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YRA of SF Bay Board of Directors 4th Quarter Meeting Agenda Thursday November 7th, 2013, 7:00 pm Encinal Yacht Club

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm
- II. Roll Call – See Attached
- III. Approval of Agenda – Paul asked that an item be added regarding Appeals fees. Charles would like to discuss some of the standing committee reports. Gerry made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Brock 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes -
 - a. August 2013 Meeting - Bobbi made a motion to approve the minutes. Gerry 2nd. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- V. Chairman's Introduction – Charles Hodgkins. Charles welcomed everyone to the meeting. He feels that it's been a good year and is looking forward to continuing this path in 2014.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – Laura Munoz . See attached. A discussion was held on the calendar process and if YRA should charge for the service. Most of the clubs that participate in the calendar process are member clubs and pay dues each year, however there are some fleets and clubs that submit dates but aren't member clubs. The Board felt that these groups should pay a fee. Charles asked that a sub-committee be formed to discuss this issue further. Gerry Brown, Don Ahrens, John Clauser & Bobbi Tosse agreed to be part of this committee and will come back with recommendations.
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Bobbi Tosse – Bobbi presented the 2014 Budget. See Attached. She recommends that we moderately increase the racing fees by \$30. Don Ahrens mentioned that the Santana 22's would like to see a graduated fee structure based on boat size. The Board felt that topic requires further analysis and they can't make a decision about a major fee restructure at this meeting. They will however continue talking about the issue and will come up with recommendations for the 2015 fiscal year. Gerry made a motion to approve the budget as submitted. John Clauser 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Secretary's Report – Bob Naber – No report at this time.
- IX. Charter Association Reports
 - a. PHRF/OD/SB – Don Ahrens – Don gave the PHRF/OD/SB report. The PC season is set and there aren't any significant changes for 2014 other than the fact the Summer Sailstice race has been dropped due to lack of participation and a new race has been created that goes down to the Sequoia YC. It will be an experiment and we will see how the race goes and how the participation looks. Don then talked about the new Sport Boat division. We may need to change the definition of a Sport Boat for YRA races. There needs to be better terms for the new boats that are coming in to YRA races that race under the Portsmouth rule. We also don't want to alienate the boats that have been traditionally called Sport Boats under YRA racing. Don also brought up that these new Sport Boats that are racing under the Portsmouth rule may need crash boats for their races.
 - b. OYRA – Andy Newell – No report at this time. Charles spoke about the NorCalORC meeting and what has been going on with the group. The biggest news is that there may be a repeater going up on Sutro Tower if a grant that Chuck Hawley & Michael Moradzedah are applying for goes

through. Nancy DeMauro is also going to put on a Race Management Seminar at the EYC in the early part of 2014. She is also going to host several Race Committee dinners where race officers can get together to discuss race management issues. Don wanted to make sure that all race committees that run races for YRA are invited to these events.

- c. WBRA – Don Wilson/Bob Thalman – Don gave the WBRA report. The WBRA schedule is more or less confirmed for 2014. The Alerion Express 28 fleet has asked to join the WBRA fleet, however the WBRA has not yet made a decision on allowing them to join.
- d. IRC – Gerard Sheridan – See Attached.

X. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Appeals Committee –John Christman/Paul Kamen – Paul gave the Appeals committee report. They have had 3 appeals this year. All have been settled. Paul then brought up that the fact that the YRA Standing Sailing Instructions require a fee to appeal if you are appealing a protest from a YRA event. The Appeals committee would like that fee to be charged across the board. They would also like to review sailing instructions before they go to print to check for outdated language or rules. Laura will send Paul all the 2013 sailing instructions so the committee can begin to review. John brought up that he would like to see the trash rule added to the Standing Sailing Instructions. Laura will pull that verbiage from the Champion’s Cup sailing instructions and add it to the Standing Sailing Instructions as well as the sailing instructions for the individual races.
- b. Race Management Committee – Nancy DeMauro – No report at this time.
- c. Buoys – Nick Salvador - No Report at this time.
- d. US Sailing Committee – Bartz Schneider – No report at this time.

XI. Open items from previous meeting

- a. Wind Limits on races – The question was raised if a race should be abandoned if the wind hits a certain level after the start. OYRA will not start a race if there is a gale warning at the start and the wind is over 35 knts. The board agreed that cancelling a race if there is a gale warning at the start is often a good idea. Berkeley already does this and it works well. The board did not feel that setting a wind limit for a race that is already in progress is not feasible. Don asked if wind limits should be put in the SI’s or the NOR. The board felt that any set wind limits for abandonment would definitely need to be in the sailing instructions however the board felt that the decision to cancel a race is really up to the individual race committees.

XII. New Business

- a. Calendar Procedure – Bob Thalman brought up the calendar meeting. In the past they would try to start the calendar process in July but most clubs hadn’t started working on their schedules yet. This year, an individual fleet submitted dates without going through a yacht club.
- b. Sport Boats – Sport Boats were discussed earlier, but the main issue is that a new definition needs to be created for the sport boats racing in YRA.
- c. Trophy Party – Scheduled for November 19th at Berkeley YC
- d. Delegates Meeting – Scheduled for November 21st at Island YC
 - i. Paul Kamen & Tom Reed up for re-election.

XIII. Chairman’s closing statements – Charles thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment – Gerry made a motion to adjourn. Tom 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm



- Board Action Required



- Attachment pending



- Attachment included

Please call the office if you have any questions!



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2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 4th Qtr Board Meeting Attendance

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* YRA Executive Committee

Executive Director Report
November 2013

Statistics

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
HDA Signups	76	45	51	39	31	23	25	28
ODCA Signups	76	54	56	47	26	30	17	15
OYRA	61	59	56	46	47	46	42	41
WBRA	51	49	50	54	55	58	52	53
Party Circuit	NA	64	114	127	116	125	108	121
<i>Total YRA "Racers"</i>	<i>264</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>282</i>	<i>244</i>	<i>258</i>
YRA Memberships	516	445	515	423	444	466	394	421
Single Race Entries	210	143	209	245	249	233	231	265
PHRF Certificates	761	602	792	760	702	681	608	602
PHRF Appeals	8	3	10	12	8	4	6	6

From the Office

The 2014 Calendar is 95% complete at this time. There are just a handful of clubs that have not submitted their calendars yet. I've got 887 events logged in so far. We normally end up with around 940 permitted events by the end of the racing season. The Latitude 38 publication is on track and will be issued right around the first of the year. I needed to postpone the calendar meeting since there weren't enough dates in. We are now going to hold it in conjunction with the Delegates meeting on Thursday November 21st.

The Trophy Party is confirmed at Berkeley Yacht Club and we have about 100 people registered to attend so far. Don Ahrens and I are putting together a power point presentation to show during the event. Eric Simonson is going to give us several photos he took over the course of the season to use in the slide show. The trophies and awards are all in the production phase and will be ready by the 19th. We had several champions order additional jackets this year to give their crew.

I met with Ray Irvine and we talked over some changes for next year. He created several new reports for me, and we talked about an update feature for the PC series that would allow us to determine who will actually be racing in a particular PC race. The process will be similar to what OYRA currently does before each race.

Status update on IRC racing - 2013.

We had three regattas under the IRC rule this year and all were run by St. Francis YC. They were Aldo Alessio, Swiftsure and Rolex BBS. The following results shows the level of participation in each.

Also Alessio	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper
1	Tupelo Honey	Elan 40	Gerard Sheridan
2	Hawkeye	IMX 38	Frank Morrow
3	Swiftsure II	Schumacher 54	Sy Kleinman
4	Madmen	J111	Dorian McKelvy
5	TNT	Trip 43	Brad Copper
6	Encore	Sydney 36 CR	Wayne Koide
7	Ohana	Beneteau 45f5	Steve Hocking
8	Whiplash	McConaghy 38	Donald Payan
9	Tai Kuai	IRC A	Daniel Thielman
2013 Phyllis Kleinman			
Swiftsure Regatta	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper
1	Tupelo Honey	Elan 40	Gerard Sheridan
2	Hawkeye	IMX 38	Frank Morrow
3	Encore	Sydney 36 CR	Wayne Koide
4	Swiftsure	Schumacher 54	Sy Kleinman
5	TNT	Tripp 43	Brad Copper
6	Whiplash	McConaghy 38	Donald Payan
7	Ohana	Beneteau45f5	Steve hocking
8	Bodacious+	1D48	John Clauser
2013 Rolex Big Boat Series			
IRC A	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper
1	Vesper	TP 52	Jim Swartz
2	Beecom	TP 52	Isao Mita
IRC B	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper
1	Swiftsure	Schumacher 54	Sy Kleinman
2	BustinLoose	Sydney 38	Jeff Pulford
3	Twisted	Farr 40	M. Tony Pohl
4	Bodacious+	1D 48	John Clauser
5	Recidivist	Schumacher 39	Cal Maritime Academy

IRC D	Boat Name	Boat Type	Skipper
1	Mirthmaker	A 35	Tad Lacey
2	Encore	Sydney 36 CR	Wayne Koide
3	Peregrine	J 120	David Halliwill
4	Hawkeye	IMX 38	Frank Morrow
5	Tupelo Honey	Elan 40	Gerard Sheridan
6	Inspired	Beneteau First	
	Environments	40.7	Megan Landeck

So while 8 and 9 participants for Aldo and Swiftsure was not too bad considering previous years, Rolex BBS was a disappointing turnout. Some of this can be attributed to the delay in the event due to the Americas Cup but it was disappointing nonetheless.

On October 10th, the St. Francis YC Executive Race Committee hosted a Rating Rules Summit meeting at the club. There was an expert panel consisting of Stan Honey and Bill Lee and the meeting was pretty much an open forum. The goal was to stimulate greater participation in keel boat racing on the Bay in general and bring back those who don't participate because they feel their boat rates poorly under IRC for example.

Rather than give you a blow-by-blow of the somewhat colorful meeting, the panel made a case that in general, IRC is not as rigorous a rating rule as other alternatives, specifically ORR. Both are measurement rules but the point was made that ORR was more objective in it's approach.

While no decision was made at the meeting, I'm confident that in 2014, ORR will be introduced by the St. Francis for at least the 2014 Rolex BBS and probably their other two signature big boat regattas also. If it starts to improve participation from owners of boats that feel they have an unfair disadvantage under IRC then I support this move. However, I'm hoping that a decision on this will be made sooner rather than later and that a number of educational seminars on ORR and group measurement days can be organized to quickly and economically have the fleet measured for ORR.

More on this in the coming weeks!

Gerard Sheridan