

## HRYRA Spring Board Meeting – April 12, 2023 - 7 p.m.

### Attending:

Darrell Dwyer, HRYRA President, HCYC  
David Wightman, HRYRA Vice President, KSA  
Liz Sugg, HRYRA Secretary, NBC  
Cc Dwyer HRYRA Treasurer/PHRF Secretary  
Peter Oden, HRYRA Rules, SYC  
Mike Colucci, PHRF Handicapper, CYC  
John Nonenmacher, HBRA (Haverstraw Bay Racing Association) Chairperson  
Chris Waterous, KSA  
Mike Pike, CYC  
Kurt Worrell, CYC  
Jessie Fitzgerald, MYC  
Gerald Cohen, HCYC  
John Edwards, HCYC  
Vicki Arbitrio, SYC

### Opening Remarks

D. Dwyer recapped last year's events and provided updates since the last Board meeting. He encouraged everyone to continue promoting HRYRA events among club members. Member clubs should be encouraged to count HRYRA as part of their weekend events.

For example, race results during weekends when competitors participate in HRYRA events will be awarded an average of their performance in club events. (NBC will be approached for a change to the scoring.) Member clubs can help promote HRYRA weekends in different ways. For instance, Kingston Regatta could be a family weekend in Kingston including a visit to Maritime Museum and historical landmarks. SYC could encourage participation by emphasizing the availability of the pool. One suggestion was to encourage KSA and CYC to score their respective regattas as an interclub event. The same idea could be done between SYC and NBC as well as HCYC and MYC; this would hopefully increase attendance for clubs that are near in distance and whose HRYRA regattas are held close in time. It was reiterated that HRYRA will continue to provide a \$10 PHRF certificate to race in one regatta. It is hoped that this will encourage new boats to "Come out to race and try it out." There is also a simplified rule book online through the HRYRA website as well as a link to obtaining a laminated rules card on USSA website.

### Treasurer's Report

The general fund operating as well as the website fund total assets were reported. A detailed list of expenditures for the previous years activities were provided as well. Invoices for member dues/PHRF certificates are going out this week.

## **Board Meetings and Awards Ceremony**

Early preparation for the fall Awards Ceremony was discussed. Last years' event at MYC was seen as being quite successful to the point that people were turned away due to the occupancy capacity being reached. J. Nonenmacher reported that MYC will most likely not be available for the annual awards ceremony in the future. All Board members are encouraged to explore other event venues. Recommendations and options to be researched included; the Stony Point Golf Club "On the Green" as well as the Stony Point Community Center. It was noted that the NBC club house can be rented for \$200. V. Arbitrio reported that SYC may be available; however their clubhouse may not have a large enough capacity.

## **PRO**

HRYRA helped sponsor a Race Management seminar offered at SYC. Attendance among member HRYRA clubs was encouraging. HRYRA is providing a PRO for the following regattas; KSA, CYC and MYC. NBC and SYC will provide their own PRO for their respective HRYRA regattas. P. Oden reported that he will be PRO and will provide personnel to help HCYC run their regatta this year.

## **Handicapping**

M. Colucci reported on the handicapping regulations updates. The YRA of Long Island Sound's committee prescribed that boats' ratings can be reviewed at any time by the committee, not just when a rating is challenged by another competitor. M. Colucci revisited the use of Navigator vs. Windward/Leeward ratings. The difference between the W/L and Navigator scoring is +3 secs or +6 secs for the former depending on the boat's design. The 2023 PHRF regulations were changed to eliminate the mandatory use of "drop marks" for a course to be considered a Windward/Leeward course,

**Addendum:** After the meeting P. Oden pointed out that a close reading of the 2023 PHRF Regulations indicated that W/L ratings should "only" be used for courses that contain two marks. A discussion between P.Oden, D. Dwyer, M. Colucci and J. Nonenmacher resulted in a change to the 2023 HRYRA CSI's (Common Sailing Instructions) which reflects this use of W/L ratings. All races which do not meet the definition of W/L course will continue to use the Distance/Navigator PHRF ratings. P. Oden will amend the HRYRA CSI's to reflect this change.

Much discussion centered on the use of Navigator ratings to encourage some longer races. A "Navigator" race was discussed as being usually 13 miles or more. Time limits and finishing windows will be extended for Navigator courses in the CSIs. Sunday will be considered the better day for longer races. Board members are encouraged to communicate this to the RC Committees at the various clubs. Clubs should consider adding at least one long course to their set race courses giving the RCs choices for Navigator courses.

For those that missed M. Colucci's seminar, there is now a "Plus One" PHRF rating for the spinnaker fleet. This option provides a +3 PHRF credit for spinnaker boats racing with one

adult person (over the age of 16) for every 10 feet of boat length. For example a 30 to 39 foot boat can receive this credit if it sails with 4 adults on board. This allowance is designed for shorthanded crews as well as being “family friendly” as crew members under the age of 16 are not counted in the “plus one” formula. If this option is chosen, a boat has to use it for the entire season. Another highlight of the new 2023 PHRF regulations was allowing a credit for boats in non-spinnaker fleets that do not possess a whisker pole,

## **Rules**

P. Oden reported that the changes discussed at the last Board meeting have been made to the sailing instructions which now include rules for canceling and rescheduling so that only scheduled races will be included in the overall results. P. Oden reviewed some changes to the CSI. Rule 12.2 and 5.5. At the HRYRA Board meeting in November 2022 it was decided to eliminate 12.2 from 2023 HRYRA CSI'S. P. Oden asked to revisit this decision and provided the opinion that it was a rule that provided the RC with some flexibility in shortening a race. Much discussion centered on the pros and cons of this rule. A consensus was difficult to reach on adding this rule. A roll call vote resulted in this rule not being added to the 2023 CSI's. A rule (5.5) was proposed to allow the RC to reschedule races to an earlier time (e.g., sail races on Saturday that were scheduled for Sunday). The prime reason for doing so appeared to be if the weather forecast did not look favorable for racing the following day. The consensus was that rescheduling races may cause hardships for boats that made plans to attend a regatta on a particular date. The consensus was not to add CSI 5.5 to the sailing instructions. The NORs should keep the number of races per day/per regatta open-ended which can help RC's with the flexibility to provide an adequate number of races for their respective regattas. For example; RCs can specify in the NOR's the likely number of races per day without being specific; e.g., “One or more (or at least one) is preferable to “One race will be held.”

HRYRA member clubs are encouraged to modify the CSI's to meet the needs of their unique circumstances. However, the objective is to stay as close to the CSIs as possible. The use of radio communication was discussed and member clubs are encouraged to make their race instructions clear as to how this will be handled.

## **Member Club Reports**

**Kingston Maritime:** D. Wightman reported that “Women on the Water” is now “People on the Water”. They are joining forces with the Maritime Museum and starting a novice fleet.

**Chelsea Yacht Club:** M. Pike and M. Colucci reported that they are encouraging more people to participate in racing. They are working on a Sunfish one-design fleet.

**Minisceongo Yacht Club:** J. Fitzgerald reported that 16 young sailors are raising money through pocketbook bingo and other means for a youth charter trip to Croatia this summer. At home, families are being encouraged to race and take advantage of Plus One handicapping.

**Hudson Cove Yacht Club:** G. Cohen reported that HCYC intends to increase activities outside the marina's main gate and promote social events to encourage other marina members to join in. They will be offering several education programs that HRYRA has offered to help promote.

**Shattemuc Yacht Club:** V. Arbitrio reported that SYC will sponsor the Ilse Biederman Regatta. The event is still in the planning stages but it will be for boats with women skippers and mixed gender crews. The plan also includes some educational programs as well as "around the buoys racing." Ilse's son Andy Biedermann will be involved; providing a chicken BBQ immediately after racing.

**Nyack Boat Club:** L. Sugg reported that the popularity of the Ideal18 fleet continues to grow, with now 80 members. Some Ideal18 members are moving to regular membership and purchasing their own boats. NBC has a booth at the Nyack Street Fair 2 or 3 times a year to encourage local participation.

**Haverstraw Bay Racing Association:** J. Nonenmacher reported that he anticipates continued good showing at the weekly Wednesday Night Racing program. Several new boats will, hopefully, be on the start line in May when racing begins. [As reported by D. Dwyer based on conversations with J. Nonenmacher]

### **Closing**

K. Worrell offered to pursue the possibility of give-aways to HRYRA champions from the UK Sails organization.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.