

**Agenda**  
**Fall 2019 Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 12**  
**Hudson River YRA**

***In attendance:***

*President: Eric Baumes*

*Treasurer: Cc Dwyer*

*Secretary: Sally Wellens*

*Acting Past President: Mike Colucci*

*PHRF Handicapper: George Samalot*

*CYC Representative: Mark Maxam*

*CYC Representative: Jeremy Moore*

*HCYC Representative: Gerald Cohen*

*HCYC Representative: John Edwards - (could not attend)*

*KSC Representative: David Wightman*

*KSC Representative: Kevin McHugh - (could not attend)*

*MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny*

*MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald - (could not attend)*

*NBC Representative: Alan Fligor*

*NBC Representative: John Sheehan - (could not attend)*

*NBC Representative: Tony Martin*

*NBC Representative (One Design): Jon Marsh*

*SYC Representative (Rules/Appeals): Peter Oden - (could not attend)*

*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 - (could not attend)*

**1. Opening remarks from HRYRA President**

- 2019 was a good year. Good competition and fun was had by all.
- Over the year, increased engagement with membership and member clubs, gathering key information/surveys on opinions/improvements. This is something that we should continue in the future.
- Circulated recaps/summary of the races after the Regattas. Received a good response.
- Over the year rebranded name from HRYRA to Hudson River YRA to emphasize sailing on the Hudson River.
- Each of the boat clubs have a responsibility to encourage people to get involved and participate in racing, especially those who are new to the program. For example, promote courses such as how to improve/what is involved in starting a race. It was noted the regattas which are scheduled for 2 days can be tough for people to commit to.
- Where can we find more opportunities to promote non-spin racing in Hudson River YRA racing? Participation is strong in Wednesday night racing. Perhaps encourage more regattas for non-spin boats.

- We should continue to promote more information regarding racing for example we promoted a video on the Hudson River YRA website about rules and regulations.
- Looking for someone who wants to drive an effort to create a calendar for “sailing on the Hudson”.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

- PHRF certificates trended about the same as last year. There were 97 certificates issued.
- Awards Brunch will not be subsidized this year, as budget does not have extra money.
- Eliminated purchase of crew trophies.
- Paid for 3 PROs (there was no charge for NBC PRO). It was noted that the costs for the PRO was very reasonable.
- Current total in budget is \$2,625.80. Half of this will be used for Annual Trophies.

## 3. HRYRA Awards Brunch

- Scheduled Saturday, December 14, 2019, Hudson Water Club. Checked other venues as to what was the best place to host based on pricing and food selection. As we are recurring customers at Hudson Water Club, they offered the best package.
- Payments are available through Credit Cards/PAYPAL or check.

## 4. Year End Review: What worked / Any changes Identified?

- **Scoring: High Point System / Low Point System**
  - What can we do to improve the scoring process? May encourage more people to get involved in racing. Reviewed US Sailing definitions.
  - There are some disadvantages with a High Point Scoring System, as this is complex to calculate, such as similar to baseball batting averages.
  - Board reviewed criteria of the Low Point System and approved to move forward with this method of scoring in 2020. Scoring will be based on only the races one competed in.
    - Will need a minimum number of races to qualify. 1/3 of completed races for the class and complete at least 2 Regattas.
- **Review of PRO running Regattas**
  - Board approved to continue with a PRO to run the Regattas in 2020.
  - Having a PRO to manage the races at the regattas worked well. Overall, was able to start and finish more races than previous years. Overall people want to race their boats rather than missing regattas to run the races.
  - It was noted that there should be more education on race management within the boat clubs. People are encouraged to become US Sailing certified.
- **Updates from Committees: One Design, JR Sailing, Scorer, etc.**
  - There was a good turnout at the 6 one design races in 2019. Board asked if information can be provided on one design, such pictures and calendars to post on the website.
  - It was noted that people should make sure they are using streamers as defined in the Common Sailing Instructions when racing in Regattas, there seems to be some who do not use.
- **Cox Sprague / Overall Winner**

- Board approved to continue
- **Feedback from Clubs**
  - Encourage member clubs to promote an Ideal 18 program. Program has been successful at Nyack Boat Club (NBC), where membership has increased as a result. If anyone would like a presentation to their board, just let Eric Baumes know, can discuss what works and lessons learned.

## 5. New Business

- **"Official" dates for the Spring and Fall board meetings**
  - Schedule Spring and Fall meetings to occur on the same month/day each year
  - Fall Board Session: To meet the first Wednesday in November
  - Spring Board Session: To meet the first Wednesday in April
- **PHRF Automation System Update**
  - The Hudson River YRA PHRF Automation system is getting older and software that we are using is reaching End-of-Vendor-Support. Estimated costs to upgrade is about \$5,000. This amount is much lower than the costs of \$30,000 for YRALIS system upgrades.
  - Board discussed ways to raise money for this activity such as fundraiser and donations.
- **Hudson River YRA Outreach Program**
  - How can we get member clubs together to promote/facilitate sailing/racing/education
  - Looking to commence a round table, what can we do to bring key members from boat clubs together such as cruising fleet captains. Mike Colucci will take the lead and is looking to kick off in Q1 of next year.
- **Fees / 2020 Budget / Membership Dues**
  - Board agreed to an increase in membership due to upcoming costs to support operations of Hudson River YRA.
  - Individual: \$45 dollars membership from \$30 (note this is still lower than other memberships in the tristate averaging \$50-\$70)
  - Member Clubs: \$200 dollars membership from \$175
- **Common Sailing Instructions Review**
  - To discuss in the Spring 2020 Board Meeting

## 6. 2020 Race Season Schedule

- Spring:
  - Maritime Cup (KSC): May 30 and 31
  - Chelsea Open (CYC): June 6 and 7
  - Merberg Regatta (HCYC): June 27 and 28
- Fall:
  - Shattemuc Regatta (SYC): September 12 and 13
  - Sutherland Regatta (MYC): September 26 and 27
  - Last Chance Regatta (NBC): October 3 and 4 (subject to change, NBC Club calendar to be scheduled Q1 2020)

- Hudson River Race (NBC): October 10 (subject to change, NBC Club calendar to be scheduled Q1 2020)
- Women's challenge / Crew Challenge: To discuss in the Spring Board Meeting