



Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

Quarters 35S, Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

Phone: 415.771.9500
Fax: 415.276.2378
Email: info@yra.org
Web: www.yra.org

Thursday August 14, 2008 – Agenda Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA OFFICE

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. Roll Call – See Attached attendance sheet
- III. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve agenda made by Gerry Brown. 2nd by Richard Calabrese. Motion passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve minutes of 6/5/08 meeting made by Bill Murphy, 2nd by Gerry Brown, Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chairman’s Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat gave his opening remarks. We are now over half-way through the season and we need to make sure that the remaining races go well. It’s time to start looking forward to next year, and make sure that we do what can be done to keep our increased participation up for next year. We need to review what we have done well and what we can still improve upon. Pat especially urged people to go out and recruit new people to participate on the YRA board. Pat briefly talked about the year-end trophy party
- VI. Executive Director’s Report – Laura Paul - see attached report
- VII. Treasurer’s Report – Bobbi Tosse - Bobbi Tosse gave her Treasurer’s Report. The clubs still need to be billed so at this point we have received 98% of our income for the year. We are doing very well this year. Perhaps the PHRF committee should look into charging a higher fee for new boats that need to have a base rating established
- VIII. Secretary’s Report – Ed Durbin – no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison – George gave the HDA report. He said that they were over half way through the season and there have been some problems. George talked about the 2nd half opener and the combining of starts that occurred. George gave some suggestions for perhaps making some changes to the Sailing instructions that would allow for more flexibility in the starting sequence. One suggestion was to create a starting sequence that had breaks built in so that every fourth fleet or so would have a fixed time. Basically an “earliest start time” for a group of fleets. A discussion was held about the possible solutions to fixing the SI’s so that this won’t happen again. Some of the Board members felt that George’s solution might be confusing for the racers and would lock the race committee’s into an inflexible starting sequence. Pat Broderick talked about the Season

Closer and the Sunday pursuit race and the plan to start the boats similar to how they do the Great Pumpkin and the 3 bridge fiasco. This will be something entirely new for YRA. The Sailing Instructions are still a work in progress, Pat will keep everyone informed on the progress. George also talked about the Richmond Long race and the wind conditions, courses, etc. Overall it was not a good course and there were several holes where the boats ended up dead in the water. A question was raised about whether boats who finish 30 minutes after the start of their fleet should be DNF. This was removed from the sailing instructions for the HDA/ODCA Spring/Fall series.

- b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill Murphy will give his report via email, he is still working on his numbers.
 - c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – Richard gave his OYRA report. For the 2nd half of the season there are several boats that are not racing due to the Pac Cup. OYRA is already working on their SI's for next year. They now have an OYRA representative on the race deck for all their races.
 - d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don gave the WBRA report. The Folkboat fleet is doing very well. They had over 60 boats at the gold cup, 3 were sent from the bay area. The IC fleet is also doing well. The Knarrs had a scheduling issue at the beginning of the year but they are quite active this year. The Folkboats joined ODCA for one race, and were very appreciative that they were allowed to join in and wouldn't mind doing it again.
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – No report at this time, there have been no appeals.
 - b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Bill gave his report via email. He is looking for a club to host a seminar in the fall. Bobbi Tosse said that Berkeley Yacht Club may be interested.
 - c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow – the City Front Buoy project is complete, we are just waiting on the bill from Black Water diving. The next step is to work on the Circle Buoys.
 - d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – No report at this time.
 - e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant – Pat Broderick mentioned that the SYC has hosted a championship event and he would like to see other clubs host some ladder events. They are good practice for large events.
 - f. Courses & Scheduling – Doug McVae – Pat Broderick read an email from Doug McVae. He feels that the Courses and Scheduling committee should go away since there isn't much for that committee person to do. Scheduling and Courses has evolved to become part of the charter associations job. Pat is going to ask Doug to stay on the Board as a Member at Large.
 - g. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – No report at this time.
- XI. New Business
- a. Single Race Fees/One-Time Membership/By-Laws.
 - b. YRA By-Laws – Pat discussed the ongoing Bylaws project. Laura and Pat spent an afternoon going through the bylaws and identifying articles they felt needed addressed. A hand-out was given with the results (see attached). The Board went through the item list. Pat stressed that these were items to think about and no action needed to be taken tonight.
- XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat mentioned that the buoys at Yellowbluff and Fort Mason have changed from yellow spheres to foam buoys. A revision to the Description of Marks will be posted on the YRA website. The Board should remind their clubs of these changes.
- XIII. Adjournment – Richard made motion to adjourn. Bobbi 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm