

Meeting Minutes

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Board Attendees:

President Andy Herlihy (Community Boating Center - New Bedford)

1st VP Beth Smith (Grand Cove YC)

2nd VP Greg Stevens (Vineyard Haven YC)

Treasurer - Judy Quinn (Hyannis YC)

Secretary – John Maggioni (Chatham YC)

Administrator - Rob Hurd (Tabor Academy)

Meeting called to order by President Andy Herlihy at 2004 hours.

Agenda:

1. President's Report - Andy Herlihy

- Looking forward to the summer and getting the planning done to make it a successful one for all.

2. Treasurer's Report - Judy Quinn

Dues:

- March 15th invoices will be sent out
- Dues fee structure. Discount for dues paid before May 1st again this year.
 - Big clubs = \$600 – discount to \$500
 - Small clubs = \$300 – discount to \$225
 - Comm. Programs/School = \$100 – discount to \$50
- Asking each club to furnish a dedicated email address. Starting in January 2023, SM Sailing will not long mail dues invoices to clubs

3. Administrator's Report - Rob Hurd

A. Spring Meeting Schedule:

- April 7, 2022, Regatta Logistics / Grand Prix
- May 12, 2022, Fundraising
- June 9, 2022, Parent involvement

B. Training:

- Level-1 online classes are already running
- L1 & L2 in-person classes are being set up.

C. SM Sailing Regattas

- Cumming Cup (Jr Triplehanded): Pleasant Bay CB. June 25
- Adult Team Racing: July 16 and August 13 at Vineyard Haven YC
- Gill Trophy (Girls) Beverly YC/Tabor Academy, July 25-27
- Durant Trophy (Jr Team Racing): Hyannis YC, Aug 11-12
- Prosser-Ginn Adult Championship: August 20, 2022, in J/22 at Hyannis YC

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D. US Sailing Junior Regattas

- **U.S. Youth Match Racing Championship, June 15-19, Long Beach Yacht Club, Long Beach, CA.** [More Information](#)
 - Requests for Invitation due by April 1st.
- **U.S. Youth Championship, June 23-26, Mission Bay Yacht Club, San Diego, CA.** [More Information](#)
 - ILCA 6 (Radial rig): entry is by Resume Application. Application opens on April 4th, and closes on April 15th
 - International 420, 29er, Nacra15, ILCA 7 (Standard rig), iQFOiL Youth: entry is open on a first-come, first-served basis, with fleet size caps. Registration opens on April 4th and closes on April 15th.
- **U.S. Junior Women's Championship, July 20-24, California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey, CA.** [More Information](#)
 - ILCA 6, Club 420, and 29er classes
 - Entry is open on a first-come, first-served basis with fleet size caps. Registration opens on March 15th

E. Grand Prix 2022:

- Re-evaluate the GP 10-year plan.
- Plan for 2022 - 2032 to be revealed at the next meeting

E. Future Officers.

- New Second VP for August 2022
- Nominating committee of Andy, Beth, and Greg.

4. Powerboat safety

▪ Kill chord.

- New USCG rule mandates its use when moving faster than “trolling speed.”
- US Sailing interpretation of this rule is that the kill chord should ALWAYS be used
- Buzzards: Kill cords - we use. I am old and forget sometimes. The instructors wear them well. As I grew up without them, I see negatives more than others -- trying to rescue a boat that is grounded/beached, standing up to throw them a line, kill cord kills, fumbling to get it back in, restarting engine takes time - or maybe it stalls.....then you are on the rocks/beach. If you have new / reliable engines it is ok. If you are scarred from the 80s - YOU NEVER TURN YOUR ENGINE OFF IN BUZZARDS BAY!
- CBC, NB: required as soon as you get into the boat. Self-policing. You can get into problems, but if you can have two people in the boat it makes it easier to let the driver, driver.
- New Bedford YC: Must wear. A fireable offense if you don't.
- Onset Bay Center: Issue every single senior instructor a kill cord to attach to their life instruction.
- Tabor: Thinking of putting a placard on the drive station to remind instructors to attach them.

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- o Hyannis YC: Is there a regulation about the length of a kill chord? Not that I know of. OBC has used two the add length, but it tends to tangle up.
- o Plymouth YC: Combination of New Bedford and Wianno. Luckily if we have two coaches in a boat. We worry about instructors being distracted and overwhelmed. They don;t complain about it and they seem to be using them

▪ Prop guards

- o **Buzzards YC:** In case I am not on - we decided ~¾ years ago not to add prop guards. I called a number of clubs to hear their experiences (Hyannis, Edgartown, etc.). We would have had to have repowered many boats as the HP loss was significant. I don't like speed for the sake of speed, but going fast can also be an asset. We talk about it a lot during Training Week and the instructors are very aware of the dangers of propellers. They know that our #1 risk is powerboat operation.
- o **US Sailing L1 tests.** Operations skill is greatly reduced with prop guards.
- o **Wianno YC:** Have used them for years. They break really easily when the instructors hit bottom, but at least they break instead of the skeg or lower units.
- o **CBC:** Use them on all therei boats (Caroline Skiffs). Did not find any performance different
- o **Scituate Harbor YC:** Four of five boats have prop guards. Have seen too many prop injuries in my line of work (ER Doctor).
- o **Plymouth YC:** We use them and the break b/c out water is shallow.
- o Question: Does anyone get an insurance break b/c they use prop guards?

▪ Fireable Offense:

- o Kill cords. Not wearing kill cords
- o Texting. Phone is a safety device but also a temptation.
- o Posting on social media that you are not doing your job, is a fireable offense.

5. New Business

[Wianno Sailing Foundation](#) is looking for ways to help our community. They are supporting the Barnstable Green Fleet regattas, but are looking for more. If you have ideas, contact Michalr Beniot at the Foundation - Michael@vistahm.com

With no further business, the call was adjourned at 2058