

2018 Spring HRYRA Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2018

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: Jeremy Moore

HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen

HCYC Representative: John Edwards

HCYC Representative: Tom Dilauro - (could not attend)

KSC Representative: David Wightman

MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny

MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald

NBC Representative: Dave Otterbein

NBC Representative: Alan Fligor

NBC Representative (One Design): Jon Marsh

SYC Representative (Rules/Appeals): Peter Oden

SYC Representative: Bob Millstein - (could not attend)

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 Challenge Representative: Liz Sugg

Topics:

1. Opening remarks from HRYRA President, Mike Colucci

- Looking forward to the racing season in 2018.
- As there were some new people attending, the Board all introduced themselves and noted which Clubs they represented.

2. New one Design Representative: Please welcome Jon Marsh from NBC

- All welcomed Jon Marsh to the Board.
- Jon was able to compile the one design racing schedule for 2018 and shared with the group.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Currently the budget is \$833.01. Still are receiving PHRF certificates for the season.
- Year over year, we are able to spend all of our budget. Each year, we have enough to cover the awards dinner and trophies.
- There was discussion if we should post on the HRYRA website the full Budget report. It was noted that we would not want this report to be open in an area to all, but accessible for members only.

4. PHRF Time-Over-Time Correction Numbers: Review How Calculated

- Currently there is one correction number format. There was discussion if we need to update this formula based upon wind conditions such as light, medium or heavy air.
- This may be hard to achieve and confusing, suppose the conditions started light and ended heavy for a given race how do you define the calculation.
- Board noted that there are no issues with the members on this topic. For simplicity and to be fair, we use the middle range scoring correction format. This seems to be working well.
- Board noted that there are no changes needed.

5. Enhancements to Cox-Sprague calculation

- Reviewed if any updates were needed based upon observations over the last year.
- Agreed the calculation is working as it should, and therefore no changes needed.

6. Jib and Main Fleet (non-spinnaker fleet)

- Jib and Main is the largest fleet. The spreads of PHRF ranges between the boats are large. Some state they don't want to race against other boats as they don't stand any chance of placing.
- Trend is boats don't travel to regattas in the northern clubs.
- What can we do to encourage more people to participate?
- Agreed to have 2 divisions, instead of one.
 - Fleet 3, a PHRF of 185 and lower
 - and Fleet 4, PHRF greater than 185.
- There was discussion whether HRYRA should order trophies in bulk at a discount for fleet 3 and 4. Overall, group did not like this idea, as each club creates/orders trophies which reflects racing at their club and may not like what HRYRA chooses as an award. Clubs to determine how many trophies that they would like to hand out, based on number of participants.
- We can review Jib and Main fleet splits at the end of this season and make any adjustments as necessary.

7. **2018 Common Sailing Instructions**

- **Weight Limits for HRYRA Regattas**
 - Crew weight credits have been eliminated. YRALIS who we abide by, has eliminated crew weight credits.
 - The Common Sailing Instructions will need to be updated to reflect this change.
 - The selection on the PHRF renewal forms to declare crew weight credits has been eliminated.
 - This Information is posted on the HRYRA Website.
 - Maximum weight limits
 - The maximum weight limit for each boat still applies and will remain in the sailing instructions.
 - PHRF certificates will be based upon calculation tables of YRALIS.
- **Create a Technical Committee for protests**
 - A Technical Committee oversees compliance with the handicap certificates.
 - We do not need to create a Technical Committee.
 - YRALIS is the PHRF police, If HRYRA is asked to look at boat who is non-compliant with a PHRF certificate, we can create an ad hoc committee to investigate.
- **Create an Appeals committee for protests** (Need a Judge resulting from a prior protest)
 - Our local association appeals committee Chairman is Peter Oden.

8. **Long Distance Race**

- Based on lessons learned, to have conversations with the Race Committee before the race. Discuss expected wind conditions for the day and to help the Race Committee with determining possible courses.
- Time Limit of 5 hours, no change.
- It was noted if the race needs to be shortened, there are no options of a course to provide.

9. **Revisit the Topic of HRYRA Bylaws**

- Agreed that we should continue to focus on the Bylaws.
- May take time to complete, but can be a work in progress and can communicate as we mature.
- Both Mike Colucci and Eric Baumes noted they will get together to work on this document.

10. **Crew glasses for 2017 HRYRA Events?**

- Some of the clubs noted they needed to restock crew awards.
- Some raised if there are other items to provide within budget other than the regular glasses that are distributed. Board was advised to look at the site www.discountmugs.com for ideas.

11. Women's Regatta Survey?

- Liz Sugg prepared a survey to send to the community to receive analysis on how best to increase participation of the Women's Regatta.
- Board agreed this was a good idea and to send to the Board and communicate to the mailing list.

12. HRYRA's Future

- HRYRA is a club member and pays due to YRALIS for many years and gets a preferred membership rate on PHRF.
- We should be mindful and pay attention, as there have been many changes to YRALIS over the years and recently in Board Membership.
- There has been some commentary in YRALIS as to why we are paying discounted rates. All is good at the moment, there is nothing for us to do, but discussed options if our situation should change.
 - If needed, we could create our own PHRF Handicap Committee and base PHRF certificates. We can also use services of the PHRF Mid-Atlantic board.
 - The current YRALIS we are members of, has good qualified experienced people and would not want to lose their services.
 - We are working towards having someone from HRYRA to be on the YRALIS committee.

13. NYACK Boat Club Ideal 18 Program

- Bill Mann, NBC past commodore joined as guest and provided an update on the program and to answer any questions.
- NBC is acquiring 6 Ideal 18s.
- Program kickoff is on memorial day. NBC hired a director of sailing and will be promoting basic sailing skills, racing including spinnaker and non-spinnaker skills and to promote woman sailing.
- Started an email campaign and advertise on Facebook. NBC is getting a good response. Offer rates for members and non-members, called special activity members- SAM. SAM membership can be maintained for 2 years and if a person would like to continue, then they would be expected to become a member.
- The HRYRA Board is very excited about the program, interested to see successes and possibility of other clubs following a similar format to promote membership.