

## HRYRA Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2011

### Attending:

George Samalot, HRYRA President, PHRF Handicapper  
Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer  
Eric Baumes, HRYRA webmaster, Nyack Boat Club  
Mike Bergmann, Chelsea Yacht Club  
Mike Colucci, Chelsea Yacht Club  
Tom DiLauro, Hudson Cove Yacht Club  
John Edwards, Hudson Cove Yacht Club  
Peter Feroe, Shattemuc Yacht Club  
Jessie Fitzgerald, Minisceongo Yacht Club  
Peter Oden, HRYRA Rules and Appeals Chair, Shattemuc Yacht Club  
Ian Westergren, Kingston Sailing Club  
Jack Yates, Nyack Boat Club

The meeting convened at 7 p.m. at Samalot Marine Inc.

### Beacon Sloop Club Benefit Regatta to raise funds to restore the Ferry Sloop "Woody Guthrie"

George Samalot summarized the presentation given by John McLaughlin, of the Beacon Sloop Club, at the HRYRA "New Ideas" meeting (see HRYRA "New Ideas" minutes - attached) on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that HRYRA's involvement would be to promote the Regatta via e-mail to all HRYRA members and other interested Hudson River sailors. Chelsea Yacht Club has agreed to help the Beacon Sloop Club run a race / races. The date for the event has not been set.

### HRYRA Awards Brunch

It was decided that the 2011 HRYRA Series trophies will be presented at a Sunday brunch. January 15, 2012 is the date all agreed would be best. George will contact Chris at The Hudson Water Club at Haverstraw Marina to see if the event can be held there and what the cost would be. The info will be e-mailed to the Board for review.

### Race Management Seminar

George stated that Steve Purdy, US Sailing's Area B Race Officer and certified Race Management Instructor, has contacted HRYRA and would be available to do a Race Management Seminar in the January through Mid-May 2012 time frame. All agreed that would be an excellent idea. Eric thought Nyack might have a seminar already scheduled. He will check. If not, Peter Oden said that Shattemuc would almost certainly be willing to host. Peter Feroe feels that the quality of race management (courses, starting lines etc.) has gone down in the last 3 or 4 years. All agree that for HRYRA regattas special attention needs to be made to ensure the race committee is qualified. Clubs should encourage their members to attend the Race Management Seminar. Eric says he runs the HRYRA Nyack Regatta. He is in constant contact with

the race committee including spending at least ½ hour before the racing begins discussing “what he wants” them to do.

### Pay for PHRF Certificates online

The Board agrees that HRYRA should set up so member can pay for their PHRF certificates online. Eric says PayPal would be the way to do this. Cc will find out if HRYRA can set up an account and if so, how to do it. (*I did this and “yes” we can set up an account, link it to our Chase checking*) PayPal would charge 2.9% plus a 30 cent per transaction fee. It would be about \$1 per certificate. Cc will report to Eric and Peter Oden (*done*). Eric said he could probably set up the online payment on the HRYRA site in March. Eric will also work on setting up “revalidation” of current PHRF certificates online. This means that if there are no changes to the previous year’s PHRF certificate, the skipper can attest to that by signing a form, pay the \$25 PHRF certificate fee, and his certificate is “revalidated” for current year....no need to fill out a new PHRF certificate.

### HRYRA Survey

Peter Feroe used Google to create a survey (attached) to send to the HRYRA membership. The results will be put into a spreadsheet by Google. Some thought more detailed questions on individual regattas might be helpful. Peter Oden cautioned that results will group answers from experienced as well as total novice sailors. Peter Feroe asked for comments and suggestions on how to “tweak” the survey. Send them to Peter at [pferoe@gmail.com](mailto:pferoe@gmail.com)

### Junior Program at Minisceongo Yacht Club

George restates the great job done by Jessie Fitzgerald (see HRYRA “New Ideas” minutes). George also commends Nyack Boat Club for.....

- generously donating two Optimist Dinghies to the Minisceongo Junior Program.
- Offering 20+ of their members to help Chelsea Yacht Club cleanup and rebuild Chelsea’s clubhouse after Hurricane Irene.

The Chelsea Clubhouse is hoping to open up in April.

### Alternative Penalties

Discussion of penalty turns vs. 20% penalty in the HRYRA PHRF fleet. George restates why turns are not a fair penalty in a PHRF fleet with widely differing boat size and maneuverability. Peter Oden says the 20% penalty has been used by HRYRA for a very long time. The Board voted to leave the 20% penalty in place. All agreed that we need to do more to “spread the word” to all racers that the 20% penalty is the rule in HRYRA. Racers need to be encouraged to read the instructions. Peter Oden will rename the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions to read 2012 HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions to avoid confusion.

### PHRF Division Splits

George says that because there is such a wide spread of PHRF handicaps in the spinnaker division, that the spinnaker boats should be divided into 3 fleets. Cc restates the number of boats in various PHRF spreads (see HRYRA “New Ideas” minutes). The

Board votes to adopt the following PHRF Division splits for 2012 and name the fleets #1, #2, #3, and #4.....

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>PHRF spread</u>	<u>Streamer color</u>
#1	0 – 121	blue
#2	122 – 160	orange
#3	161 – and higher	green
#4	non-spinnaker	white

Clubs will need to get numerical flags for the Fleet Class flags. As before, Race Committees are allowed to combine fleet starts if there are not enough boats in each fleet. Trophies for the season will be given in each fleet...#1, #2, #3, and #4.

### 2012 HRYRA Schedule

Kingston Sailing Club	June 2 – 3, 2012
Chelsea Yacht Club	June 9 – 10, 2012
Hudson Cove Yacht Club	June 16 – 17, 2012
Shattemuc Yacht Club	September 8-9, 2012
Minisceongo Yacht Club	September 22 – 23, 2012
Nyack Boat Club	September 29 – 30, 2012

A Women’s regatta series consisting of 2 one day races will be scheduled. The idea was one race day in late June / early July and one in late August. Dates have not been set.

### Leukemia Cup Regatta

The Board discussed having a HRYRA Leukemia Cup Regatta (LCR) in 2012. Mike Bergmann reported that the fact that the LCR was so successful might be a reason to run the regatta in the same manner in the future. George reported that the Mr. Oliver Wade, of the LLS (Leukemia and Lymphoma Society) thought HRYRA did a great job, raising a lot more money than the goal. Mr. Wade suggested that in the future LCR regattas on the Hudson River might be best run using two individual clubs who would set up and run the regatta, rather than HRYRA. The Board discussion then centered on whether or not to have the LCR hosted by two member clubs. One advantage seemed to be that this would offer a more streamlined lined committee to organize the details as Mr. Wade suggested. He also thought that 2 individual host clubs would be more easily coordinated. HRYRA would support and promote the regatta as they do member clubs events. All agreed that the bulk of work in the 2011 Leukemia Cup was done by Hudson Cove Yacht Club and Nyack Boat Club. John Edwards said that Hudson Cove would like to “share the wealth” and that Hudson Cove would be happy to help in 2012 but didn’t want to host the regatta. Jessie Fitzgerald said Minisceongo would be very interested in hosting the regatta at their club. She said the outdoor Pavilion at Minisceongo would work well for the after race party. The HRYRA Board voted that HRYRA, as an entity, not be directly involved in a 2012

Leukemia Cup. All agreed that a Leukemia Cup in 2012, run by individual HRYRA member clubs would be good.

HRYRA President

George asks if anyone wants to be president. All strongly encouraged George to stay on.

HRYRA joining YRALIS

George explains that HRYRA can join YRALIS as a club. The general consensus was "yes". HRYRA has been using YRALIS PHRF info since the beginning of HRYRA. This would be a way to "legitimize" HRYRA. George thinks the cost is around \$150 a year. He will confirm and Cc will e-mail the Board for a confirmation vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cc Dwyer, CPYB  
HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer