

HRYRA Board Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2022

Attending:

Darrell Dwyer, President

David Wightman, Vice President

Liz Sugg, Secretary

Cc Dwyer, Treasurer

Mike Colucci, PHRF Handicapper

Peter Oden, Rules / Appeals, SYC Rep

John Nonenmacher, Haverstraw Bay Racing Association

Mike Pike, CYC Rep

Kurt Worell, CYC Rep

Bob Tamagny, MYC Rep

Jessie Fitzgerald-Keller, MYC Rep

Jerry Cohen, HCYC Rep

Richard Thabit, HCYC Rep

Vicki Arbitrio, SYC Rep

Tony Martin, NBC Rep

Mark English, NBC Rep

Women's Regatta: Darrell had contacted SYC with a proposal that they permanently host the women's regatta. Andy Biedermann, SYC Commodore, agreed to this proposal and Vicki Arbitrio reported that the regatta will bear the name of the founder, Ilsa Biedermann. A date will be set that will conflict as little as possible with other club and HRYRA events. Dates in June and October were considered. The HRYRA Board approved a \$200 stipend to help get this event started. Liz Sugg, HRYRA secretary, will provide the rules and sailing instructions that had been used in past Women's Regatta events to SYC to help provide a transition.

Treasurer's report: General fund operating expenses and the website fund were reported. PayPal fees for online member payments have increased, but well worth it because of convenience. 2022 was "break even".

Awards Ceremony: MYC has again agreed to host the HRYRA / HBRA Awards ceremony from 1-4 p.m. on December 3rd. Some discussion centered on charging a fee for this event as last year it was free. The Board agree that a fee of \$5 per person would be collected through the website or at the awards ceremony. Refreshments will be provided similar to what was done at last year's event (2021). Liz Sugg, Jean Nonenmacher and Cc Dwyer will organize this event for HRYRA.

PRO Services: Last year a PRO from outside of the hosting club was used in 3 HRYRA regattas.: Kingston, Chelsea, and Hudson Cove. Darrell noted that it is best to notify the PROs early. Using personnel within HRAYR to serve as PRO's was discussed. Last year this happened at Kingston's Regatta and the feedback was positive. Having a Race Management seminar was discussed as a good way to develop such personnel. NBC is considering hosting such a seminar. Having HRYRA offer a stipend to help fund this training was discussed. Liz Sugg agreed to follow up with NBC to see if this training can be instituted.

Calendar:

June 3 and 4: Maritime Cup Regatta, Kingston

June 10 and 11: Chelsea Open, Chelsea

June 24 and 25: Hudson Cove Regatta, West Haverstraw

September 9 and 10: Shattemuc Regatta, Ossining

September 23 and 24: Sutherland Regatta, Minisceongo, Stony Point

September 30 and October 1: Last Chance Regatta, Nyack

October 7: Hudson River Race, Nyack

Regatta Rescheduling: There was discussion that NBC's rescheduling of this year's Last Chance Regatta may have prevented some boats from attending. Specifically Fleet 2 had a single boat registered. It was agreed that the results from regattas that are rescheduled from their original dates will not be counted for the season scoring. Only scheduled races will be included in overall results. Sailing instructions will include rules for canceling and rescheduling. Peter Oden will follow up with language to be included in the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions. He will also explore other options.

Rules: There are indications that RRS Rule 18 is up for some major changes/clarifications. Rule 12 in the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions was discussed. It was felt that this rule was trying to solve a problem that does not exist as the Racing Rules of Sailing provide for efficient means to shorten a race course. It was agreed that rule 12.2 of the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions should be eliminated.

HRYRA Rule 17.1 W/L: PHRFs will need to be updated to follow YRA of Long Islands definition of Windward/Leeward courses. Mike Colucci reported that YRA of Long Island should finalize this in January 2023.

PHRF/Handicapping: Mike Colucci reported that YRA of Long Island's W/L rules now include distinctions between Inshore (windward/leeward races) and Distance or Navigator Racing. There is no longer a reference to "drop marks" being required for a race to be considered a windward/leeward race. Much discussion centered on how to apply these new criteria to the race courses used in the HRYRA regattas. Many of the race courses developed by the member clubs use government marks and/ or racing marks to provide a windward/leeward race course. Darrell shared some ideas for criteria to be used to designate courses that are essentially windward/leeward according to the rules as proposed by the YRA of Long Island, whose PHRF committee we rely on for our handicapping system. It was suggested that the RC Chairs at the member clubs use the criteria to designate each club's courses as either Distance or Windward/Leeward. Mike Colucci will help with this process.

HRYRA Participation: Several new boats raced in HRYRA events this year and several boats attended regattas that were not at their home clubs. It was suggested that it might be beneficial to survey racing sailors that only race in their club events to ascertain ways to help foster increased participation. Darrell to provide a letter Clubs can share with their members. It was noted that junior sailors are often an untapped resource and are excellent crew and the future of our sport. Another untapped resource are the Wednesday night racers who should be encouraged to race in their clubs HRYRA regatta. Another idea was to Increase onshore entertainment for regatta attendees. A suggestion to reach out to the J80 fleets in the area to join HRYRA events and perhaps provide a separate J80 start. Mike Colucci's idea of a \$10 one regatta PHRF certificate was used by one boat last season. This "introductory" offer needs to be encouraged and publicized more. Helping new racers was also discussed with some ideas including having a simplified rule book or share link to USSA laminated card on USSA website. Alert racers to ask for PHRF credits for whisker poles, dacron sails.

Club Updates:

HCYC has 6 new members

MYC bought 3 420s from SYC for a total of 7 in all.

Kingston Regatta included 1 boat from the sailing school.

Still looking for a club and RC Chair to represent Area B

Next HRYRA Board Meeting is the first Wednesday in April. HRYRA secretary to send out digital calendar invitation in January.