

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

## **SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS SAILING**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 1845 by Peter Johns. Introductions by all present.

PRESENT: Peter Johns, Wianno YC, Tim Bryan, Edgartown YC, Richard Watson, Wild Harbor YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC, Sarah Wilsterman, Stage Harbor YC, Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC, Doug Calnan, Scituate Harbor YC, Joel Hanneman, Beverly YC, Nick Pierson, Cotuit-Mosquito YC, Rob Hurd, Tabor Academy, Gary Doodlesach, Falmouth YC, Matt Wake, Sturgis Boat Works, Rob Knecht DBMS.

Motion to accept minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting accepted and so moved.

TREASURER REPORT – Copy of report distributed to all present. Discussion followed with review of line items. The question was raised as to the value of membership to NEYRC at annual cost of \$1250. Members questioned if it was necessary for SM Sailing to continue membership and also questioned what would be lost if membership was not renewed. NEYRC is comprised of four local sailing organizations representing Area A in US Sailing. Peter to follow-up with discussion with Presidents of the three other local organizations and share the sentiment of SM Sailing membership in that there is no apparent value to continuing membership to NEYRC. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report accepted and so moved. Noted the only assets of SM Sailing are a computer, a bank account and piece of NEYRC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Members: Tim Bryan  
Doug Calnan  
Chris Murray  
Lisa Patten

Tim Bryan presented the Slate of Officers for 2009:

President – No Nomination, Interim President ( January 1, 2009) – Peter Johns, Wianno YC

Vice President – Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC

Vice President – Peter Durant, Community Boating of New Bedford

Secretary – Doug Calnan, Scituate Harbor YC

Treasurer – Richard Watson, Wild Harbor YC

Directors – Terms to expire December 2009  
Gary Doodlesach, Falmouth YC

Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC  
Tom Tullius, Quisett YC

Motion made to accept report of Nominating Committee and so moved.

OLD BUSINESS – Peter reported on goals achieved in 2007:

1. Fully retooled website
2. Fully reformatted Membership fee structure
3. Introduced Regatta Networks to SM Sailing
4. Meeting format changed to Conference Call
5. Revised Gran Prix to increase participation
6. Review with Program Directors regarding staff positions and salaries

2008 Achievements:

1. On-line Med Form introduced
2. Further revisions to Gran Prix structure
3. Team Racing Revised
4. Organized and provided financial support for Clinics offered for Opti, 420, and Team Racing participants and coaches.

TEAM RACING - Joel reported on format of team racing this past season. Day consisted of ½ session on drills and ½ session on Round Robins with a focus on group learning. 4 Clubs participated at one venue with consideration given to distance traveled. Coaches were encouraged to participate. These sessions were conducted 3 times for a total of 9 scrimmages. Everyone was invited to the Championship event. This focus was on A Teams. Joel reported that the B Team was not as organized and he offered support to Clubs to get a schedule together to team race against one another. The Championship Event consisted of 12 teams participating with a volunteer race committee and Umpires. It was held at Community Boating of New Bedford and positive feedback was received from all who participated. Goal for next season would be to increase B Team participation and initiate team racing for adults and to make the Championship event a high profile event. Discussion brought forth suggestion to eliminate having an A and B team and allow all to participate. Also it was suggested that it would be very beneficial to run a clinic for coaches on team racing in the pre season.

CLINICS - Lisa Patten reported that the Gill Magoon was very well received with great participation at the Clinic. Peter Johns reported that the participation at the 420 clinics was disappointing considering the quality of instructors that were brought in to conduct the clinics. Timing was reported to be an issue. Peter requested that all member clubs submit their program calendars to SM Sailing which would allow SM Sailing to better plan a 2009 calendar of Clinics. Suggestions brought forward to: repeat Gill-Magoon format as it was successful, promote clinics as an opportunity for coaches to increase their knowledge, conduct Opti clinic early in season, and run a clinic for the boys in conjunction with the clinic for the girls at the Gill-Magoon. All agreed that better

communication to all member Clubs with a firm schedule of Clinics well in advance of season. Suggested that emails be sent to all participants from past season informing them of this seasons clinic schedule. Need support from all member clubs in promoting and advertising information on upcoming clinics.

NEW BUSINESS -

January 31, 2009 North University presenting Review of New Rules at Tabor Academy

SM Sailing Distribution List – all agreed that criteria needed for release of emails to the member distribution list. The Secretary of SM Sailing will approve and control what will be sent to SM Sailing membership. NO for PROFIT organization shall use the SM Sailing distribution list for advertising purposes. A member club may advertise an event.

Meeting adjourned at 2104

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Partridge