

Tuesday, March 26 2019

In attendance:

President: Eric Baumes

Vice President: TBD

Treasurer: Cc Dwyer

Secretary: Sally Wellens

Past President: Mike Colucci

PHRF Handicapper: George Samalot

CYC Representative: Mark Maxam

CYC Representative: Jeremy Moore

HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen - (could not attend)

HCYC Representative: John Edwards

KSC Representative: David Wightman

KSC Representative: Kevin McHugh

MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny

MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald - (could not attend)

NBC Representative: Alan Fligor

NBC Representative: John Sheehan

NBC Representative (One Design): Jon Marsh - (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)

Women's Challenge Representative: Liz Sugg

Topics:

1. Board Membership Vote

Motion to vote on Membership of the Board positions as proposed

- Approved Board positions
 - Eric Baumes is HRYRA President, Mike Colucci is acting Past HRYRA President
 - Vice President position is TBD. Board to raise any nominations.
 - Other positions remained unchanged

2. Opening remarks from new HRYRA President, Eric Baumes

Goals for 2019-2020

- Improve quality of racing for HRYRA Regattas--bring in outside PROs for regatta management
- Encourage non-spin sailors to sail one more regatta--follow up with recommendations coming out of the 2018 sailor survey
- More engagement with member clubs:
 - Collect key stakeholder information on clubs
 - Look to bring member club officers and committee chairs together for more collaboration (E.g. Regatta round table, New Ideas meeting)
- Educate sailors about rules and regulations
 - Video presentations aimed at newer sailors/racers

- Cross promote club events and seminars--E.g. Dave Dellenbaugh at Nyack Boat Club
- Promote sailing on the Hudson
 - Create a Calendar of Racing on the Hudson with info about sailing and crewing. E.g. HBRA entry and schedule, NBC schedule (how to race as a guest), Other member clubs racing schedules
- Continue to promote One-design Ideal 18 program, can we get another club to sign up?

Discussions included:

- Would like to focus the meeting on goals of HRYRA and consider stretch goals as well
- Have asked the board to provide key stakeholders from each of the clubs. They will not be added to the HRYRA Membership, but is good to have as contacts.
- Would like to put more effort in improving HRYRA Regattas
 - We are planning on incorporating an outside PRO to help manage and run the races (about \$200 for each Regatta)
 - We should consider a Regatta Chair Roundtable, to understand how all the clubs promote and manage racing
- We thank Eric Baumes and George Samalot for sharing with the community a video on “Understanding PHRF Ratings and Certificates”, would be nice to continue to promote more videos
- We should consider events of interest on sailing and racing, best time is late winter/early spring
- How can we promote sailing overall to the community? Can have information on the HRYRA Website, google forums etc., to make easily accessible where to go sailing and how to engage with the boat clubs.
- Nyack Boat Club will continue to promote the Ideal 18 Sail Program, which has been successful. Will be good if other clubs decide to offer similar programs.

3. Treasurer's Report Full Year 2018/2019

- There is about \$1,600 in the budget
- Boat Clubs have submitted their dues for the year
- People have been active in submissions of their 2019 PHRF certificates
- Making a major change on where HRYRA allocates most of its budget this year. To focus on cost of a PRO for the HRYRA Regattas.
 - Each year HRYRA subsidizes a certain amount of the cost per person who attends the Awards Brunch. Starting this year, HRYRA is not planning on subsidizing and people will be asked to pay full amount. If there is extra money in the budget at the end of the year, HRYRA will consider to contribute.
 - In addition, will not be providing HRYRA Regatta crew awards. Clubs noted that they have lots of inventory from prior years left over and will hand out until they run out.
- Received some complaints on the venue where the HRYRA Awards brunch was held in 2018 and will be looking to hold the event at another location. Welcome suggestions on a good location, either side of the river.
- Link to budget information, note you will need a username and password to view: <http://phrf.hryra.org/content/201920-budget>

4. Committee Report: Handicapper

- Happy to report that for about 8 years now we have been averaging over 100 PHRF certificates

- Noted that any changes you make to modify your boat, needs to be declared
- Aftermarket Sprit calculations has changes for spinnaker boats
- Mike Colucci is a representative on the YRALIS PHRF Committee. This helps cement our relationship with YRALIS, having handicapper that is a member of HRYRA.

5. Committee Report: Jr. Sailing

- HRYRA is hosting the Area B (NY/CT) qualifier for the US Sailing Junior Championships this year. (It's our turn, on a 6 year rotation with other YRAs). Shattemuc is hosting the single/double handed on July 13 and 14th. US Sailing wants the triple-handed to be in sport keelboats (similar to nationals), so YRALIS will likely host in Viper 640s or J70s.
- The event is BYOB Club 420s (spin/trap) and Laser Radials. Shattemuc would love to have a good showing of HRYRA juniors, like we did last time around (at which HRYRA sailors also placed really well). Please spread the word, breakfast, lunch and dinner is included in the event fees. Will put folks up in member housing close to the club.
- Can also use volunteers for: spectator/photo boats; on-the-water racing help; on the shore help. Last time around we had 15-20 boats in each fleet. Great way to showcase HRYRA.
- Club junior reps should reach out to Peter Feroe with suggestions, concerns etc. on junior racing on the Area B qualifier or junior racing in general

6. Committee Report: One Design

- To reach out to John Marsh regarding One Design Schedule this year

7. Committee Report: Rules

- Crew weight limits have been removed
- Added more description on how scoring is calculated
- Board voted on qualifications for overall season winner using Cox-Sprague scoring
 - Board Approved that one must race 33 percent of the regatta races (about 1/3 or 9 of races)
 - To ensure we have the most current information on the HRYRA Website to define Cox-Sprague scoring system.

8. Committee Report: Women's Regatta

- Last year, conducted a survey to get a view on interest of a Women's Regatta with feedback. There was a good response rate and people showed an interest to participate. Unfortunately there was low turnout at the regatta last year. The Regatta was located in Haverstraw Bay and those who participated were only from that area and not from other clubs.
- However over the last few years there has been good turnout, perhaps last year was tough overall from other locations to participate. Should continue this year and see if the trend continues of low turnout.
- Board brainstormed on possible ideas for the Program:
 - In Manhattan, there is a women's club, people may be interested in participating
 - If easier for people, have a Women's regatta on a weekday. Can even have a regatta the day/night before a regatta weekend as a majority of boats will be in a given location (not sure if this will be difficult as people will may need to take time off from work and bring boats).
 - If delivering/availability of boats is an issue, perhaps the woman can race in a one design fleet that is available at one of our clubs or even in the city,

- Manhattan sailing club has a fleet of J24s. Kingston may be a nice location, as the women's conference is held here every year and draws good participation.
- Perhaps Liz Sugg, the Women's Challenge Representative can visit and have discussions with the other clubs to brainstorm, such as Nyack and Chelsea
 - It was noted that HRYRA supports efforts of the Women's Regatta, but does not vote on actions

9. Committee Report: Scorer

- No changes were noted

10. PRO for Regattas

- We have a certified PRO who is scheduled to run 2 races this year, one in Spring at Chelsea and one in the Fall at Shattemuc. We still need PROs to manage the other Club Regattas. Mike Colucci will look into. Regattas will need a committee and chase boats.

11. Survey Results

- A 2018 HRYRA Survey was sent to the HRYRA Mailing list and HRYRA Representatives were encouraged to send the survey to their respective clubs. The survey was organized to show selected questions to three segments. 1. Boat owners who race in a PHRF Fleet. 2. Boat owners who race strictly one-design. 3. Crew members who race in PHRF or one-design events. The goal of the survey was to identify the challenges that boat owners face in participating in regattas. The hope is that we can provide regatta organizers with insight into how to run events that will attract more participants. There were a 112 respondents, 52 of whom provided email address, the balance are anonymous responses.
 - Nearly half the respondents were from Nyack Boat Club at 48.3%. Chelsea was next at 18.2% and Kingston at 12.5%. 42% of respondents are not HRYRA members. 2/3rds of respondents participate in HRYRA and nearly 1/2 sail in non-HRYRA regattas. 2/3rds sail in spinnaker class. 3/4ths of boat owners race in PHRF events. 85% of PHRF racers have had a certificate in the last 2 years. 40% of boat owners who have a PHRF Certificate did not race in a HRYRA event in the past year. A small percentage of PHRF Racers (< 20%) also race their boat in a one-design fleet.
- Majority of respondents said the time commitment prevents them from racing, mostly non-spinnaker boats. Issue overall with travel and getting crew to race with them, not so much about equipment and pricing
- Perhaps we can also offer a short regatta series such as in the spring or fall, such as maybe there will be interest for Chelsea and Kingston to participate in just a spring series.
- Can also run one day Regattas and provide awards. Can have 3 races in one day. But what would we do if there is no wind for that day.
- In the Fall after this racing season, we can hold a Regatta Round Table monitored by a Chair to discuss enhancements to HRYRA Regattas
- We can create a message board or include in the HRYRA Website an area where skippers looking for crew and crew looking for a boat to race on, can get in contact and speak with one another

12. Member Club Updates

- Nyack Boat Club reported on the success of the Ideal 18 Sail Program Last year. Sold out last year and this year as well. New memberships resulted from the program. Broke even in costs last year.
- Chelsea Yacht Club reported success in their cruising fleet. Promote beginner and advanced challenges and provide small token awards when completed, such as for anchoring overnight and distance sailing.
- Minisceongo Yacht Club noted that their cruising fleet has scheduled a trip to Cape May. This is trip is a yearly event before the season starts to get everyone together, be around water and boats and talk about upcoming season goals. Also noted building of new Club house has begun.

13. Green Regattas

- Mike Colucci agreed that Chelsea Yacht Club can be a clearing house of information and help promote best practices
- How to reduce plastic footprint such as water refill stations and use other types of bottles besides plastic