

HRYRA Board Meeting Minutes April 1, 2026

Board Members in attendance:

- Darrell Dwyer, HRYRA President
- Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Treasurer
- Liz Sugg, HRYRA Secretary, NBC
- Mike Colucci, HRYRA Handicapper, CYC
- Peter Oden, HRYRA Rules / Appeals Chair, SYC
- John Nonenmacher, HBRA
- John Stephenson, KSC
- Kurt Worell, CYC
- Bob Tamagny, MYC
- Jessie Fitzgerald MYC
- Laszlo Csatay, HCYC
- Vicki Arbitrio, SYC
- Greg Van Nest, NBC

Opening Remarks

- Interclub cooperation continues to be a goal for HRYRA member clubs. Specific issues include having PHRF races, on other clubs HRYRA regatta weekends, is especially an issue for neighboring clubs.
- D. Dwyer reported on an effort to recruit a pool of PROs to broaden our ability to provide qualified people to help run regattas. M. Colucci's suggestion to look towards New Jersey as well as Long Island has been fruitful.
- A "Regatta Attendance Recognition" (in the form of a decal or patch) for all boats that complete every HRYRA regatta was suggested at the Fall meeting. There was general agreement to pursue this for the upcoming season.
- KSA was contacted after the Fall meeting and D. Wightman was able to reschedule his club's HRYRA regatta to an August date that was recently approved by their board.

Treasurers Report

- Cc Dwyer reported on the awards luncheon held in January of 2026. The event was successful both financially and from a social point of view. The new venue, Pasta Cucina in Stony Point, seemed to be well received by those in attendance.
- HRYRA continues to be quite solvent.
- There have been less PHRF applications than usual for this time of year and members should be encouraged to apply for their new certificates ASAP rather than have a lot of them arrive at the last moment.

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 Club - HRYRA to provide PRO
- Hudson Cove Yacht Club - SYC will provide PRO
- Shattemuc Yacht Club - will provide their own PRO

Handicapping

- M. Colucci reported on an online workshop he recently gave concerning how to apply for a PHRF certificate, measure sails and the new 2026 PHRF Regulations promulgated by the YRA of Long Island. P. Oden expressed the desire to have had the presentation recorded. An effort will be made to do so in the future.
- M. Colucci was quite adamant that HRYRA should consider using code flags rather than the colored streamers in use to designate which fleet a specific boat is racing in. Much discussion centered on the value of doing this versus any possible disruptions it might cause. While the idea certainly has merit it was not felt that such a change is needed for the upcoming season. An effort will be made to ensure that there is a supply of nylon streamers that can be distributed at regattas to ensure that boats can be clearly identified as to their fleet. Cc Dwyer will take care of this.

Rules

- P. Oden commented that the changes to the CSIs, for this year, are minor and had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Club Updates

Chelsea YC

- K. Worell reported that racing is hanging on at Chelsea. They are in need of volunteers for the Chelsea Open Regatta for this year.
- Kurt had a suggestion that each club should consider developing a perspective pool of Protest Hearing members prior to their club's HRYRA regattas. This could be accomplished through a question on the regatta's application form for example.

Minisceongo YC

- J. Fitzgerald reported that their junior program is entering its' fifteenth season this year. It continues to run as an all volunteer program and has resulted in a renewed interest in racing. She is hoping to expand the Junior Helmed Fleet to include boats from clubs other than MYC for this year.

Hudson Cove YC

- Laszlo Csatay reported that they currently have 42 members and three or four regular boats racing on Wednesday nights. There is a hope to improve the clubs showing at weekend regattas.

Shattemuc YC

- P. Oden reported there was a concern when their HRYRA regatta was moved to June 6-7th, that it might be difficult to staff three weekend events in a row this year. P. Oden reported that they currently appear to have enough volunteers to run these events.

Nyack Boat Club

- Greg Van Nest reported that he is trying to effect more interclub racing especially with SYC. This seems to have caused some friction at times.

Haverstraw Bay Racing Association

- J. Nonenmacher reported that the program continues to function well. He anticipates 14 or 15 regular boats with perhaps as many as 20 on some Wednesday nights.

Kingston Sailing Club

- There is a new slate of officers. They are anticipating a full season of racing.