

SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS SAILING ASSOCIATION

Conference Call Meeting January 14, 2008

PRESENT – Peter Johns, Wianno YC, Phyllis Partridge Beverly YC, Richard Watson Wild Harbor YC, John Field Hyannis YC, John Dixon Pleasant Bay Community Boating, Wes Durant Wild Harbor YC, Tom Tullius Quissett YC, Bob Adams, Gary Doodlesach Falmouth YC, Carolyn Grant Great Harbor YC, Lisa Patton Stage Harbor YC, Doug Calnan Scituate Harbor YC, Joel Hanneman Beverly YC, Peter Durant New Bedford Community Boating, Doug Hurst Stone Horse YC.

AGENDA:

FINANCIAL REVIEW – Richard reviewed the 2008 Proposed Budget as it was approved at the Annual Meeting in September with two adjustments made. An increase was made to the line item for Conference Call service. The past year this service was offered to SM Sailing by a private company with no fee attached. The Board of SM Sailing felt that this fee should be supported by SM Sailing and therefore the increase noted in the budget. Peter Durant will research the company used by US Sailing for their Budget Committee Meetings and compare fees. The other line item with an adjustment was membership dues. Richard stated that with the increase for Conference Call service along with the budgeted amount for Clinics increased that a \$50 increase to each of the membership classifications was made. The statement was made that the budget could not be changed after it was voted in at the Annual Meeting. Motion made by Richard Watson to raise dues amount \$50.00 each classification. Motion seconded by Lisa Patton. Majority in favor with one opposed. Discussion on fees for marine insurance absent from budget. Flying Scots are now insured by Pleasant Bay Community Boating. Question raised of coverage for Race Officers for SM Sailing events and Peter Johns confirmed that Race Officers are covered by their own Clubs and US Sailing as a secondary insurer. Question if a reduction in dues would be given to non-profit members and response was no.

**2008 SCHEDULES – Peter Johns requested all Clubs check the calendar section on the SM Sailing website to verify correct dates posted . If corrections or additions needed please send an email to Peter Johns . Peter Durant reviewed dates for Area A events:
June 25-26 Nash/Jones @ Vineyard Haven YC**

July 7-8 Cummings @ Pleasant Bay Community Boating

July 14-16 Smyth and Bemis @ Wild Harbor YC

July 16-18 Gill/ Magoon @ Stage Harbor YC

July 13 or 20 Ginn/Prosser @ Pleasant Bay Community Boating (to be determined)

Peter Durant will get correct dates onto US Sailing calendar. Please submit Co-Ordinators name and US Sailing membership number along with host Club information. All applications will be submitted on-line thru Regatta Networks. Email to follow with all required information.

TEAM RACING – Joel Hanneman addressed three concepts : to develop team racing thru clinics , develop in season format eg weekly versus full day every other week, championship event with umpired format. Joel requesting help from member clubs with information on what clubs would like for their participants, skill levels to be expected and numbers involved. Please send your comments and ideas to Joel Hanneman. Andy Herlihy will be working with Joel.

OTHER BUSINESS – Peter Johns reported that for the past 3-4 months representatives from several of the clubs with larger programs have met and shared the structure of their programs. They shared with Peter ideas on how SM Sailing could best support the membership. All supported the idea of SM Sailing sponsoring clinics for 420 and Opti sailors with high level instructors. Intent of having Program Directors and Racing Coaches attend these clinics to also benefit from the instruction. Positive feedback received from representatives in support of sponsoring these clinics. More information to follow.

Joel Hanneman reported that Beverly YC is interested in organizing team racing for adults along with some involvement with New Bedford YC. Wianno YC expressed interest. SM Sailing will support in promoting team racing for adults. Clubs having a one design fleet of six evenly matched boats is all that is needed. If interested please contact Joel Hanneman. Information to go on SM Sailing website.

Meeting adjourned at 1942

Next Meeting: February 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

**Phyllis Partridge
Secretary**