

Hudson River YRA Board Meeting Minutes – April 2022

2022 officers, committee chairs, club representatives, and all members of the Board introduced themselves. David Wightman, Vice President, was introduced in absentia.

Attending:

Darrell Dwyer, President
Liz Sugg, Secretary
Cc Dwyer, Treasurer
Mike Colucci, PHRF Handicapper
Peter Oden, Rules / Appeals, SYC Rep, via Zoom
Jody Sterling, Women's Regatta, KSC Rep
John Nonenmacher, Haverstraw Bay Racing Association
Chris Waterous, KSC Rep
Mike Pike, CYC Rep
Bob Tamagny, MYC Rep
Jessie Fitzgerald-Keller, MYC Rep
Dave Schrage, MYC Commodore
Jerry Cohen, HCYC Rep, via Zoom
John Edwards, HCYC Rep, via Zoom
Vicki Arbitrio, SYC Rep, via Zoom
Tony Martin, NBC Rep, via Zoom
Mark English, NBC Rep

Opening Remarks

Treasurer's report (see attached)

- Summary
- PHRF certificates

Committee Updates

New programmer sought to update the phrf.hryra.org section of the website. Recommendations were made for talent from or associated with CYC. Recommendation was made to consider commercial template linked to data sets.

2022 Race Calendar

- Race Management
 - PRO availability: Tony Weiner has time for 3 regattas: CYC, SYC, and MYC.
 - Tony is charging \$100 a day plus expenses. Greg Gilmartin, Area B Director, said that there is no US Sailing policy about a PRO charging for their services.
 - PRO costs for 2022: Hudson River YRA will pay for a PRO for any club desiring one for their HRYRA regatta.
 - Member clubs were polled as to their projected need of a HRYRA sponsored PRO for the 2022 season:
 - New ideas:
 - Bill Cook will be asked to assist with HCYC
 - Mike Colucci will contact other YRAs about PRO availability
 - All Board members are encourage to seek local talent to assume PRO duties

- Hudson River YRA will consider supporting US Sailing Race Management education at a member club
 - Need a volunteer to prepare a RC manual, checklist, or cheat sheet.
 - Hudson River YRA website will sponsor a sign-up sheet for PRO volunteers for other clubs that cannot race.
 - Club RC chairs will be asked to guide PRO about local conditions
- Protest Committees
 - Hudson River YRA Board will ask the member clubs to establish standing protest committees that should be set-up in advance of regattas so as not to have to rely on HRYRA racers having to serve on these committees at regattas where they are participants..
- Race calendar: No changes to the Race calendar established fall 2021

Scoring / Handicapping

- Return to the low point scoring system as was decided at the meeting in November.
- Board agreed to using only "Fixed Mark" (Distance) PHRF numbers for scoring. While alternative numbers are available for W/L, it was determined that the true number of W/L in a season are minimal.
- **Addendum**-HRYRA has historically used the windward/leeward ratings for the spinnaker division boats. Mike Colucci reported on new PHRF regulations from YRALIS which specify that W/L ratings should be used "in races where there are only two marks of the course (windward and leeward)... this rating would be commonly associated with the use of drop-marks/movable inflatable buoys." It was initially decided to use the "distance" PHRF ratings as the default rating as the majority of races at HRYRA regattas are non-windward/leeward. Further discussions with Mike Colucci resulted in a reexamination of this decision. It was noted that at least 1/3rd of the spinnaker fleet races were W/L last year, and it was learned that our scoring program ("Sailwave") can readily accept two different PHRF ratings for the same boat. The original decision was amended so that the 2022 PHRF ratings that are used will depend whether a race is a W/L or a distance race based on the definitions contained in the PHRF regulations from YRALIS.
- Time-on-time makes the actual distance of W/L less applicable.
- PHRF Handicapping system updates

Rules

- US Sailing rules updates: No major changes. (see Rules Update attached)
- Time limits in the Race will remain the same. PRO cannot change time limit.
- Club race officials will review courses to be sure they can be finished within 2 hours with moderate to strong winds. Ensure courses can be shortened as necessary.

HRYRA Participation/Promotion

- Disseminating information about Hudson River YRA was discussed
- Club events will advertised on Hudson River YRA website, starting with the visit of the Maiden and the Sparrow's Nest Race
- Article in Boating on the Hudson costs \$250 per page of article; Front page article of four pages costs \$2500.
- Board agreed to distribute flyers and post on bulletin boards about Racing on the Hudson to the 20 clubs between mid-Hudson Bridge and the TZB (Mario Cuomo Bridge)
 - Cc agreed to prepare the flyer. Board members can print and post
- Board agreed to a more aggressive social media campaign.

- Jessie will kick-off the searchable links through Instagram, TikTok, SnapChat, Twitter, and other sites
- Board, fleet, and club members can like, post events/pics/comments, and share same

HRYRA Member Club Reports

- Kingston Maritime: Maiden visit includes a flotilla for heading north- June 8th and a flotilla heading south- June 11th. Tracey is offering a lecture May 4th online. Hudson River YRA will share the link to the Maiden site on the website.
- NBC: There are now 8 boats in the Ideal 18 fleet and a total of 88 members.
- CYC: Sparrow's Nest Race supports charity for Mom's with cancer. Race is July 23rd B2B (Mid-Hudson Bridge to Newburgh/Beacon)
- SYC: Plein Air Paint-out fundraiser for the sailing academy. First week in August.