

2017 HRYRA Spring Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2016

In attendance:

President: Mike Colucci

Vice President: Eric Baumes

Treasurer: Cc Dwyer

Secretary: Sally Wellens

PHRF Handicapper: George Samalot

CYC Representative: Mark Maxam

HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen

HCYC Representative: John Edwards

KSC Representative: David Wightman

KSC Representative: Ian Westergren - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Wayne Mitts - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Andy Hudson - (could not attend)

NBC Representative: Dave Otterbein

NBC Representative: Alan Fligor

NBC Representative (One Design): Rick Feldman

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)

Women's Regatta Representative (Lizz Sugg)

Topics:

1. Opening remarks from HRYRA President

- Looking forward to a safe and fun racing season this year, with lots of good competition and participation
- Extended a big "Thank You" for Nyack inviting us to join in the Dave Perry speaker event this Spring

2. HRYRA Budget

- Budget was low at the end of last year
- In general we spend more than we bring in
 - Subsidize the Annual HRYRA Awards Brunch (7 dollars per person)
 - Pay for Annual HRYRA Awards and Crew glasses for all HRYRA Regattas
 - Pay for the HRYRA Website

- We may want to consider having a goal for the balance at the end of the year. What are our wants and needs? We generally don't need much.
- This year will have more money in the budget, as PHRF membership fees increased

3. PHRF Application Updates

- PHRF amount raised from \$25 to \$30 per boat
- No longer accepting checks for PHRF Certificates / HRYRA Membership (the \$30 dollars payment can be made at the HRYRA Website using PayPal or through PayPal with a credit card)
- Noted that it has been busy as PHRF applications for the 2017 season are coming in

4. Scoring Updates

- Enhancements to Cox-Sprague Qualification – Overall Champion for the Year
 - In the past, a boat needed to win at least 50% of the races
 - Last season, the winning boat raced 3 regattas
 - Board agreed to amend the qualifier to win at least 65% of all completed races during a given season (at least 4 Regattas)
- Scoring will be based on Time-Over-Time, as agreed upon in the Fall 2016 Board meeting
- The Long Distance Race will be a qualifier in overall standings for the year, as agreed upon in the Fall 2016 Board meeting and pertains to all fleets

5. 2017 Awards

- Crew Glasses: Which of the Clubs will be needing crew glasses this season
 - KSC
- Discretion of the individual boat club of how many places to provide awards, such as 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Some clubs provide awards based on how many boats participated in a given fleet
- Conducted a re-vote for distribution of awards, as spinnaker fleet break down has changed this year. Awards distribution will remain the same and will be provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- Note: As agreed upon in the Fall 2016 Board Meeting, Spinnaker fleets will be split into 2 fleets. Overall Fleet breakdown is:
 - Fleet 1: 0 - 130, with spinnaker, Blue Flag
 - Fleet 2: > 130, with spinnaker, Orange Flag
 - Fleet 3: All without spinnakers, White Flag

6. Sailors for the Sea – Clean Regatta

- Guidelines for hosting Clean Regattas: [Link to Clean Regattas](#)
- Registration will give you access to the Clean Regattas toolkit and the online checklist to select which best practices work for your event
- If a Boat Club's chooses, can have regatta certified as a green event

- HRYRA ask of Representatives to discuss within their Clubs to raise awareness:
 - We should have a goal to reduce the number of plastic water bottles. Provided examples such as
 - A Boat Club may want to provide water, where the participants can fill up their recyclable containers
 - A Boat Owner may want to provide a large water cooler where their crew can fill up there recyclable containers
 - A Boat Club may want to have a clean-up club day/clean-up the river day where Boat Club members or Regatta members participate

7. 2017 Race Schedule

- Scheduling of Women's Regatta
 - Discussed date to schedule the Women's Regatta and particulars of organizing
 - To have a set time/schedule each year. Each year we are figuring out when to schedule, and participants end up making other plans by the time the date is set.
 - Agreed to schedule the Women's Regatta on the first Saturday in August of each year (this slot worked well in previous years)
 - MYC will host this year, on Saturday August 5th. SYC noted that they are also interested in hosting for future Regattas
- Schedule of Races for 2017
 - [Link to HRYRA Race Schedule](#)
 - [Link to One-Design Schedule](#)

8. 2017 Racing Rule Changes

- Overview of Significant rule and game changes in Racing Rules - by Dave Perry
 - [Link to Rules](#)

9. Revisions to HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions for 2017

- There are no major changes to the HRYRA Common Sailing Instruction this year. Minor updates include:
 - SI 6: Inclusion of Fleet definition changes
 - SI 14.3: Scoring penalty, single turns still applies for touching a mark. The Post race scoring penalty in T1 is 30%, rather than 20% if you show the yellow flag at the first opportunity
 - SI 17.4: Inclusion of Time on Time scoring
 - SI 17.5 Inclusion of Cox-Sprague definitions
- Next year, enhancements will include Common Sailing Instructions for all Boat Clubs. Will not need different instructions for the different Regattas.
 - There is a new appendix, Appendix S- Supplementary Sailing Instructions, where Boat Clubs can include any variations and can post.

- There will be a common subset that people can use, such as fleet splits, time over time etc. HRYRA asserts that Boat Clubs post exactly as worded and can be put into the Clubs extensions. HRYRA will provide wording to be used.
- It was noted that one can post the 'Y' Flag to ensure people were life jackets based on weather conditions

10. Other items of note:

- VHF Channel to use during races are up to the individual Boat Clubs
 - There were still issues last year, due to Tappan Zee Bridge activity
- SYC has increased water depth to about 7 feet, which is attractive for sailboat docking
- KSC is planning on growing a Lightning Fleet. There are plans to build these one designs
- CYC is planning to host a 4 week Frost Biting Series managed by Mike Colucci
- NBC is investigating the possibility for a 2018 interclub initiative to lease Ideal 18s. There is a similar program with strong participation in the Long Island Sound.
 - In the fall, will know if they have the budget to move forward
 - To fund through time shares. Can provide a special access membership, one can join NBC, and not be a voting member. Water storage will be available.
 - Eric Baumes will share to the group, financials to lease when available
 - Looking to sponsor 6 boats, leasing terms ask to lease at least 4
 - Will need to get sails