

May 14, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting ID: 976 3197 4935 (Password: SMSA1234)

Board Attendees:

President John Field (Barnstable YC)

1st VP Andy Herlihy (Community Boating Center - New Bedford)

2nd VP Beth Smith (Grand Cove YC)

Treasurer - Judy Quinn (Hyannis YC)

Secretary – John Maggioni (Chatham YC)

Administrator - Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy)

Also on call (54 participants).

Please put your name and organization in the ZOOM Chat

(Unfortunately, I did not record and lost the chat. Here is who I remember being on the call. If I missed you, please let me know)

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| 1. Deborah Gayle – Beverly YC | 14. Lori Farnam & Mike Murphy– Scituate Harbor YC |
| 2. Mary Piece – Beverly YC | 15. Rob Simmons - Simmons Boatworks |
| 3. Gregg Nourjian – Beverly YC | 16. Erin Brighton – Stage Harbor YC |
| 4. Joe Vergoni – Beverly YC | 17. David Leary – Stage Harbor YC |
| 5. David Korb – Buzzards Y | 18. Regina Shakin - Stage Harbor YC |
| 6. John Solomon - Cotuit Mosq. YC | 19. Peter Sullivan – Stone Horse YC |
| 7. Josh Saltmarsh – Edgartown YC | 20. Amanda Donahue – West Dennis YC |
| 8. Nic Judson – Hyannis YC | 21. Sonia Peck - West Dennis YC |
| 9. Emily Mezzetti – Hyannis YC | 22. Dave Watson – West Dennis YC |
| 10. Justin Assad – Nantucket YC | 23. Michal Beniot – Wianno YC |
| 11. Emily Taylor – Nantucket CS | 24. Pet Creedon – Wianno YC |
| 12. Alexis Mathison - Orleans YC | 25. Dan O’Connor - Wild Harbor YC |
| 13. Tom Tullis – Quissett YC | 26. Margaret Higgins – Wild Harbor YC |

Meeting called to order by President John Field at 2002 hours

1. Training Update (R Hurd)

- US Sailing has cancelled all course through May 31. No decision has been announced on June yet,
- Level-1 has been revamped to a 10-day on-line course followed by a 2 day in-person course. There have been about 50-60 on-line courses scheduled and they are great – a real improvement in training. The in-person classes have not happened yet.

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- US Sailing has a conference call on May 19th to explain to the Instructor Trainers (ITs) the in-person plan. I will report back when I have new info.

2. SM Sailing Regattas (R Hurd)

- **Cumming** – Wednesday June 24 at PBCB
 - May cancel this regatta this year given the late date that schools get out and the closeness to the Area A event.
 - **FOLLOW UP. SM Sailing and PBCB have agreed to cancel the 2020 Cumming,**
- **Gil** – Monday July 27- Wednesday July 29 at Beverly YC/Tabor
 - **SM Sailing, Tabor Academy & Beverly YC have agreed to cancel the 2020 Gill**
 - **Tabor and Beverly have agreed to host in 2021 and 2022.**
- **Durant (TR Champs)** – Wed Aug 5 – Thur Aug 6 at Chatham YC
 - More info as we get into the summer
- **Prosser-Ginn** - Sat Aug 22 – Sun Aug 23 at Beverly YC
 - Boats: TBD
 - Limited to 8 clubs
- **Grand Prix**
 - Optis – NBJR, EJR, SHOR, WOR, DBJR, BJR
 - C420 – NBJR, EJR, VHJR, SJR
 - Question: should SMSA continue to give out trophies to top 5 skippers and top 5 crews, or should we change to top 10 overall, given that there are some regattas where the skipper and crew swap positions in some regattas?
 - **This question is tabled until the fall.**

3. Report outs from SM Sailing Covid-19 Cluster Groups

- **South Coast**
 - No meeting yet
- **Buzzards Bay – West (Joe Vergoni – Beverly YC)**
 - Mix of camps, community sailing, and yacht clubs
 - No programs at MMA or TA
 - Delayed starts
 - Refunds to those who registered but can't participate
 - Registration without deposits
 - Waiting on guidelines from CDC, State of Mass, local Board of health
 - Reduce class size
 - Singlehanded options only
 - Staggered class meeting times
 - Disinfect boats after use – major concerns.
 - Assist sailor in the social distance world
 - Launch access for those that logistically use them
- **Buzzard's Bay – East (Dave Korb – Buzzards YC)**
 - Similar to the report above
 - Multi-person boats & non-household people

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- Multi-generations household
- Getting by-in from staff to be safe and do it right. Will they be a risk for transmission of infections given they are “young.”
- Buffs and mask?
- Less time on land, more time on water.
- Designed different pathways for approach and egress.
- Covid-19 safety officer
- Symposiums from kids each day – questionnaire.
- **Falmouth Area**
 - No meeting yet
- **Mid Cape – West (Mike Beniot – Wianno YC)**
 - How do we social distance our kids with our older members on a dock that is not 6’ wide.
 - Common sense should be the rule but not all of our members have common sense.
 - Selling mask with logo at a reasonable price – set expectations.
- **Mid Cape – East (Dave Watson)**
 - No meeting yet
 - West Dennis planning to blend with Bass River again this summer.
 - Staggered starts
- **Outer Cape (Stage Harbor YC/Orleans YC)**
 - Many of the same things as listed above.
 - Orleans YC decided not to operate this summer based upon concerns from member. An outlier right now, but maybe ahead of the curve.
- **Island (Justin Assad – Nantucket YC & Nantucket CS)**
 - . Careful in whatever we do. Hopefully a heavily scaled back program, singlehanded sailing only, small groups. Possible household groups in the bigger boats.
- More info in the ZOOM Meeting Chat posted below. (Chat was not saved so no information exists at this time)
- Update from medial personal
 - Judy Quinn
 - No opening up anytime soon.
 - This summer will be unlikely any other at clubs
 - Clubs should create a safety protocols and appoint a safety officer.
 - Lori Farnan/ Mike Murphy
 - Same pairs sticking together is a possibility, but it all depends.
 - UK sailing guidelines – staggering start times
 - www.Retart sailing.org
 - There is no right answer and there are no wrong answers b/c this virus keeps changing, so it’s a dynamic thing.
 - Dan O’Connor
 - More testing is coming online soon, but programs like ours (yacht clubs) will not get a green light on right away.

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- Kid development is being stifled. They are looking forward to the next thing which is summer camp and programs. They need to have that “carrot” out in front of them to keep going.
- Randi Ferreo
 - If we open up, we need to do it right b/c we only get one shot.
 - We can see what happened based upon what is happening in other portions of the country as they open up very rapidly. By mid-June we should have ore data.

4. Questions:

- How do we get enough hand sanitors, mask, and gloves?
- Insurance policy. Have you read the fine print? Are pandemics excluded and if so, what liability does that put a club in? Regardless, don't be negligent in whatever your do this summer. Do your due diligence. Be thoughtful and proactive.
- If there is any type of sailing, will waivers be a part of sailing explaining that there is a risk of Covid-19? My guess is that there will be.
- Take a proactive approach with your board of health. Get your plans in place and show them to the town to get their input.

Spring Call Schedule: Every other Thursday until the fall.

Thurs May 28, 2020

Thurs June 11, 2020

Thurs June 25, 2020

Thurs July 9, 2020

Thurs July 23, 2020

Thurs Aug 6, 2020

Thurs Aug 20, 2020

Thurs Sept 3, 2020

ACTION ITEMS: R Hurd

- (1) Update Covid-19 Cluster contacts list by sharing the list with the newly signed up
- (2) Update SM Sailing website
- (3) May 15 E-Blast

With no further business, the call was adjourned at 2115

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Chat from ZOOM Call

No chat was save this time