

Spring 2020 Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 1
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 - (could not attend)

HCYC Representative: John Edwards - (could not attend)

KSC Representative: David Wightman

KSC Representative: Kevin McHugh - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Bob Tamagny - (could not attend)

MYC Representative: Jessie Fitzgerald

NBC Representative: Alan Fligor

NBC Representative: John Sheehan

NBC Representative: Tony Martin

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: Jody Taffet Sterling / Liz Sugg

1. Opening remarks

- Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), session was held through video conferencing tools
- Overall, across the boating community, activities are postponed or cancelled

2. Treasurer's Report

- There is a balance of \$1,200 for the beginning of the 2020 year. Last year's starting balance was relatively flat.
- There are a couple of new people who have joined HRYRA this year
- Currently there are 20 PHRF certificates issued, people are not registering as they are waiting to see how virus conditions and state mandates evolve. Any extra money accrued for the year and not used can be allocated for future activities.

3. Chair Report

- Rules (was not discussed in November)
- Any other comments
- HRYRA One Design
 - Agreement to disband. If there is someone who has interest to manage this initiative that is fine, but for now will discontinue.

- There is not much participation/desire for One-Design to join HRYRA and racers don't see benefit. There is low turnout of One-Design during the year-end awards ceremony and there is no representation to pick up their awards.
- It was noted where there is interest, clubs will continue to host one-design regattas, such as Nyack Boat Club. Representatives from Chelsea noted they have discontinued due to lack of interest (there is some interest in dinghy sailing and looking to build up a fleet).
- HRYRA Jr. Sailing
 - Need to assign a new chair. Current chair has conflicts and is available to be in more of a participative role and can help to transition role. To reach out to Peter Feroe to confirm.
- Scoring
 - Modified Low Point Scoring
 - Rule 17.4
- Women's Challenge
 - Board welcomed Jody Sterling who is the new Women's Challenge representative
 - The Women's Challenge is scheduled to be held at Kingston Sailing Club

4. PHRF Updates

- PHRF Split. No changes.
 - Board voted to leave PHRF splits the same as last year for 2020 racing season.
- There was handicap PHRF updates that took place over the winter pertaining to modern cruising sailboat...boats with big headsails to be recognized and not penalized.

5. Common Sailing Instructions Review

- Mike Colucci to work with Peter Oden to integrate changes discussed in the fall board meeting into the Sailing Instructions regarding the *Scoring: High Point System / Low Point System*
 - 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 in at least 2 Regattas.
- No changes to Cox Sprague for Overall Trophy
- Confirmed there are no changes to the rule of the yellow penalty flag (20%) that has been in place for years
- Discussed situations last racing season where people did not register properly based upon their Fleet/PHRF. Noted that we need to properly educate and send reminders on proper registration for the regattas.

6. Racing Schedule

- Will continue to monitor status of Coronavirus outbreak and ability to hold HRYRA events.
 - The timeframe / window to get ready and hold spring events is getting smaller and smaller
 - Discussed the possibility to hold a Race Week in the fall, if we are not able to have a spring racing season

- Board agreed to have a touch point meeting on June 18th at 7pm to discuss status of each of the Boat Clubs and racing activity due to virus. To discuss the fall racing season if conditions are improving.
- Board agreed to call meetings as needed while monitoring conditions of the virus.

7. Club Updates

● **Chelsea Yacht Club**

- The Yacht Club is closed and will stay closed in accordance with PAUSE
- No access to the club until that is lifted. No one is to work on their boats.
- Have not cancelled the Chelsea Open Regatta, race is fast approaching, monitoring State restrictions.

● **Kingston Sailing Club**

- Hudson River Maritime Museum is closed
- Kingston Sailing Club, would not be able to host the Kingston Open, even if conditions improve and restrictions are lifted
- There was discussion if restrictions are lifted, can have HRYRA Regatta events one week before labor day when KSC hosts the Spinwebber event.
- The Women's conference and Maiden East Coast tour has been rescheduled to 2021.

● **Hudson Cove Yacht Club**

- Haverstraw Marina is closed by state mandate
- To monitor timing of spring regatta on developments regarding of virus

● **Shattemuc Yacht Club**

- Have not officially closed the Club
- People should not congregate at the Club
- Considering a stronger prohibition

● **Minesceongo Yacht Club**

- Have not officially closed the Club
- Buildings and Marina are closed. People can enter the club to work on their boats.
- If it comes down to holding something in the fall, MYC would host an extended regatta and have slips available for those from visiting boat clubs based on availability

● **Nyack Boat Club**

- NBC has been progressively putting on hold club activities over the last few weeks. NBC is now officially closed, based upon discussions and advice from attorneys.
- Working on detailed project plan on what to do if restrictions are lifted and if not lifted

8. PRO Update

- PRO has agreed to manage 4 regattas for the season. Have not touched base with PRO regarding any cancellations for the spring series.
- HRYRA is cautiously optimistic on scheduling fall regattas