



# Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

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## Thursday October 25, 2007 – Agenda Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA Office

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
- II. Roll Call – Board Members Present: Pat Broderick, Gerry Brown, Bill Murphy, Paul Kamen, Doug McVae, Richard Calabrese, Jim Snow, Don Wilson
- III. Approval of Agenda – Gerry Brown made a motion to approve agenda. Richard Calabrese 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Richard Calabrese made a motion to approve minutes. Paul Kamen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chairman’s Introduction – Pat Broderick welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pat wanted to be sure to thank the Island Yacht Club for running the Champion of Champions race.
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Laura Paul gave the executive directors report
- VII. Treasurer’s Report – Bobbi Tosse - Bobbi was not present but Laura went through the budget. We still need to increase revenue. Bobbi will need to make recommendations as to areas where we can increase revenue. A discussion was held regarding raising the fees across the board for all. Paul Kamen made a motion to raise fees by \$10 for each charter association and \$20 for the Party Circuit. Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Motion is provisional on approval from Bobbi Tosse.
- VIII. Secretary’s Report – Ed Durbin – no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
  - a. HDA – Gerry Brown - HDA is working on the NOR for the 2008 Sailing Calendar. Bill and Gerry will need to get together and coordinate courses.
  - b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill handed out statistics for ODCA for the season. They had 60 boats sign up and 48 qualify. Bill talked about the current rules for qualifications. He hopes to make it tougher for a fleet to qualify, in an attempt to get more boats out on the line. Perhaps the fleets need to schedule fewer races. Bill ran some numbers and even using the 5 boats on the line rule, the same fleets would qualify. The response from the fleets was not positive.
  - c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – The Southern Cross race was moved to August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. The NOR, SI’s and other OYRA documents are already completed. Richard is talking to the IOR Warhorses and trying to get them organized for some sort of circuit for next

year. Richard then talked about his work with NOAA. Much more accurate weather forecasting is now available. Richard talked about the Point and Click weather forecasts now available.

- d. WBRA – Don Wilson – No report at this time.

#### X. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – no appeals to report
- b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – race management seminar at Richmond Yacht Club on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Pat urged everyone to get their clubs to send their race committees.
- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow – Jim gave this buoy report. At this point, \$10,000 a year may not be enough to maintain the current YRA buoys. Decisions need to be made regarding the buoys. Paul K would like the BYC to take over the permit for OC ‘H’. That discussion will be moved to new business. Jim didn’t think it was practical to try and retrieve lost ground tackle when a buoy goes away. The cost of using professional divers has also really increased the cost of maintaining buoys. A priority list needs to be established. Pat brought up the Presidio Yacht Club. They stored Yellowbluff for the YRA for a year. In return for storage, they are asking for the YRA’s support in helping keep the Marina and clubhouse open. The Board of Directors is in complete support at the Presidio Yacht Club and will assist in any way possible to help keep the marina and club house functioning. We will check with Doug S about the steps that GGNRA took regarding taking over the club. Perhaps questions can be raised regarding the environmental impact report. At this point, the buoy budget needs to be doubled. Jim would like to spend the remaining 07 buoy budget on XOC, getting it cleaned up. Gerry made a motion to support the Presidio Yacht Club, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – No report at this time
- e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant
- f. Courses & Scheduling – Doug McVae – No report at this time
- g. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – No report at this time

#### XI. Old Business

- a. Party Circuit Governance Update – The party circuit is now being governed by the Executive Committee. The Party Circuit is not under the jurisdiction of the current charter associations.
- b. Buoys – “H” buoy recycled? Paul Kamen would like BYC to take over the permit for “H” buoy. Paul made a motion to have BYC assume the “H” USCG Permit, Gerry 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously. The permit will be moved closer to BYC and will now be used for their midwinter’s. The new buoy will be designated at BYC.

#### XII. New Business

- a. YRA Charter Association structure (Paul Kamen) – Paul talked about his model for the future of YRA. Some of this is being put into place already, as ODCA now has some handicap fleets (the SF 180’s), although they are racing boat for boat. Also, the Islander 36’s have expressed interest in racing more HDA style races. This will be a long term implementation. Pat would like the board to keep considering this new model for the YRA and send any comments to the office.
- b. YRA Definitions for “Qualified Boats” (Bill Murphy) – see ODCA report.
- c. 2008 Schedule – see executive director’s report
- d. 2008 YRA Meeting Dates – Board Meetings will on Thursdays next year, Laura will set dates and send them out to the board for review next week.

- XIII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat would like the board to start thinking about their upcoming people and to find someone who could possibly become a vice chair for their association and we can develop a plan to allow people to have a smooth chain of succession. He would like to see a revision of the by-laws that would allow for vice chairs. Pat thanked the board for all their work this year.
- XIV. Adjournment – Gerry Brown made a motion to adjourn, Richard Calabrese 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.