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Thursday November 11, 2008 – Minutes Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm – YRA OFFICE

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm
- II. Roll Call – See Attached
- III. Approval of Agenda - Bobbi Tosse made motion to approve minutes, Bill Murphy 2nd, motion passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Minutes  Gerry Brown made motion to approve minutes, Bobbi Tosse 2nd. Motion passed (Paul Kamen abstained, not present at the August Meeting)
- V. Chairman's Introduction – Pat Broderick – Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting. The season seemed to go off well. The final weekend of the Party Circuit was a success. CYC was very happy with how things went and the racers all seemed to like it. The Champion of Champions was a little lean on boats, but the racers enjoyed themselves. Pat is pleased with the financial report and it seems like we are doing ok. The awards ceremony coming up should be well received. Peter Lyons will be the guest speaker and will give a talk about racing photography and will give a slide show. We will follow the same format as last year where the charter associations will split up and award their championships. Pat moved on to talking about the 2009 season. Pat is concerned about the economy and the effect it may have on our association. We need to work especially hard to get people out sailing and signing up for the YRA.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – Laura Paul, see attached
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse - Bobbi gave the treasurer's report. She wrote off the buoys, which shows as a \$7000 expense. On the income side we are about \$7000 ahead of projected revenue. Bobbi Presented the 2009 Budget. Gerry Brown made motion to accept the Budget, Bill Murphy 2nd, Motion passed.
- VIII. Secretary's Report – Ed Durbin, no report at this time
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. HDA – George Ellison - Total number of boats signed up for the season is 49, up 1 from last year. This includes 22 boats in Fleet G, up 4 from last year, 8 boats in Fleet D (SF 30) down 1 from last year, and 19 boats in Fleet K, down 2 from last year.

The number of boats on the line increased from an average of 21.6 boats in 2007 to an average of 23.3 in 2008 (45% participation in 2007, 48% in 2008). (G fleet and SF30 were down slightly and K fleet was up to 48% in 2008 from 31% in 2007).

As related to the percent of registered racers who actually started, the South Bay (Alameda side) was most popular this year with 62% participation (Including 3 single racers), followed by the City Front at 51%, Richmond Long/Southampton Shoals @ 47% (could change next year unless we get more wind...lots of DNF), Knox-Bonita @ 43% (see note for Richmond long), Berkeley Circle at 42% and Knox at 37%. Note that the South Bay race was Summer Sailstice which improved the draw.

Thoughts for next year:

- i. George felt the combination of HDA and ODCA worked out very well, and should be continued.
 - ii. HDA has a surplus, but spent more than it took in. George recommends increasing the HDA (& probably the ODCA) dues to at least \$15/boat, and even better, \$20-\$25/boat, although you might want to phase a large increase in over a couple years. This would allow some \$\$\$ for No. 3 below. George doubts the extra \$10-\$15/year would reduce participation.
 - iii. Promotion: George noted that OYRA and ODCA had charges to Lat. 38 for ads. Should all Charter Groups be doing this? Is it less expensive to do it as a group?
 - iv. George proposed that HDA do two, two race days races next year with the ODCA fleets. Probably one in the spring season and one in the fall, possibly Knox and South Bay.
 - v. George would like to see a move for the start/finish for Richmond Long from YRA 19 to a movable mark that can be placed outside the Wind shadow of Angel Island or Bluff Point. Move S/F for Richmond Long back to G.
- b. ODCA – Bill Murphy – Bill gave the ODCA Report. They only had 40 boats qualify. The Express 37's stayed the same, the Santana 22's had one less boat qualify. The Islander 36's only had 5 boats qualify. The Olson's went down to 4 boats. The Merit 25's might be a fleet that can come into the ODCA fold. It's hard to entice new boats into YRA so we need to think about how to get some of the older fleets into YRA. The blended fleets, like the SF180's seem to be doing well. We should look at the PHRF listings and see what groups we can perhaps form. We also need to promote the idea that ODCA racing has changed and is no longer long course bay tours but is doing W/L drop mark courses. Maybe bringing back the 99ers is an option as well.
 - c. OYRA – Richard Calabrese – Richard was not present, no report at this time
 - d. WBRA – Don Wilson – Don not present, he submitted a report via email. WBRA is currently working on their 2009 Calendar
- X. Standing Committee Reports
- a. Appeals Committee – Paul Kamen – Paul gave his report. They have one active appeal right now that came out of Big Boat Series. This is the 2nd appeal of the year.
 - b. Race Management Committee – Bill Gage – Bill gave his report. Bill will be speaking at the upcoming Delegates meeting, discussing the USSA rule changes that are coming in 2009. There is a Race Management seminar being held this weekend at Oakland YC. At the moment there are only 7 participants, so it may not be held. There is another seminar on January 31 at SFYC and February 28th/March 1 is the advanced seminar at St. Francis. RYC will be doing a rules update seminar on 1/8. North U is doing a rules seminar at CYC on 1/10.

- c. Buoys – Doug Storkovich/Jim Snow – Buoy plan: Put EOC back on Station. Replace XOC with Yellowbluff. Use XOC for BOC. Move BOC ½ mile closer to X. Make sure FOC is on station. We also need to talk to the diver about putting in a buoy at Yellowbluff that perhaps will only be there during the summer months. It would go in the water in May and pull it out in October.
 - d. US Sailing Committee – Tom Roberts - no report at this time
 - e. Championship Events Committee – no report at this time
 - f. Computer Programs Committee – no report at this time
- XI. New Business
- a. 2009 Season – Do we want to raise fees this year? ODCA is running ads- they need to be dropped. Move the budget item for the Vallejo Race from the Charter Associations to the YRA. Fees will not be raised for next year.
 - b. Party Circuit Association formation – Party Circuit is doing well and should stay under the direction of the Executive Committee for one more year and if it continues to do well it should become it's own association.
 - c. 2008 Trophy Party
 - d. Other new business – Ed Durbin requested that the new buoys have markings on 4 sides. Also, on the YRA Race Reports, is it possible for George to add something that can make the r1, r2, more understandable. Laura will talk to George about this and get the reports modified for 2009.
 - e. Paul Kamen would like to have a future discussion about the YRA possibly taking over some of the range marks south of the Richmond breakwater.
- XII. Chairman's closing statements – Pat gave his closing remarks, thanking everyone for coming and looking forward to another good year for the YRA.
- XIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm. Gerry Brown made motion to adjourn, Bill Murphy 2nd.



- Board Action Required



- Attachment pending



- Attachment included

Please call the office if you have any questions!