







Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

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Thursday June 5, 2008 – 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
 - a. See attached attendance list 
- III. Approval of Agenda - Bill Murphy made motion to approve agenda, Paul Kamen 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Paul Kamen Made motion to approve the minutes from the March 6th, 2008 YRA Board meeting, with an amendment to the Buoy Discussion minutes. Bill Murphy 2nd, Motion passes unanimously
 - a. March 6th 2008 Meeting Minutes, amended 
- V. Chairman’s Introduction – Pat Broderick welcomed everyone to the meeting. As per usual he will make most of his comments at the end of the meeting.
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Laura Paul gave the Executive Director’s Report. Overall it has been a very busy year and the YRA is seeing a bit of an increase in participation. See attached report for details.
 - a. 2nd Quarter Exec. Director’s report 
- VII. Treasurer’s Report – Bobbi Tosse gave the Treasurer’s report. The current financials are based on 91% of our revenue being received for the year. It is still a little early to say for sure, but things appear to going well. We are on budget with our expenses and revenue is slightly ahead of budget.
 - a. YRA Financials through April 30th 2008, 
- VIII. Secretary’s Report – Ed Durbin – no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison – George Ellison gave the HDA report. Things are going along basically well, there has been some feedback that the fleet would like longer races. George Ellison talked about the possibility of setting up a “yahoo groups” type email account, and using it to solicit feedback from the sailors. Laura Paul will look into using Google Groups or Yahoo Groups and will send an email out to HDA asking if they would be interested in using such service.

- b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill Murphy gave the ODCA report. ODCA is down quite a bit in participation. They lost 7 boats between the Islander 36 fleet and the Olson 25's. The SF180 fleet actually gained 2 boats. Bill Murphy talked about the starting order for the races and the starting sequence verbiage will be amended so that it is clearer.
- c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – No report at this time
- d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don Wilson gave the WBRA report. The season got off to a slow organizational start but it has worked out. The Knarr's don't have as many boats competing this year and no one is entirely sure why. The Folkboats will be sailing with the ODCA on the August 9th race. Don Wilson will coordinate with Bill Murphy before the race to make sure that the Folkboats and the ODCA are on the same page. Pat Broderick mentioned that the WBRA sends out Race Committee guidelines before the race and that perhaps the HDA/ODCA should adopt the same format.

X. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Very quiet so far this year, possibly may have 2 appeals coming in.
- b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Bill Gage was not present but gave Pat Broderick a report over the phone the previous night. Bill Gage feels that Yellowbluff is indispensable and must be replaced. He also feels that the SI's should be amended so that Yellowbluff is described as a temporary mark until it is replaced. A delegates meeting is scheduled for June 12th and we will discuss Yellowbluff then. Sausalito YC and Corinthian YC have been able to change their courses so that they don't use it.
- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow - Doug Storkovich was not present but sent in a report through email. Fort Mason buoy has gone off station and a temporary mark will be set. All the City Front marks will be replaced with foam buoys as soon as the StFYC buoys come in. Setting the buoys at the same time will help limit the costs to the YRA. The \$250 Taylor buoys are acceptable for use by the USCG.
- d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – Tom Roberts couldn't make it but he did call Pat Broderick and give his report over the phone. There are 3 championships events on the Bay this year. Tom Roberts would like to see the Area G clubs get involved in the ladder events that lead up to a National event. These events are good practice for the clubs and will be discussed at the Delegates meeting.
- e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant
- f. Courses & Scheduling – Doug McVae
- g. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – The 2009 budget will need to include funds for a new laptop.

XI. New Business

- a. YRA Buoys – Paul Kamen made a motion that on the Olympic Circle we move BOC ½ mile West towards X into deeper water. Bobbi Tosse 2nd, motion passed unanimously.
- b. US Sailing Mandatory Membership for 2009. – A discussion was held regarding US Sailing and their possible new prescription that would require anyone holding a tiller to be a member of US Sailing, beer cans would not be exempted from the rule. No one on the board liked the idea of sailors being mandated to join a membership. The board felt that this would hamper the ability to grow the sport and would deter people from getting involved. Tom Roberts would like the board to vote on their feelings. The Board is against the proposal and is not in favor of any mandatory membership program. Paul Kamen made a motion that The YRA of San Francisco Bay is opposed to Mandatory US Sailing Membership.. George Ellison 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. We do encourage membership with US Sailing by offering a discount on our racing fees.

- c. George Ellison brought up insurance certificates again, there have been some incidents and it would be good if we could keep track of the insurance information. The board had a discussion regarding insurance and whether or not insurance should be a requirement for YRA racing. Perhaps the YRA should look into a limited liability insurance plan that would cover the racers for the season. George Ellison will work with Ed Durbin to look into the insurance options available.
 - d. George Ellison is planning on sending a letter to the PHRF committee talking to them about some of the changes they have made this year.
 - e. Dropping out of races, a discussion was held regarding the requirement to contact the race committee and let them know that they are dropping out. We will put this on the agenda for the next Board Meeting and discuss it over email in the meantime.
 - f. Bobbi Tosse asked that all future YRA BOD meetings be held at the YRA office. The board members present did not have a problem with this. The August BOD meeting will be at the YRA office.
- XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat Broderick thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for their all their work.
- XIII. Adjournment – Bobbi Tosse made a motion to adjourn meeting George Ellison 2nd, unanimous passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm



- Board Action Required



- Attachment pending



- Attachment included

Please call the office if you have any questions!