

July 16, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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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)

Total on the call (8 participants besides the board):

1. **Phyllis Partridge – Beverly YC**
2. **Ali Mitchell – Beverly YC**
3. **Ed Tiffany – Beverly YC**
4. **Bill Roman _ Edgartown YC**
5. **Emily Mezzetti – Hyannis YC**
6. **Tom Tullus – Quissett YC**
7. **Mike Benoit – Wianno YC**
8. **Randi Ferrero – Wild Harbor YC**

Meeting called to order by President John Field at 2003 hours

1. Training Update (R Hurd):

- Level-1 In person courses are happening
- US Sailing Would like Instructor Candidates (ICs) to finish their course work by Sept 1st.
- There will be a course at Beverly YC (8/1-2). Other may follow.

2. Report from Edgartown regarding their regatta

- Report from Bill Roman (Edgartown YC) regarding the status of regattas within the Covid Phase III guidelines.
- He spoke with Sarah Wallach who is the chief of staff for the EEA. She helped him define what was allowed and what we not.
- Regattas are viewed as competitions and not tournaments in the Mass EEA documents.
- Notes from Bill's conversation (shared with his permission)
 1. Rob, per our conversations, I had a lengthy conversation on Friday afternoon, July 10, with Sarah Wallach, Chief of Staff at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). Discussion centered around my seeking clarity on a number of

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issues relative to Yacht Club Sailing/Racing activities, including Regattas.

2. After introducing myself I told Sarah that I was aware that she had provided a distinction through other channels to the Plymouth Harbormaster (Chad Hunter) that in the eyes of the EEA, Regattas were considered Competitions, and not Tournaments. Sarah confirmed that conversation and noted that the EEA looked at Tournaments as more typical of Baseball Tournaments where 6 to 12 different teams with play each other over the course of several day, thus having a multitude of interactions between every team.
3. To further reiterate the scope of a Regatta, I explained that there were traditionally a series of starts and finishes, but everyone was competing for a single common result. I included as well that Regattas typically last over the course of one to three days. Sarah affirmed that she understood this.
4. I noted further that whereas there are traditionally many shore and social events at commonly take place with Regattas, I noted that there would be none at our regatta and Sarah said that was the proper decision for our event this year.
5. Sarah confirmed that the 3 person limit in Phase 3 Step 1 was a hard and fast rule for the time being in terms of any level of competitive sailing. She noted that this rule could change in Step 2.
6. I did note that EYC had a race at the end of the month circumnavigating MV, and that those boats traditionally have larger crews. Sarah noted that provided we were still in the same Phase and Step, that would be problematic, but added that perhaps the guidelines for a recreational, versus competitive event could be applied.
7. Sarah confirmed the 100 person limit (participants, spectators, coaches, volunteers, etc.) on any single race course, recognizing that there could be separate race courses at the same time for other classes of boats. Important was that once participants, coaches, etc. came ashore, to not have large groups associated with the Regatta concentrated on beaches, docks, etc.
8. I explained that being socially distant on a boat such as a 420, was not possible. Sarah recognized this fact and the common-sense approach that in most cases, skipper and crew pairs traditionally stay the same throughout a season.
9. I noted to Sarah that there is much in the July 6 EEA document addressing Youth and Adult Amateur Sports Activities that appears to contradict itself or be hard to apply to Sailing/Racing activities. Sarah explained that the document was drafted to lay over a board variety of activities and she said it was unavoidable that some content does not translate well, or perhaps was contradictory, for individual activities, sailing included. Sarah said that when in doubt, use common sense and keep safety in mind.
10. In general, the conversation was excellent. Sarah was exceedingly knowledgeable, helpful and willing to answer every question. The conversation could have lasted longer, but she was in VT and her service was fading. We agreed to keep in touch in the weeks to come.

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- Today was day One for the Edgartown Regatta.
 - Lot less boats
 - A normally C420 fleet is 75-80, this year it is 18.
 - Opti Champs size is about a dozen, same for Opti Green
 - J/70 and H-12s are both light fleets
 - Only shields class today, others on Friday and Saturday.
 - Not ideal wind direction (easterly)

3. Input from other clubs who have opened.

- **Wianno YC:**
 - Wianno Seniors are racing, same with other fleets
 - Following local harbor mast guidelines
 - WYC is chartering out boats instead of running programs. That has been a big positive, especially among families.
 - Buffs are required unless all sailors are from the same family.
- **Barnstable YC**
 - Racing as well
 - Sailing classes too
 - Smaller programs but kids are having a good time
- **Beverly YC**
 - Hoping to run BJR. Trying to judge interest from other clubs. Two days – one of buoy racing and one of distancing racing.
 - First session of program is going well too.
- **Hyannis YC**
 - Started week of June 29th with a virtual class
 - 170 kids in sailing and swimming
 - One design racing
 - Lost an instructor this week b/c she has to go back to UK to quarantine for two weeks before school starts.

Spring Call Schedule: (NB: Notice change of schedule)

Thurs July 30, 2020 – SMSA Board Executive Session

Thurs Aug 13, 2020

Thurs Aug 20, 2020- Annual Meeting

Thurs Sept 3, 2020

ACTION ITEMS: R Hurd

With no further business, the call was adjourned at 2031

Chat from ZOOM Call

19:59:32 From Judyquinn : Judy Quinn
19:59:46 From Beth Smith : Beth Smith. Hyannis and Grand Cove
19:59:58 From Mezzetti : Emily Mezzetti, Hyannis
20:00:04 From mrb : Michael Benoit WYC
20:01:30 From Randi Ferrero : HelloRandi Ferrero Quissett Jr Sailing Chair
20:01:37 From Ali Mitchell : Ali Mitchel- Beverly Yacht Club
20:02:12 From Tom Tullius : Tom Tullius - Quissett

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20:02:17 From Phyllis Partridge : Phyllis Partridge Beverly YC
20:02:29 From John Field : John Field - Barnstable YC
20:02:49 From Edwin : Ed Tiffany BYC
20:31:46 From Mezzetti : Thanks to all! It's great to collaborate