

## Meeting Minutes for 2014 Fall HRYRA Board Meeting

### 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

HCCY Representative: Gerald Cohen - *(could not attend)*

HCCY Representative: John Edwards

HCCY Representative: Tom Dilauro

KSC Representative: David Wightman - *(could not attend)*

KSC Representative: Ian Westergren

MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny - *(could not attend)*

MYC Representative: Wayne Mitts - *(could not attend)*

NBC Representative: Ruth Yannelli

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 - *(could not attend)*

Score Keeper: Sherri Hill - *(could not attend)*

### Topics:

## 1. Review of Last Season

- PHRF split changed for division B in 2014 to increase participation. But there were no changes in the boats that participated in this division this season.
- To review fleets and PHRF splits in the spring 2015 board meeting. We should include which boats from which boat clubs attended each of the Regattas.
- There are more asymmetrical boats sailing in races
- Mike Colucci discussed a recent sailing seminar he attended and noted that it was reported that overall sail racing and participation is down across the board. Mostly Non-spinnaker boats join in races.
- It was observed up and down the river that there is big participation on Wednesday night racing. People don't have time to devote to weekend racing/Regattas.
  - We should embrace one design racing
  - Want to target racing participation with the younger population
    - Younger generation look for quicker, smaller and cheaper boats
  - The clubs themselves determine what type of members they would like to target
- There was great discussion with the board on each of the 2014 spring and fall Regattas including sailing conditions and what worked and did not work. Each Boat Club has their own system of running Regattas and setting up courses, not every Club has chase boats. We should think about agreeing on common ways of executing and with common language/terms. Such as do we want to have new races start before other fleets have finished (need to ensure separate starts and finishes) or wait until every fleet finishes, which may mean you need to wait an hour before you next race.
  - Mike Colucci knows a couple of people who may be interested in participating as a PRO for the Regatta series and will speak to them. Considerations:
    - How much will a PRO cost, can HRYRA fund? Mike to get some numbers on what a PRO would cost for a season.
    - The idea is that the Boat Clubs will then tell the PRO the race conditions wanted; example how much time you want in between races, how long courses should be based on conditions, etc.
  - Another idea is to form a committee and have the representatives from the Boat Clubs in charge of racing (which are also on this committee) get together and set common racing guidelines and standardization which are to be adopted among the clubs. We can do this in the spring and discuss.

- There was discussion on scheduling of Sunday races. Need to remember that people are traveling back home. People should feel free to express if races should start earlier for a given Sunday race, or say by what time the boats should come off the water, need to keep in mind that there will be awards ceremony that people will be attending.
- There is a new Commodore for Hudson Cove Yacht Club, Ed Frank
- People should not hesitate and reach out to other clubs if they need equipment

## 2. Treasurer's Report

- Cc Dwyer prepared and circulated the Treasurer's report from November 2013 to November 2014.
- We are doing well, and have a nice nest egg. HRYRA is funded by PHRF certificates.
- Receipts included (some representatives still owe receipts to Cc.):
  - Peter Feroe submitted his HRYRA Junior expenses for 2014
  - HRYRA Junior Championship Trophies = \$246.50
  - SUNY Maritime Regatta Trophies (HRYRA's year to buy) = \$158.46
  - SUNY Maritime entry / registration fee = \$100.00
  - This is a total of \$504.96
  - Note: Reimbursement check to Peter 12/2/2014
- We had a speaker event this year: Dave Perry. We lost about \$1900 as we paid for the conference center.
  - We should have speaker events every other year, costly to have every year and want to maintain our nest egg.
  - Perhaps think about hosting in one of the Boat Clubs or Samalot's Sail loft. We want a location that is central (in the middle) for all clubs.
- Agreement: Motion passed to subsidize crew trophies without raising fees. Can spend up to \$1500. Ideas:
  - Don't put date on awards such as tumblers and crystal bowls as we can use them over the years
  - Include HRYRA logo and names of all the boat clubs

- George Samalot noted that he has mugs that he purchases at a good price where he puts his logo.
- It was noted that the Kingston Yacht club Regatta is a fund raiser for the Maritime Museum
- Maybe instead of using ribbons on back of boats which are a different color for each fleet, use the fleet numbers and affix to back of the boat.

### **3. Awards Brunch**

- To hold again at the Water Club in Haverstraw, they give a good deal and it's centrally located
- Schedule for last Sunday in January. In fact we should have the last Sunday in January as a standing date for the annual Awards Brunch.
- Next year have an overall champion, which boat stood out as the best performer. To table for 2015 spring discussions
  - Have a perpetual bowl/trophy that we use year after year and pass along to next recipient
  - We should include parameters in the 2015 HRYRA Common Sailing instructions
- a) HRYRA Junior Champ Award to think about including in this forum, at one time this was part of the Awards Brunch.

### **4. Any changes to common SIs needed for 2015**

- Scoring went well this year based on the technology used in Sailwave. Peter Oden can provide how this was used; he had results posted to the group fairly quickly during the Shattemuc Regatta.
- To continue conversations on Sailing Instructions this in 2015 spring HRYRA session.
- Clubs may want to include a side by side of HRYRA sailing instructions with their local sailing instructions in which some of the Boat Clubs did over this season at the Regattas.
- There was a comment that we should think of time limits based on course length. Meaning shorter courses with lighter winds and longer courses with heavy winds. Such as 2 hours for course less than five miles and 2 and half hours for course over 5 miles.
  - Group stated this should be part of the discussions with the HRYRA PRO (if we agree to have next

year) and the committee that is to be created with representatives from the Boat Clubs in charge of racing to set common racing guidelines as noted in Agenda item #1.

## 5. 2015 Race Schedule

- It was noted that both Labor Day and Father's Day are late this year and Memorial Day is early, which effects scheduling of the races.
- Spring Regatta Schedule:
  - Kingston: May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Chelsea: June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Hudson Cove: June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Regatta Schedule is TBD:
  - Could Nyack hold the Last Chance Regatta the first week in October? Nyack's Calendar to be determined next year.
  - If Nyack can only hold the Regatta in September, could Minisceongo host their Regatta in October?
    - \*\*Since the board meeting the Fall Regatta has been scheduled as follows:
      - Shattemuc: Sept: 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
      - Minisceongo: Sept: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
      - Nyack: Sept: 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- One Design Schedule and Junior Sailing we will discuss in the spring 2015 session
- To communicate Women's Regatta early next year, there was missed opportunity in 2014. To hold in Haverstraw Bay.

## 6. One Design Stats

- We welcomed Rick Feldman as the newest HRYRA One Design Representative and we should bring Rick up to speed.
- As Rick is new to the post he will have some information to share in the 2015 Spring Session

- It was noted that not all clubs have one design fleets. Not all clubs have laser fleets. But we do have laser Regattas.

## **7. Schedule Spring Speaker**

- As was discussed in Agenda Item #2 under the Treasurer's report to have a speaker bi annually / every 2 years and build up the budget in off years.
- Can have speakers present in the various HRYRA boat clubs to save money, would want them centrally located so it will be easy for members to drive to. To continue discussion next year.

## **8. Governance**

- We have bi-laws, 2 years term for HRYRA members. Members to be voted
- To continue working on draft Charter
  - Need to define what constitutes a member for HRYRA
  - Eric Baumes, Rick Feldman and Mike Colucci to take offline