



# Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

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## Thursday March 5, 2009 – UNAPPROVED Minutes Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA Office

- I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm
- II. Roll Call - see attached
- III. Approval of Agenda – Bobbi Tosse made a motion to accept the minutes, with the addendum of Doug Storkovich's items. Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. a. November 2008 Meeting - Bobbi Tosse made a motion to accept minutes, Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed
- VI. Chairman's Introduction – Pat Broderick welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pat was pleased with how 2008 went, the YRA had good numbers in both participation and finances. Pat is optimistic about 2009. There are indicators that we should have a good year. The 3-Bridge Fiasco was the biggest yet, as was the Corinthian Mid-Winters. Many of the other mid-winters also appeared to have a good turnout. It looks like the boats are coming out despite the economic troubles. That being said, we don't want to sit back and expect the boats to come in. We need to bang the drums and get people out and signing up.
- VII. Executive Director's Report – Laura Paul – Laura gave her report. She apologized for being so behind on emails and voicemails, she was out sick for a good portion of February and has gotten very behind in processing. She hasn't had a chance to close the books for 2008 so Bobbi has no report to give at this time. Laura then gave the current participation statistics as compared to this point last year. So far we are about even with where we were last year and the Party Circuit is quite a bit ahead.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse – No report at this time. The year end and current year to date financials will be sent out via email once Laura has sent the financial information to Bobbi
- IX. Secretary's Report – Ed Durbin – No report at this time
- X. Charter Association Reports
  - a. HDA – George Ellison – George gave the HDA report. It appears that HDA will be mostly static from last year. George would like to be able to pull the email addresses for people that have raced in the HDA in the past and contact them. Laura will talk to George about being able to pull email addresses for people that have raced in the past but

aren't current this year. There was a discussion about forming another fleet, similar to the SF 30's, that would be for boats that rate between 117 & 111. Laura can pull the boats that fall within that rating range and we can send out a letter/email to them asking them if they would be interested in sailing in a special SF 117 Fleet. George then talked about some of the HDA fleets doing the ODCA W/L courses. This will not be a problem, now that the HDA & ODCA fleets have combined race days & share a starting line.

- b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill was not able to attend. He let Pat know via email that he is contacting the Fleet Captains to encourage them to get out and sign up. Pat said that the future of ODCA may lie in the banded types of fleets, such as the SF 180's.
- c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – Richard is watching to see how the entries come in for the OYRA because MORA is struggling to get entries and may have to be absorbed by PHRO. Richard is also working with NOAA again on getting their new weather reporting buoys.
- d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don had to attend the Woodies meeting at the StFYC. He sent his report in via email., see attached.
- e. Party Circuit – Pat Broderick – The Party Circuit last year was a great success. The format in place seems to be working, and it is appealing to many sailors. The new Season Closer at CYC went especially well and the CYC was happy with the turnout. We need to talk to Encinal Yacht Club about Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Opener. The current format has not been working for several years and something new needs to be created for this year. Saturday works well, it's just Sunday that needs to be updated and revised.

#### XI. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Paul not present, Laura stated that there have been no appeals for 2009 yet.
- b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – There have been a couple of classes held so far this year. Attendance has been good- Between the Basic seminar at SFYC and the Advanced at StFYC 40 people have taken the seminars. Another one has been scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at Coyote Point Yacht Club. Bill will send the information to the YRA office so it can be posted on the website.
- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow – Doug gave the buoy report. All the YRA buoys are where they should be. Several OC Buoys have been recycled and moved into deeper water. The 'A' buoy has been moved to north of South Hampton. "B" will not be moved now, because it appears that the water will not be in any deeper water, so there isn't really a reason to move it. "C" is currently off station and if Berkeley wants to replace it they can take over the permit. Revised chartlets will be posted to the YRA website.
- d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – No report at this time
- e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant, no report at this time
- f. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – No report at this time

#### XII. New Business

- a. 2009 Season
  - i. Vallejo Race – Laura, Pat, Jeff Zarwell & Gordon Smith met yesterday to discuss the 2009 Vallejo Race. Things are moving along well for the race. The Vallejo Marina has been dredged up to half of the 'A' dock. The new seawall will hopefully be in by the race. They can accommodate boats that draw up to 15' at this point. There should be plenty of water this year, with the tides and currents. The start time for Saturday has been set for 11:00 am and for Sunday it will be at noon. The biggest change for this year is that we are going to hand out the Vallejo flags at the Vallejo race on Saturday night. This will hopefully encourage people to come back to the clubhouse for the party. The awards

ceremony will be right before the band starts, around 8:00 pm. Jeff Zarwell is going to talk to the Multihulls about possibly going on a longer course so that they don't get up to Vallejo quite so quickly.

- b. Meeting Dates
    - i. Doug Storkovich suggested a policy that YRA meetings be held on a specified date for each quarter, such as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the last month of each quarter. Policies should also be put in place to state when agenda's go out prior to the meetings and when minutes should be posted. Laura will develop a web page, similar to the PHRF meeting page, that lists the dates for the Board Meetings, the agendas, and the minutes.
  - c. Publishing calendar earlier
    - i. We will start publishing the master calendar in November, so the race dates for the next year are online prior to the start of the year.
  - d. Ed Durbin would like to see the YRA send out monthly reports to the clubs, letting the clubs know what it going on with the YRA. The office and Pat Broderick will attempt to get some PR going that could be sent out to the clubs.
- XIII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that the YRA lives & dies by sign-ups and encouraged everyone to go out and campaign for people to sign up.
- XIV. Adjournment – Ed Durbin made a motion to Adjourn, Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm