

SM Sailing
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2009

Meeting called to order at 17:34 by Nick Peirson

Present on call: Nick Peirson, Cotuit Mosquito YC, Doug Calnan, Scituate Harbor YC, Joel Hanneman, Beverly YC, Richard Watson, Wild Harbor YC, Sarah Wilsterman, Stage Harbor YC, Meredith Dart, Chatham YC, John Power, Hyannisport, Rob Reifeiss, Plymouth YC, Kim Rysa Vineyard Haven YC, Rob Hurd, Tabor Academy, Rick Schulz, Falmouth YC, Peter Johns Wianno YC, Lisa Patten, Stage Harbor YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC

Fleet Racing Clinics

420 Clinics:

- Hyannis YC on Sat, June 13 - Sun, June 14

Will wait to see how many before limiting participation. If too many, then preference may be given to male participants (see female-only clinic before Gill) or may have to conduct a second clinic. So its fair to everyone, registration is scheduled to open on May 1 via Regatta Networks. This is for A team caliber sailors and qualified B team caliber sailors. This clinic is not for beginners.

- Falmouth YC, on Mon, July 13-the day prior to the Gill Trophy.

Females only. Only SM Sailing girls can participate due to SMSA covering costs. Planning on 2 instructors. 32 female sailors last year and if we run into same volume or more this year we may need to hire an instructor or two more than the two. Liz Hall and Amanda Callahan are currently interested in conducting clinic depending upon date and availability.

Optimist Clinics:

- Wianno YC with date(s) still TBD. This will be a 2 day Gold clinic for premier Opti sailors.
- Silver clinic location and date still TBD. Scituate hosted last year and expressed an interest in doing so again this year.

Sturgis Boat Works will sponsor both clinics and Matt Wake will currently be conducting Opti clinics.

Laser Clinic:

- Beverly YC with date still TBD. Zach Railey will currently be conducting clinic.

Windsurfing Clinic:

- East Coast Windsurfing Jr. Championships on Weds, August 5 – Thurs, August 6.

Short discussion on the possibility of conducting a clinic on Aug 4th and whether we want to financially fund it. Due to current interest level within area clubs, all present on call did not feel this was efficient use of funds.

2. Team Racing Clinics:

- July 2 is first A team level clinic.
- July 9 is only B team level clinic
- July 23 is second A team level clinic

Coaches and host club locations TBD.

Joel H reported on this positive program which will help all aspects of team racing by providing more support for A teams yet still bringing along B teams. Notice of Coach will be posted on SM Sailing website.

3. Team Racing Regattas:

- Vineyard Haven YC Team Race Regatta on Weds, July 29th
- CJ Buckley 420 Team Race Nationals on Thurs, August 13 - Fri, August 14
Greenwich Bay Sailing Assoc. of East Greenwich, RI is host. There was small discussion on SM Sailing really promoting this among it's A team competitors/program directors.
- SM Sailing Team Race Championship on Fri, August 13 – Sat, August 14.
Since this event piggybacks directly on the heels of the Beverly Jr. Regatta, teams/coaches should be prepared to have their own boats.

4. A discussion followed on the need to continue to develop director and coach contact list to keep lines of communication open. This is important so teams are prepared for team racing scheduled event. SM Sailing will try to have a contact list posted on website around July 1. Hope to capture the information through Regatta Networks entry form. Team Racing conference calls should improve flow of information. Rob Hurd has firm ideas on this and will get the list and info out. Nick further added that he wants website be one-all source for team racing. There should be a deadline when it will be too late to register a team.

5. Richard W. is sending out current dues using list as of July 2008. Clubs should notify their Treasurers of these hard copy invoices. All Club should have a PO Box rather than a Treasurer's home address. Some discussion on the possibility of starting to deliver these member dues invoices electronically.

6. Rob H announced his intention of conducting a pilot course for Jr. Instructors on Sat. June 20th at Tabor Academy. Interested sailors ages 14-16 would show up and participate. Once details are finalized, Rob will try to post it on the website by May 1.

Rob H also said that if there were any clubs that would like to host a US Sailing Level 1, they should contact him. He'll see if he can get a US Sailing instructor to teach course.

7. P. Johns reminded everyone of two great preseason sailing events in Boston.

- The first is the Volvo Ocean Race arriving late next month, around April 26-27 at Fan Pier. Tons of events. Great place to see these boats. He briefly mentioned what is called the Youth Invitational Optimist Regatta on water event April 26th. There also will be a special on water event where Optis will meet the ocean racers.
- The second event is May 2-3 hosted by Harvard/MIT. The best collegiate sailors come to Boston for collegiate sailings version of March Madness, the college sailing semifinals.

8. Some last discussion on the date of the Nash and Jones and the awarding of the respective trophies this year. Nick would prefer this year to award to respective teams/boats to sailors with best finishes at Marblehead race week. No way to fit into schedule this year but table discussion for next year on what best to do.

Next meeting is April 20th @ 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 19:24