

2016 Spring HRYRA Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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 - (could not attend)

HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen

HCYC Representative: John Edwards

HCYC Representative: Tom Dilauro - (could not attend)

KSC Representative: David Wightman

KSC Representative: Ian Westergren

MYC Representative: Wayne Mitze

MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald

MYC Representative: Andy Hudson - (could not attend)

NBC Representative: Alan Fligor

NBC Representative (One Design): Rick Feldman - (could not attend)

SYC Representative (Rules/Appeals): Peter Oden

SYC Representative: Bob Millstein

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. Opening remarks from President, Mike Colucci

- Looking forward to another exciting season and our partnership with our fellow boat clubs along the river.

2. 2016 Race Schedule

- Dates have been posted on the HRYRA website as discussed in the fall board meeting.
- NBC confirmed dates of the Last Chance Regatta for October 1 and 2nd.

- The Women's Regatta may need to be adjusted for weekend of August 6th due to Laser commitments (note: Laser commitments changed to another weekend in August).
 - Discussed possibility on use of MYC Facilities for pre-and after race gatherings, but if someone else can manage race committee, as MYC did so last year.
- 2016 Race schedule as follows:
 - KSC: June 4-5
 - CYC: June 11-12
 - HCYC: June 25-26
 - Women's Challenge: weekend of August 6
 - SYC: Sep 10-11
 - MYC: Sep 17-18
 - NBC: Oct 1-2- confirmed

3. Discussion of Fleet breakdown

- The majority of the meeting was spent on this topic.
- The board was in agreement that this is an important topic and wanted to take time to hear opinions, understand what is working and not working and how to best encourage participation and promote good competition.
- Goal was to come up with a fair break down of fleet splits based on number of boats, type of boats, ratings etc. Boats range from various sizes and designs of classic, older style of boats to new designs with a broad range of PHRFs.
- Board agreed upon revision of Spinnaker Fleet divisions 1 and 2. Fleet divisions 3 and 4 remain unchanged. Breakdown is as follows:
 - 1. Less than 109, with spinnakers, Blue Flag
 - 2. 109 to 160, with spinnakers, Orange Flag
 - 3. Greater than 160, with spinnakers, Green Flag
 - 4. All without spinnakers, White Flag

4. Any updates from One Design Updates from Junior Sailing

- Junior program continues to grow with increased participation and HRYRA is committed to continue to support.

5. Link to 2016 one design racing schedule:

- HRYRA will continue to help promote. Links to the one design schedule was shared.

6. Common Sailing Instructions

- Discussion on Race committee postponing a race ashore.
- If the RC elects to postpone a race ashore, then the primary significance is that the time from the end of the postponement to the warning signal is increased to NOT LESS THAN 30 minutes, from the normal 1 minute. Signals should then be made

ashore as prescribed in the club's SI, but they could ALSO be made from the committee boat, and appropriate announcements made on VHF. Of course, if this is done, care should be taken to insure that the signals are not in conflict.

- Excerpts from the US Sailing Race Management Handbook which describes what to do about an abandoned race.
 - “If you want the boats to stay in the starting area and try again, the signal is flag "N" with three sound signals. If you want the boats to return to the harbor, and further signals will be given ashore, the signal is flags "N" over "H", with three sound signals.
 - Having abandoned, the race committee must then decide whether or not to re-sail the race. There are no guidelines in the rules to help you make your decision.
 - Notifying concerned boats when and where the race will be re-sailed after an abandonment The sailing instructions may prescribe when and where races postponed or abandoned for the day will be re-sailed, (Appendix J 2.2 (35)). If they do not, a notice posted on the official notice board (accompanied by the display of flag "L" and a sound signal) will suffice.
 - After postponing ('AP" over "H") or abandoning ("N" over "H") on the water, all you must do is post when and where the race will be re-sailed. When you postpone on the water ('AP" over "H"), the safest procedure is to later signal, ashore, that the race is postponed to a later day ("AP" over "A") with two guns (Race Signals, "AP") and post the date and time of the rescheduled race (although "AP" over "A" at that point is probably redundant).

7. HRYRA Governance Charter

- In progress. Other events got in the way during the winter and will continue to work on during the next session when we meet.

8. America's Cup Events

- HRYRA is helping promote local America's Cup events during the month of May including:
 - Night with Tucker Thompson at Bear Mountain Inn on Sunday May 1st from 6 - 10 PM, hosted by NBC Cruising Fleet.
 - YRALIS extended an invitation to its member's only spectator boat to HRYRA at NY Harbor on May 7th.
 - Also communicating to the HRYRA Membership how to register your boat to view America's Cup event at NY Harbor on May 7th and May 8th.