

We will have 2 HRYRA board meetings per year and they will be scheduled on the calendar. The days will be :

1st Tuesday in April (pre season)

2nd Tuesday in November (post season)

Regatta dates 2014 :

May 31-June 1 Kingston Sailing Club

June 7-8 Chelsea Open

June 21-22 HCYC

Sept 6-7 SYC

Sept. 20-12 MYC

Sept. 27-28 NBC

A fall newsletter will be sent out via email and website to all HRYRA members in the next few weeks with season recaps, photos and 2014 dates

2103 final results will be done and awards will be ordered

Awards brunch is tentatively scheduled for Sunday Jan. 12th at the Hudson Water Club in Haverstraw. We are inviting the HBYRA as well for a mass awards brunch..we will also be inviting the Laser sailors and winners to this event. HRYRA will purchase trophies for the HRYRA Laser series winners. There will also be photos from 2014 displayed at this event....

Looking for a new 2014 scorekeeper for HRYRA. We have agreed to standardize our scoring systems so that all clubs use Sailwave. Regatta score keepers then would just need to add the races to the HRYRA series.....training / problem solving will be provided

Handicap splits 2014 : same...no changes as of now but we will revisit at April meeting

HRYPAR would like to see the directors of all the JR. Sailing programs get together and discuss a regatta series between the 4 clubs during the Jr. sailing season. Sailed in 420's and optis...each club could host a weekday regatta....I would love to make this happen this summer...

Jr. big boat day. HRYRA would love to hold a weekend in Aug. for a 2 day event. On Saturday the HRYRA woman's day regatta and on Sunday, the HRYRA Jr. bigboat (keel boat) regatta where Owners (or owner's reps) have a team of Jr.s race their boats.....more discussion in April.

I will obtain a guest speaker to give a presentation sometime in late winter/early spring (we have had Dave Perry and Garry Jobson in the past) I am leaning towards obtaining Dave Perry again.

Hryra BY-LAWS...STILL BEING WORKED ON.

HRERA will not search for a permanent PRO to run all of the HRERA regattas, but it was brought up that any club which would like to have a professional RC Charmain can do so by asking US Sailing , which would provide a qualified PRO to run any regatta....good suggestion. We would love to see quality race management from all clubs and although we know that everybody is a volunteer we still strive for the highest quality....

Common sailing instructions will be changed minimally. : changes to the time limit for races will be from 3 hrs. (currently) to 2 hrs. and the time to finish after a boat iun your fleet finishes will change from 1.5 hrs. to 45 min.

The wording for penalties will be cleaned up as much as possible to make it less confusing. HRERA will still have the 20% scoring penalty for a rules infraction of part 2 in the RRS and a 1 turn penalty for rule 31 (touching a mark)

There will be NO On The Water changes to the Sailing Instructions . All changes MUST be done prior to leaving the dock and the Skippers meeting

Racers need to have a yellow flag (to fly off the backstay)to accept the 20% scoring penalty and must let the RC know that they taking the penalty after finishing.

As an aside, we also discussed Arbitration...and in order for a club to allow arbitration, there must be a qualified person at each regatta. If there is not a qualified Arbitrator at a particular regatta, then it must be stated in the SI's that there will be no arbitration.....

Respectfully,

Mike Colucci