

## HRYRA "New Ideas" Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2011

### Attending:

George Samalot, HRYRA President, PHRF Handicapper  
Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer  
Terry Baldwin, Kingston Sailing Club  
Mike Bergmann, Chelsea Yacht Club  
Mike Colucci, Chelsea Yacht Club  
John Edwards, Hudson Cove Yacht Club  
Rick Feldman, Nyack Boat Club  
Peter Feroe, Shattemuc Yacht Club  
Jessie Fitzgerald, Minisceongo Yacht Club  
Sharon Herring, Chelsea Yacht Club  
John McLaughlin, Beacon Sloop Club  
John Nonenmacher, Haverstraw Bay Racing Association  
Bob Tamagny, Minisceongo Yacht Club  
Ian Westergren, Kingston Sailing Club  
David Wightman, Kingston Sailing Club  
Jack Yates, Nyack Boat Club

The meeting convened at 7 p.m.

### Presentation by John McLaughlin of Beacon Sloop Club

John requested that HRYRA have "a sanctioned regatta to raise funds to assist in the restoration of the Ferry Sloop *Woody Guthrie*". The mission statement and proposal are attached.

George questioned the repair costs (\$160K - \$200K).

Rick wanted to know how the Beacon Sloop Club was organized to use the money....what is the program?

Terry stated that a regatta itself would not raise money, it was an attention getter and sponsors, online solicitations etc. would be needed.

Peter wanted to know what HRYRA's role would be as opposed to an individual club taking on the regatta.

Sharon says that Chelsea would agree to manage the racing only in Newburgh Bay. The clubhouse is unusable because of damage from Hurricane Irene.

George asks John McLaughlin to give HRYRA possible dates as soon as possible..

The consensus was that the *Woody Guthrie* benefit idea should be brought up before the HRYRA Board at the next meeting.

### Presentation by Jessie Fitzgerald on creation of MYC Junior Sailing Program

Jessie started a Junior Program at Minisceongo. The kids met once a week from 5:30 to 8:30. It was run entirely by volunteers. The kids used lasers with 2 kids to a boat. 10 kids participated with 16 others turned away for lack of boats. Jessie supplied her own books for the kids.

Bob said the goal was to make sailing fun for the kids. He said Jessie certainly did that beautifully and all were very proud of her. Bob said that the people involved are trying to "grow" the program by putting money in the budget to buy Optimist dinghies.

He said they were encountering resistance on how to put the money in the budget but that he was going to fight hard because it was the future of sailing.

Rick Feldman, who runs the Junior Program at Nyack Boat Club, said he would give Minisceongo's Junior Program 2 opti's. Everyone thought this was FANTASTIC!

Sharon said that Chelsea has similar resistance to spending unless members have kids, or grandkids involved. The solution she said was for resistant members to see the kids having such a great time.

Peter said that Shattemuc Sailing Academy makes money and that it's called an academy because it's educational.

Jessie said MYC does not charge because it would change there insurance requirements. She wants to work to make the program grow. Peter and Rick have ideas to help. It was suggested that US Sailing has excellent development programs.

Bob asks people to keep an eye out for available opti's and let him know. Mike C. says all big sailing schools replace their boats every two years. He suggests contacting Kings Point, SUNY Maritime etc.

### PHRF Divisions

George says HRYRA issued 138 certificates in 2011. He suggested 3 spinnaker divisions. Ideally, PHRF would have a spread of not more than a 25 points. George does not think fleets should be set by number of boats.

Cc gives PHRF spread info.....

#### A Fleet

19 boats raced with a total PHRF spread of 84 to 141

0 - 100 = 6 boats

100 - 120 = 2 boats

120 - 130 = 4 boats

130 - 150 = 7 boats

#### B Fleet

15 boats raced with a total PHRF spread of 153 to 222

153 - 159 = 3 boats

160 - 180 = 6 boats

180 - 222 = 6 boats

Consensus is that B-fleet is in trouble. Mike B. wants to look at last 5 years results. Cc and Terry disagree, saying look now.

John N. set HBRA's fleets in 2011 by looking at the "racers" and the "cruisers" (who would have water in their tanks, canvas etc.) and by experience. Consensus of HBRA racers at the meeting was that the racing was much more fun in 2011.

Other thoughts were to divide "fast maneuverable boats" and "heavier less maneuverable boats". George notes that the big fast (A) boat's skippers have improved so now the smaller (A) boats can't complete....it's the physics of waterline length.

George says Will Gordon and Peter Oden are looking at the results and will gave feedback re changing the splits.

John N. suggests a 30' and under 6,000 lbs. division.

Cc suggests a 130 to 160 spinnaker PHRF fleet (10 boats).

If 3 spinnaker fleets are created, clubs will be allowed to start 2 or more divisions together if there are not enough boats to start separately.

### North / South Series

Consensus was no. One day regattas? No, because it's too far to travel for one day.

Mike C. suggested starting earlier in the year so there are less "back to back" regattas. Some say most boats are not launched by then. Consensus from the northern clubs was that "back to back" regattas were good so boats could stay "down river".

### Women's Skipper Series

Jessie suggests a Women's series in addition to the Women's Challenge Cup. George and Cc says it's so hard to get participants.

Cc suggests maybe doing it in small boats. Jessie will come to the Board Meeting to discuss the idea.

### Online Survey

Peter will create an online survey to see what sailors want. He will bring the survey to the Board meeting.

Mike C. will send ideas to Peter.

A distance race and overnight race question will be included in the survey.

### Alternate Penalties

Sharon wants penalty turns instead of the 20% scoring penalty. Many explain that penalty turn/turns are not an equal punishment when the boats are of such varied sizes. They also say the "scoring penalty" is in the HRYRA Common Sailing Instructions.

George says this possible change will be discussed at the Board Meeting.

### HRERA Dinner

John N. said the HBRA Awards dinner will again be at Madeleine's Petit Paris on December 14<sup>th</sup>. HRYRA traditionally does their awards at the same dinner. Cc, Terry and some others would have liked the awards at a more central location like Bear Mountain or The Water Club at Haverstraw Marina. John N. said Bear Mountain was tried but was not sure the renovations would be completed in time for a December dinner. The idea of a separate Sunday HRYRA Awards brunch is being considered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer