




# Yacht Racing Association of San Francisco Bay

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## Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – Agenda Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – Oakland Yacht Club, Regatta Room (Alameda)

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm
- II. Roll Call – see attached
- III. Approval of Agenda – Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted, Nick Salvador 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes 
  - a. August 2010 Meeting - Bobbi Tosse made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chairman's Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting. He does not have any formal remarks prepared for tonight's meeting. This meeting marks the end of his term as Chairman and the end of a long YRA season that had mixed results. There were some good points and low points. Pat wanted to especially thank Laura for steering the office move from San Francisco to Alameda.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – Laura Paul - See attached
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse – See Attached. Bobbi went through the 2011 Budget and the 2010 year to date financials. We ended up not meeting our projections for race entries, so didn't meet our revenue for 2010. We did manage to control expenses, however we are still going to take a \$5000 hit this year. The good news is that for 2011 we should manage to break even. Gerry Brown made a motion to approve the Budget, Bill Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Secretary's Report – Ed Durbin – no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
  - a. HDA – George Ellison - Gerry spoke on behalf of HDA, since George was unable to attend. There is no report at this time.
  - b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill gave the ODCA report. The Islander 36 class was the only fleet that fully qualified in 2010. The Islander's had an increase in sign-ups and managed to get 6 or 7 boats on the line for each race. The Alerion's are contemplating coming back to ODCA, but nothing has been confirmed yet. Some of the fleets would like to see more weekend Regatta's and less one day races. It may be something that seriously needs to be looked at for the 2012 season. A long discussion was held on the 2011 season and what to do to increase participation and make YRA racing better. The Board decided that the PC Series should no longer be an overall season championship. It should be comprised of 3 individual regattas, with different division splits for each weekend. There will be an overall winner for each Regatta- for Multihulls, One-Design, PHRF &

Sportboat, based on corrected time, as well as a division winner for each regatta. Paul Kamen made a motion to adopt the new PC series structure. Bobbi Tosse 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion passed unanimously. Laura will write up the new PC Series criteria and circulate it around the board tomorrow. They will then make any comments quickly so that the new PC Series can be promoted and distributed to the membership.

- c. OYRA – Andy Newell – Andy gave the OYRA Report. The Board has been very active this year and is making many changes for the 2011 season. The new Minimum Equipment list is done and posted on the website. They have taken the OYRA schedule down to 9 races and created a series within a series out of 4 races. These 4 races will have a later start, and earlier start time and are designed for people that want to get their feet wet with ocean racing but not to commit to the whole season. They are also going to have a mandatory skippers meeting before the first race. The skipper himself doesn't need to attend but at least one of the crew.
  - d. WBRA – Don Wilson/Bob Thalman – Don gave the WBRA report. Overall the WBRA is healthy. Their season has always been a hybrid of WBRA races and special event regatta's. Next year the summer classic and Woodies invitational will be the only additional races added to the WBRA races, although it totals 21 counters. The schedule has been widely distributed for about 3 weeks now and there has been limited feedback which is good. The biggest problem facing the Woodies right now is the west basin renovation. The Woodies are losing their slip space and currently don't have anywhere to go.
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen- Paul gave the Appeals committee report. There has been quite a bit of activity of late. So far they have 5 appeals on record for 2010.
    - i. 2009 Vallejo Protest – In 2009 there was a serious collision prior to the preparatory flag for their division. A protest was filed but no one showed up for the protest hearing, so no decision was made on the protest by the Protest Committee. An appeal was filed with the AAC, which was subsequently appealed to US Sailing. The AAC directed the Vallejo YC to hold another hearing but the Vallejo YC declined, believing they had fulfilled their duties. The AAC then discovered that the YRA is actually the organizing authority for the regatta and therefore is responsible for hearing the protest. A new protest committee has been convened and will be hearing the protest shortly. Starting in 2011, the YRA will have a standing Protest committee that will hear any and all protests that come out of YRA races and we will no longer pass the protests back to the hosting club, unless the club wants to hold the protest. Gerry suggested that we add a standing protest committee chair to the YRA Board of Directors and overall the Board agreed that it would be a good idea. The chair wouldn't need to attend the meetings, they could submit reports via email.
  - b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Bill was unable to attend, but submitted an email report letting everyone know that a seminar is being held sometime in mid-January. Bill will let YRA know when the details are set.
  - c. Buoys – Nick Salvador – Nick gave the Buoy report. He recently took a tour of the bay and accounted for all Buoys. E is currently off station and Nick's recommendation is that we purchase a new buoy and not put it back in until after the winter storms. Berkeley YC is the only club that uses the circle buoys at this point. The circle buoys cost up to \$2800 each to set, after the buoy is purchased. They are very expensive and with the limited budget of YRA it may really be time to get out of the buoy business. A discussion was held on getting sponsorships for buoys and if there are ways to get around the

sponsorship rules, such as naming the buoy in the Description of Marks rather than directly on the buoy.

- d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts – no report at this time
- e. Championship Events Committee – Vacant
- f. Computer Programs Committee – George Gurrola – no report at this time

XI. New Business

- a. 2011 Budget – taken care of previously in the Treasurer's report.
- b. 2011 Executive Committee/Nominate new Chairman of the Board – Pat has stayed on for an extra term now and he is ready to step down. Someone from the Board of Directors has to take over as the new Chairman. The job of Chairman has become quite simplified with the technology now available. He communicates with Laura a couple of times of week and makes periodic visits to the office throughout the year. Other than that there isn't much to do. A couple of suggestions have been made that we look outside the Board for a new Chairman however that position really needs to be filled by someone who has sat on the Board and is aware of what the YRA is struggling with. Gerry Brown said he would be willing to serve as the next YRA Chairman. Bill Murphy made a motion to nominate Gerry as the new YRA Chairman, Bobbi Tosse 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Ed Durbin's term is also up as Secretary. Bob Naber would like a chance to serve as secretary. Nick made a motion to nominate Bob Naber as Secretary. Bill Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Andy made a motion to nominate Bobbi Tosse as the Treasurer, Nick Salvador 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. The new slate of officers for 2011 to be presented to the Delegates will be Gerry Brown, YRA Chairman, Bobbi Tosse-Treasurer, Bob Naber- Secretary. There will be 2 open Director at Large positions as well.
- c. 2011 Master Calendar Publication Updates – covered in Executive Directors report
- d. Annual Delegates Meeting – Laura reminded the Board that the Delegates meeting is next Thursday at the Golden Gate YC, 7pm.
- e. 2010 Trophy Party - Pat asked the Board to be available to help set up the party at the Berkeley Yacht Club. Laura will send out a reminder to the Board the week of the Party.

XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat thank everyone for their support during his term as Chairman and thanked everyone for their work at tonight's meeting.

XIII. Adjournment – Bobbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gerry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm