

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting started at 0910

**1. Introductions**

- John Field (Barnstable YC – Commodore and SM Sailing President)
- Rob Hurd (West Dennis YC, Tabor Academy, & SM Sailing Administrator)
- Michael Watts (Vineyard Haven YC)
- Gregg Nourjian (Beverly YC- NE PHRF Fleet)
- Joe Voci (Falmouth YC)
- Michael Powers (Falmouth YC)
- Jamie Shacoy (Beverly YC - Vice Commodore)
- Deb Elfers (Beverly (Beverly YC – Race Committee Chair)
- Bob Shorter (Beverly YC – Manager)
- Julian Mallett (Bass River YC – Adult sailing)
- Joe Pacheco (Low Tide YC - Commodore)
- Debra Gayle (Beverly YC – Rear Commodore)
- Addy White (Duxbury Bay Maritime School – Program director)
- Jessica Williams (Duxbury YC)

**2. Adult Racing/Fleet. What happens at your club?**

**Vineyard Haven.**

- 200ish and less than half are sailors. The rest are beach/tennis.
- Club owned Sonars. Team Racing on Saturdays.
- Grab non-sailors and give them some close racing. We gained some new sailors but lost some traditional fleet racing. Have asked Edgartown to help
- One day adult championship event where crews are rotated has created good competitions
- Always a social event after a daylong event. Visible to those who are not participating to see that it is fun.
- PRF (8 -30 boats) group too out of the club, but not necessary part of the club.
- Mooring space is not a problem now b/c there are less boats

**Beverly YC**

- 500 members, most are sailors/racers:
- Coordinating with other clubs is tough. Trying to find dates of other clubs to create cross-pollination is tough.
- Tues night: Bullseyes, H12, J/24
- WED: PHRF
- Thursday Ladies racing for H-12 and Bullseyes. Clinic beforehand and debrief afterwards, sometimes. First race is scored. Second race, crews drive and get coaches by their skippers. This race does not count.

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- Thursday Nights: J/24, J/80 & Shields.
- Overlap between the fleets especially PHRF and J/24, J/80, & Shields.

### **Falmouth YC:**

- 430. 10% are sailors. There is a fair amount of power boaters too.
- Was a big 210 and J/24 fleet, but has transitioned to Sonar. There is a mix of fleet racing and team racing.
- Fun family racing on Wednesday nights
- Couple of sources of crew – sailing education program (100-200 kids) and WHOI (international group with experience looking to get on a boat)
- Mooring space is limited in Falmouth Harbor.
- Pre-season race from Falmouth to Hyannis prior to Fagawi. Also Falmouth to Tarpaulin Cove (with the tide of course).
- Some club members are not happy about non-members being at the club, but that seems counterproductive to club growth.

### **Barnstable YC:**

- Capped membership at 315, but we have a waitlist.
- A dozen people that race
- Building a tennis court was the worst thing the club did for sailing
- Beetle cats n Saturdays; Rhodes 19 on Sunday.
- Numbers are dwindling b/c it is tough to get people to commit.
- We need to do more social events to keep people engaged.

### **Bass River YC:**

- Capped at 155 members. A few years back, membership was dwindling and they brought in “anyone” to keep the club afloat. This means that the sailing is dwindling
- Wianno Senior (Sunday) and Beetlecat (Saturday mornings).
- Moorings are tough and current is wicked. Very restrictive. So entry level is tough.
- Thinking of

### **West Dennis YC:**

- Membership is 230-250, but we don't have a wait list. We will take anyone. So most of our membership is over 60 and non-sailors.
- No adult racing. Use to have beetle cats and Knockabouts, neither fleet exists now.
- Moorings are a barrier to participation as is the wicked current and the winding river.

### **Low Tide YC:**

- Transitional stage of the club
- City of New Bedford gave us a building, but the city also rents it out, so we have to work with them.
- Beetlecats use to be big, want to bring it back

- Sunfish might be a good addition.

**Duxbury Bay Maritime School:**

- No adult racing
- Very tide specific.
- No membership b/c they are a school, so once they depart/graduate, we seldom see them again.
- Boats: C420, Optis, Flying Scot (not sure this is the right boat)
- No moorings, no lifts to dry sail.

**Duxbury YC:**

- Membership: 500 families (10% are sailors)
- Had Flying Scots. Dry sailed them and that killed the fleet. Most of those boats are now at DBMS.
- Sandpipers and Marshall 15s. There is also a local fleet of 5 big wood boats.
- There is a laser fleet that started to replace the Scots. DYC runs the races but the fleet is basically outside the club.
- Club has golf too, which saps sailing members.
- Need to offer Adult Sailing Lessons in order to get people involved.

**3. Race Committees: How do you get people involved?**

**Beverly YC:**

- Challenge b/c we run a lot of race.
- Professional driver on the boat, but supplemented by volunteer members.
- Pro is US Sailing certified and does a good job of raining people
- Use to require people to service one race on RC, but now are trying to get people to “want to service.” That is labor intensive to get people to commit.
- Materials on board RC boat to help people including what courses fleets prefer.
- Runs US Sailing RC seminars in the off-season.
- Good way to get non-racers involved.

**Vineyard Haven YC:**

- Fleet captain (paid person) runs the RC boat. This person must train their replacement each year. Fill in RC crew with the geriatric membership.
- Club member who is a US Sailing certified RC who does “big regattas.”
- Ferryboats are an issue. If the ferry beeps at you, you are disqualified.

**Barnstable YC:**

- Strictly volunteer. Rhodes fleet runs the beetle cat races and beetle cat fleet runs the Rhodes fleet

**Falmouth YC:**

- Race committee is chaired by volunteers and they get others.
- Sailing school instructors (paid) help them
- Program Director & Instructors runs the Falmouth regatta

**Low Tide YC:**

- No adult racing at this time

**Duxbury YC:**

- Volunteer. Rotate about 20 people
- Not always consist.

How many people have attended a US Sailing Race Management seminar (1 day or 2 day)?  
Making sure RC is feeling included and welcomed for their efforts.

Pre-race meeting with the competitors to get their input and let them know what is the game plan for that day.

**4. How do you get 18-30 years olds to join the Club?**

- Not sure you can?
- Kids can stay members under their parents membership until 25
- 20-30 initiation fee is waived and lower dues fees.
- Kids move on. Those summer kids are not around. Who do you replace them with? Where do you find 20-30 year old?
- If you're new to the area, how do I get invited to attend?
- That age group is looking for a community of people that age (20-30) that likes to sail, similar to college sailing.
- Kids need to see the bridge between junior sailing and adult sailing.
- Does the club need to own a fleet that can be used by the 20-30 year olds to race?
- Because the 20-30 year old crowd does not know where they will end up, they are not willing to commit. How do we attract them? Access. We need to make people know they are welcome.
- What are the barriers to participation? Cost, social interaction.
  - Hitchhike program. You show up and someone will take you out.

**5. Team Racing:**

- Nantucket YC plan to run an adult team race regatta in August.
- Can we set up an adult team racing series between clubs?

**After action items:**

- Can we create a list of series races, days sailed, and how to get involved at each clubs?
- Send a flier out regarding the SM Sailing e-mail list.
- Send an e-mail to local college coaches regarding access to college kids during the week. Add this info to our website.
- SM Sailing adult Team Racing series. Which clubs would be interested?

Meeting adjourned at 1213