jean Mastrangelo, Treasurer Rob Vogel, Secretary Tricia Surdovel, Measurer Dave Magno. BHYC Hugh Hurley, BYC Keith Christopher, Joe Mauer, IHYC Jeff Bogart, Had Brick, LYC proxy Lorraine Morrow, MYC proxy Melissa Evans, Jed Evans MRYC Proxy Tricia Surdovel, Christine Laufer, MCYC proxy Tom Sollas, NBYC Mark Connell, OGYC David Sikora, Heather Andolson, PBYC Jason Krajewski, SPYC John Wurch, SAYC proxy Nancy Van De Vaarst, TRYC Bob Baxter, Maureen Kearny. PCs Ed Vienckowski, June Kingman, Bill Scheyer, Jack Heacock, Harry Foote

Approval of Minutes – PC Ed Vienckowski moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Commodore Ned Thomson seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by unanimous consent.

Correspondence – Secretary Tricia Surdovel reported the following correspondence:

- Written notification of the following voting proxy assignments:
 - BYC – Keith Christopher for Will Weincke
 - LYC – Lorraine Morrow for Frank Rodino
 - MRYC – Tricia Surdovel for Keven Carton
 - SAYC – Nancy Van de Vaarst for Pete Luizzi
 - MYC – Melissa Evans for David Daniels

OFFICER REPORTS:

Commodore - Ned Thomson

- Welcome to the start of the 2024 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 as well.
- It takes a lot of effort behind-the-scenes before we even get to this meeting.
- I wish to thank Vice Commodore Christina Connell for continuing to lead the charge.
- Special thank you to Secretary Tricia Surdovel for keeping all of us on the team on time and moving forward. Also, Tommy Sollas, Chairman of the BBYRA Sailing Instructions Committee and all the members of his committee for some great work on the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
- 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 meetings in March.
- Weekly Traveling Rooster Flags –Again, 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 24 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 - Christina Connell

- Thanked Secretary Trici Surdovel for keeping the board on track
- A Race Committee letter will be mailed after Easter
- Lining up start boats for Green and Rose – thank you for boat donations
- TRYC Tim Mahony all but 3 weeks for Rose Course
- BYC will volunteer their boat all ten weeks
- Club Commodores you will get race day information two weeks in advance

Rear Commodore - Buzz Reynolds

- Trailers are stored away. They will be re-inventoried in April and anything needed will be ordered.
- I will pick up trailers from New Egypt and store at my house in Island Heights.
- Will check that big blue “feather” flags for finishing are in the trailers.
- Plan to be the PRO for the Challenge Cup and Anchor Start which are now on a separate course from the Green course to be located on the Wanamaker course area. Will coordinate with TRYC and OGYC on marks and patrol boats.
- Will revise the Challenge Cup & Anchor start Addendums for courses to be appropriate for the wind conditions.

Fleet Captain - Jean Mastrangelo

- BBYRA in conjunction with SFBB are hosting a ILCA (laser) Clinical June 20-21 at Shore Acres YC
- Juniors get first priority in registration and each club gets 3 slots. Jr Coordinators should reach out to Susan Proko with any names by May 24 and then registration will be open to others.
- Tri Boro EMS will be handling the Safety on the water this year instead of Toms River Fire Company. We Thank Toms River Fire for supporting us and look forward to Tri Boro EMS taking over with some of the same people.
- BHYC is hosting a Patrol Training on June 15th and we welcome other clubs that have any volunteers that might be interested in learning about Patrol

Treasurer - Rob Vogel

- A copy of the 2-29-2024 financial update is attached to end of these minutes
- Fiscal year ends 9/30

- Most activity occurs from here (March) on
- Income includes donations, club member fees and regatta fees
- Donations total \$8500
- This was the first year of a donation from Rocking the Boat, \$1k per rib used, \$6k total (Thanking Peter Wright for seeing to this donation)
- SPYC Sailabration brought in \$31k
- We have \$115k invested with gains
- Expenses include Ribcraft maintenance (\$32k)
- All excess funds go to the rib maintenance fund

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Commodore Ned Thomson

- Ribcraft update – Rob Vogel will be sending Charter Agreements for Ribcraft in the next few weeks. Rate of \$1900 annual remains the same. It costs \$2700 to manage each rib.
- Dues and fees 2024 season remain the same at \$20 per member
- Discussion of who is responsible for rib maintenance? R Vogel: BBYRA pays for year-end maintenance, tubes, hull, engine, steering (big components) and clubs are responsible for small items during the season or missing items (prop guards, lines, battery). BBYRA will cover costs over \$1200. We get free winter storage from De Rouville Boat Yard
- BBYRA Social at MRYC in April

Regatta Committee - VC Christina Connell

- Thanked Tom Sollas and the PCs for their guidance
- Safety inspections will take place during low wind postponements
- We are ordering bow numbers to assist in finishing/scoring ILCA fleet
- Juniors may need towing – clubs should encourage the use of the tow and help organize and encourage tows for juniors
- Working on better text communication and postponing rather than cancelling
- Thanked fleets for their input in November meeting
- LYC is holding a Basic Race Management one-day Club Certification course on Saturday May 11. Registration is on US Sailing site. There is pre-course work that must be done ahead of time. A recommendation by club commodore is also required.

Junior Sailing - Chair, Susan Proko *absent, report submitted*

- There has been 1 zoom call with all the junior coordinators represented, with the exception of 2 clubs, in November of 2023. The junior sailing calendar was set at this meeting. Which is now posted on the BBYRA's web page.
- There are two Level 1 and one Level 2 course being held this spring by BBYRA clubs. There are additional five Level 1 and one Level 2 course being held in NJ, there is no reason to schedule additional Level 1 courses at any of the BBYRA clubs. There is consideration to hold a Level 1 course late summer or early fall at a BBYRA club.
- Downbay clubs will be bringing back "interclub" on a much smaller scale. All of the downbay coordinators, with the exception of 1 club, participated in 2 zoom calls to outline what "interclub" should now represent and how it should be organized. One more zoom call will be held to finalize the organization of interclub. Upbay clubs were not interested in resurrecting interclub.

- TRYC has graciously agreed to host Area C qualifier for the Sears Cup on July 1-2. SIs and NOR will be posted on US Sailing's website in late spring. This event will be BYOB sailed in Flying Scots. Finals will take place at San Diego YC 8/5-8/8.
- Midget eliminations, for BBYRA, will once again be held during the Junior Olympics sailed from IHYC on 7/20-7/21. Midget finals will be held Hampton YC on 8/17-8/18.
- Marsh Madness, in coordination with all the BBYRA clubs' junior sailing programs and the SBBF, will be held on Monday July, 8.

General Programs and Services – PC Scott Yates – *No Updates to Report*

Website

Yearbook

Insurance

Finance Committee

BBYRA "Sailabration" Update - NBYC Representative Mark Connell

- The date is June 15th. They are in touch with last year's committee.

APPROVAL ITEMS:

2024 Notice of Race Document (NOR) - VC Christina Connell

Sailing Instructions Chair Tom Sollas submitted the following GENERAL CHANGES

- Laser class is now referenced as ILCA 7, 6 and 4 in accordance with the change in class name.
- Replaced the penalty system with RRS Appendix V1 and Appendix V2. This provides:
 - Appendix V1 summary: Penalty turns for breaking a rule are one turn, except for penalties taken for breaking a rule inside the zone around a mark, which are two turns.
 - Appendix V2 summary: A boat may take a post-race 30 % penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing.
 - All competitors are reminded to read the Appendices closely for precise wording, as well as SI 14 for specifics on taking penalties.
- Green fleets now race at SPYC on TRYC and OGYC race days, in order to not conflict with the A-Cat Challenge Cup and Anchor start races.
- A-Cat TRYC Challenge Cup and OGYC Anchor Start races now have their own SI addendums. Buzz will reach out to OGYC and TRYC to coordinate changes.
- Added [DP] notation for discretionary penalties that may be less than a DSQ and [NP] notation for sailing instructions that a boat may not protest another boat for, and deleted the SI's that did the same thing.
- Added A-Cat green "leeward drop mark" that must be left to port approaching the windward and leaving the offset. The mark only applies to the A-Cat class. It creates a triangle to avoid hazardous situations. Avoids port tack lay line moves 3 boat lengths from the mark
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- Wording in various locations was cleaned up.
- Will review the need for clarification of change of skipper in ILCA class over the summer and speak to multiple judges regarding this. Discussion of how the rules apply in various fleets.

A very lengthy discussion ensued debating the need to choose quality race venues and conditions vs the traditions of club parties where all fleets are racing nearby and more likely to attend an awards party. Wanamaker course is very choppy with increasingly heavy boat traffic, two channels and poses safety issues for some fleets who have requested not sailing there. Making sure the A Cats have enough room to race on the Wanamaker Course for their historic “special” races (OGYC Anchor Start and TRYC Challenge Cup) is also a consideration. Majority of fleets prefer sailing at Seaside. Seaside course typically has better conditions (less chop and less traffic, no channels) for fleets but requires crossing the bay or trailering for some of the sailors. Several fleets request “Finish at Club” to help ensure sailors are on station for the awards party. Sailors want Seaside Course and Clubs want Wanamaker Course. Suggestions were to help ILCA juniors arrange trailering and towing. Trying the new schedule for this year in response to requests from fleets. If it does not work, committee to review course locations for 2025.

Motion to Approve 2024 NOR as presented by June Kingman – **Seconded** by Tom Sollas

Individual clubs were polled: BHYC – yes, BYC - no, IHYC - yes, LYC - no, MYC – yes, MRYC – yes, MCYC – yes, NBYC - Abstain, OCC – proxy not present, OGYC – no, PBYC – no, SPYC – yes, SAYC – yes, TRYC – no. for a total of 7 yes votes and 5 no votes. **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

- Dave Magno – HS Regatta April 6 and especially need judges for 3 big events. April 20-21 qualifier May 11-12 States May 18
- Can we investigate classified ads on the website or Facebook? Potentially donating proceeds of sale to BBYRA?
- Protest committee is looking for volunteers to hear protests

OLD BUSINESS

- What is the status of Ocean County College Sailing program? TRYC Bob Baxter met with the head of OCC sailing and offered an open house during April 6 regional college regatta that OCC technically hosts – maybe a learn to sail or a one-credit course. They currently lack a good recruiter for new sailors.
- Bob Baxter notes that TRYC does have an official club drink called the “Corpse Reviver” that rivals the “Painkiller”
- Dave Magno – HS Regatta April 6 Need judges for big events. April 20-21 qualifier District Qualifiers May 11-12, States May 18. Please do one day or two.

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 10:27am.

BBYRA Year to Date 2/29/2024

Line	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Actual thru 2/29/24	Comments
REVENUE					
1 Regatta Entry Fees (Season + Daily)	26,262	26,715	26,000	-	
2 Member Dues	68,960	68,960	69,000	-	
3 Ribcraft Charter Agreements	26,946	25,535	27,000	-	
4 Donations	28,741	16,053	17,000	8,449	
5 Ribcraft and FJ donations	-	-	-	6,000	rocking the boat donation
6 Special Events Donations	-	21,540	15,000	9,237	addn receipts from SPYC collaboration
7 Advertising / Sponsorships	-	-	5,000	-	
8 Ads in BBYRA Book	-	-	-	-	
9 Interest / Investment gains/(losses)	(6,927)	10,345	-	13,024	Investment gains
10 Merchandise Sales/other	557	373	500	265	
11 Total Revenue	\$144,498	\$168,621	\$168,600	\$38,876	
Expenses					
Regatta Expense					
12 Flags	22,924	26,725	27,000	-	
13 Trophies	5,621	6,170	6,500	-	
14 Race Committee Equipment	871	605	1,500	-	
15 Boat Charter	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	
16 Printing Costs--sailing	-	-	-	-	
17 Subtotal Regatta Expense	\$30,418	\$34,600	\$38,000	\$0	
Ribcraft Expense					
18 RibCraft Maintenance	25,347	37,551	35,000	32,138	
19 Vehicle Registration	535	535	550	187	
20 Subtotal Ribcraft Expense	\$26,882	\$38,087	\$35,550	\$32,326	
Support Sailing on Barnegat Bay					
21 BBYRA/NJISA FJ Purchase/Insurance/Storage	2,500	2,500	2,500	-	
22 Spring Rules-Tactics Seminar	-	-	-	-	
23 Jr Regatta Expense	-	2,681	2,500	-	
24 Grant to TR Fire Department	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	
25 Support sailing causes on Barnegat Bay	15,350	6,523	10,000	-	
26 Subtotal Support for Sailing on the Bay	\$19,850	\$13,704	\$17,000	\$0	
Operating Expenses					
27 Insurance	12,191	14,599	16,000	988	
28 Decals and cards	2,379	2,378	2,400	-	
29 Communications(Website, Constant Ct, EZText)	1,458	2,863	3,500	849	
30 Photography	4,000	5,000	5,000	-	
31 Postage and office expense	1,505	540	1,000	360	
32 Bank/Paypal Fees	1,389	1,836	1,800	286	
33 US Sailing Dues	350	250	300	250	
34 US Sailing Meeting (Leadership Forum)	-	-	1,500	400	
35 Grants/gifts	1,288	1,684	1,400	-	
36 Legal/Accounting Expenses	3,910	4,260	4,400	230	
37 Meeting expenses	1,800	1,629	1,800	-	
38 Subtotal Operating Expenses	\$30,270	\$35,038	\$38,100	\$3,383	
39 Total Expenses	\$108,418	\$121,330	\$127,650	\$35,688	
40 Surplus +/-deficit -	\$38,021	\$48,191	\$31,850	\$1,267	
Note: Allocation to Ribcraft Maintenance Program	32,500	32,500	32,500		
Bank Account Balance					
41 Business Interest Checking	8/30/2022 164,289	8/30/2023 199,567	8/30/2024 231,417	2/28/2024 191,592	
42 Fierer Fund	41,738	41,638	41,638	41,638	
43 Investment Account	93,073	102,648	102,648	115,405	
44 Paypal	55	3,494	3,494	-	
45 Total	\$299,166	\$347,347	\$379,197	\$348,636	
Designated Reserves (amounts shown are included in Bank Account Balance shown above)					
46 Ribcraft Maintenance Fund	60,723	80,672	103,400	103,400	
47 Archiving Project	10,000	9,177	9,177	9,177	