

HRYRA Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2025

Board Members in attendance:

Darrell Dwyer, HRYRA President

Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Treasurer

Lazlo Csatay, HCYC

Jerry Cohen, HCYC

Bob Tamagny, MYC

John Nonenmacher, HBRA

Liz Sugg, HRYRA Secretary

Mike Pike, CYC

Greg Van Nest, NBC

Vicki Arbitrio, SYC - via Zoom

Sean Merriman, NBC

Mike Colucci, HRYRA Handicapper

Kurt Worell, CYC

Peter Oden, HRYRA Rules / Appeals Chair - Via Zoom

Opening Remarks

Discussion of the 2025 season included concerns that participation was down, especially in Fleet 2 at some regattas. While the number of PHRF certificates remained about the same from the previous season, there were several new “one regatta” PHRFs that were obtained by new racers to HRYRA and the double handed fleet had several boats this year.

Concerns about the PRO were expressed. D. Dwyer reported that though many PROs had been contacted, we currently do not have a list of qualified people willing to perform the duties of PRO at HRYRA events. In response to a question about “guidelines” for the PRO, it was pointed out that a document had been developed and is distributed to the PRO and member clubs prior to

each regatta which provides such suggestions. Expanding the list of available PROs is an ongoing goal.

There was discussion concerning a participation award to be given to any boat competing in all the HRYRA regattas for the season.

Much discussion centered on the need for SYC to reschedule their HRYRA regatta due to Rosh Hashana. There were concerns about having too many events back-to-back as well as scheduling an event in the summer when the wind tends to be lower in velocity. It was recommended that SYC hold their annual regatta in the Spring and that KSA reschedule their regatta.

In a phone call with D. Wightman, D. Dwyer reported that KSA is willing to reschedule their 2026 HRYRA regatta. The most likely date for this will be August 29th and 30th.

Suggestions for adding one design and other (specifically Ensign) fleets to HRYRA regattas were discussed. D. Dwyer pointed out that there was a long-standing practice of giving any three boats of the same design separate scoring.

Treasurers Report

HRYRA continues to be quite solvent. The upcoming awards luncheon will be partly subsidized by HRYRA and HBRA.

PRO Needs for 2026

Nyack Boat Club - HRYRA to provide PRO

Minisceongo Yacht Club - HRYRA to provide PRO

Chelsea Yacht Club - HRYRA to provide PRO

Kingston Sailing Association - HRYRA to provide PRO

Hudson Cove Yacht Club - SYC will provide PRO

Shattemuc Yacht Club - will provide their own PRO

Handicapping

M. Colucci reported that YLRA of LI's PHRF committee is considering changes to the ratings of boats that carry asymmetrical spinnakers based on bow sprit length. These changes will be published soon.

Club Updates

CYC reported that "racing is dying at Chelsea." This appears to be the result of people leaving the sport and not being replaced by new racers.

MYC reported that they have added 420's to their junior program which has been very successful at not only bringing young people into the sport but also drawing the parents into participating as well.

HCYC reported that although the marina has experienced fewer slips being occupied, the club is holding its own and working avidly to promote their events and increase participation in their annual regatta.

SYC reported that junior sailing is strong and there is an effort to use this strength to get more juniors into bigger boats along with their parents.

NBC has had great success with their ideal 18 program which has brought new people into sailing as well as racing. They are planning on expanding this concept.

J. Nonenmacher from HBRA reported that the program continues to function well. It has also developed a pool of people who have become better at performing the duties of RC which is an unexpected off shoot of this excellent racing program.