

**2015 Fall HRYRA Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

In attendance:

President: Mike Colucci

Vice President: Eric Baumes

Treasurer: Cc Dwyer

Secretary: Sally Wellens

PHRF Handicapper: George Samalot

CYC Representative: Mark Maxam

CYC Representative: Will Gordon

HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen

HCYC Representative: John Edwards

HCYC Representative: Tom Dilauro - (could not attend)

KSC Representative: David Wightman

KSC Representative: Ian Westergren - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Andy Hudson - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny

MYC Representative: Bob Weismantel - (could not attend)

NBC Representative: Ruth Yannelli - (could not attend)

NBC Representative (One Design): Rick Feldman

SYC Representative (Rules/Appeals): Peter Oden

SYC Representative (Jr. Sailing): Peter Feroe - (could not attend)

HBRA (Haverstraw Bay Racing Association) Representative: John Nonenmacher

Scorekeeper: Sherri Hill - (could not attend)

Topics:

1. Regatta Schedule for 2016

- It was noted that there was good wind in 2015 and made for exciting racing. All are looking forward to what will be in store for us in 2016.
- Group agreed that it was difficult having back to back races for both the spring and fall regatta series. This was due to the number of weekends available in the 2015 calendar year. The 2016 calendar year is more flexible and Regatta dates agreed upon are:
 - *Kingston Sailing Club* - Maritime Cup Regatta: June 4 and June 5
 - *Chelsea Yacht Club* - Chelsea Open Regatta: June 11 and June 12
 - *Hudson Cove Yacht Club* - Annual Hudson Cove Regatta: June 25 and June 16
 - *Shattemuc Yacht Club* - Annual Shattemuc Regatta: September 10 and September 11

- *Minisceongo Yacht Club* - Sutherland Regatta: September 17 and September 18
- *Nyack Boat Club* - Last Chance Regatta: Tentative for Oct 1 (based on calendar of other possible regattas which may already be taking place)
- *Women's Regatta*: August 6th. Location is TBD

2. VHF Channel

- There was discussion regarding if we need to adjust the VHF channel the majority of the boat clubs used over the season. The channel was adjusted in 2015 due multiple conversations used on previous channels such as workers for the Tappan Zee Bridge.
- There was agreement to use VHF channel 78, unless stated otherwise in the respective club's sailing instructions.

3. Treasurer's Report

- There is more money in the budget than realized; more money is coming in from the various Clubs', as we review money to be paid to HRYRA.
- Clubs are asked to inventory the amount of crew glasses they have left over from the 2015 racing season. Each club started with 72 glasses at the beginning of the season. We can replace the amount needed to cover this year's crew awards.
- There was discussion if there are any other items we can provide for crew awards besides glasses that would be economical.
 - How is the pricing for hats, we can also sell them on HRYRA website and can be purchased through PayPal
 - Would we want to consider a sponsor, such as Samalot for crew awards
 - If we are able to come up with any other economical options for crew awards, we can table during the April Board meeting. Discuss options, companies, quantities and pricing.
- PayPal
 - Is PayPal taxable
 - Hard to set up for non profit
 - 33 people paid for their PHRF certificates this season by PayPal
- Club Contributions - we should stay away from using the word dues, as dues are taxable. Should use the term Club contributions instead.
- It was noted that HRYRA made a donation in memory to Jack Yates. This was to the seeing eyes foundation.

4. Awards Brunch

- Date: Sunday, December 13, 2016
- The last couple of years, the cost per person for the annual HRYRA awards brunch were \$38. This year price increased to \$40 per person. HRYRA only charges each person \$30 and funded the remainder.
 - When PayPal is used, we don't receive the full \$30 that is charged. We receive around \$28.80 per person.
- Overall Champion - Perpetual Cup to be awarded this year

- Used the Cox- Sprague and this method worked well. It was easy to determine who was the winner, based on number of wins and races
- Recognition award to be provided to our Photographer, Barbara Fitzgerald, for all her great work and beautiful photos she captures and makes available to us

5. HRYRA Governance Charter

- We are still defining what a member is and how they are to be incorporated into the HRYRA Organization.
 - Eric Baumes and Rick Feldman are to have a meeting with a smaller group, include the HRYRA president and past HYRA president.
 - To continue to discuss ideas in the spring HRYRA Board meeting. The HRYRA board should have time to review and the board should agree on a date to approve, for example December 2016.

6. One Design Updates

- Many thanks to the coordinators putting together the races in the various clubs
- Awards will be provided at the HRYRA awards brunch
- Rick Feldman to determine how to come up with overall winners. If Rick has any photos he can pass along to us.

7. Junior Sailing Updates

- Update from Peter Feroe who could not make the meeting “On the Junior front “it was a lighter year in terms of races (a few regattas blown/rained out), but high in enthusiasm. Similar to last year, we plan on honoring the junior sailors of the Hudson River at the HRYRA brunch.”

8. Updates to the Common Sailing Instructions for 2016

- Do we need to alter instructions in regards to single ashore and abandoned the first race. The US sailing instructions has verbiage on this which is currently in our sailing instructions.
- The regatta this year at Shattemuc was referenced as this ruling was used. There was no wind for the first race, the reasoning this ruling was called was because of the thought that people don’t want to sit out on the water for a long time, waiting for the wind to fill in, but there are time limits also to contend with. It was noted that neither the race committee nor the racers went to shore and had to wait for the time limits when the wind came up.
- The group cited that we need more flexibility, and discussed what the time limits should be.
- It was discussed that if you just postpone, you can start the race within a minute of bringing down the “P” flag

- We should have language of “one or more races” for Saturday and Sunday events. If the wording is “more than one race”, rules say that we will have to wait for 2 hours to abandon if no wind.
- Issue is, if you have one race scheduled and abandon, then there is no more races for the day
- Peter Oden will write up some options for us to vet and agree on what should be changed in the common sailing instructions
- It was noted that the VHF channel to be assigned to 78, should not be in common sailing instructions, but the individual clubs instructions

9. Would we like to schedule a speaker for 2016 or 2017?

- Mike Colucci will look into who would be good to speak to our group and pricing
- Some ideas where Don/Dawn Riley? or Charlie Enright?
- This can be held at the Stony Point conference center
- It was noted that the speaker should be aware that our focus is on PHRF races not one design

10. Scoring System

- Thanks to Sherri Hill for our work as scorekeeper. She helped streamline the process.
- Which tool do we want to use, Sailwave or Yacht Scoring. We don’t want to take a step back. It was noted that Yacht Scoring is more expensive.
- With Yacht Scoring, the tool can do registering, has access to Wi-Fi, scores instantaneously, has a built in clock, with live blogs capability. Costs are around \$60 an event.
 - It was noted that this is a bit costly, especially if we decided to host a speaker event.
- With Sailwave, one has to score each individual regatta and then the whole season. It’s good but clunky and quirky.
- Eric Baumes to table and get more information, and to have as a discussion in the spring HRYRA Board meeting.

11. Should we change how the fleets are split for 2016?

- We will not have many boats in 2016 for Division 2
- How do effectively split the divisions
- Although we have many boats that would fit the current criteria for Division 2 who participate in Wednesday night racing, they all don't participate in the weekend regattas.
- Ideas discussed include:
 - Should we split once a again Division 1, which is a large fleet and combine with Division 2
 - Combine Division 2 and combine with Division 3
 - Should a sprit boat fleet be created
 - Should a small boat fleet be created

- To do analysis and to have as a discussion in the spring HRYRA Board meeting