

## Summary      Mass Bay Sailing Association Meeting      Dec 2010

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The following are notes based on the discussion from the December meeting. Please also see attached proposed Standard Mark changes and CHIPS table.

- 1) We discussed changing the way Mass Bay scores the season series by moving to the Chipstead High Points Scoring race scoring system (CHIPS). The previous season had been re-scored using CHIPS and while there were minimal differences to the order of the top three finishers, the scoring rewarded boats that had done a lot of races by moving them up into contention. The thought was that CHIPS may encourage more boats to come out and do more races by rewarding participation while still making overall performance the most important scoring element. The consensus was to change our scoring to CHIPS for 2011. Some other clubs are also considering this move for their weekday series.
- 2) We discussed whether the Yearbook still needs to be printed or if it was time to move to a purely digital, on-line format. The consensus was that the printed copy was what brought the actual value, and that the revenue from the book was in fact greater than the costs, so it should continue to be printed.
- 3) We discussed the fact that some of the marks on the Standard Rounding Marks list have changed or have been removed. Jim Whipple agreed to rework the existing list to present to the January meeting for approval.
- 4) We discussed highlighting the "Rookie of the Year" award in both the book and on the web site, hoping to encourage new boats to come out and compete for this first award. The consensus was that this was a good idea, and that email blasts could be sent out a few times during the year with a list of "frontrunners" if we have some new boats out racing.
- 5) Consolidated registration and scoring for all clubs and events was discussed. There are a lot of different systems used by the different clubs, and while everyone saw some benefit to one system everyone could share, there were concerns over costs versus benefits. Russ Chapman agreed to continue to work on this item to explore some possible solutions.
- 6) We discussed the huge growth in the Pursuit Racing events and the possibility of adding a second Pursuit Racing Championship by creating a spinnaker and non-spinnaker division. The consensus was that this was a good idea. The proposal put forward was to combine the current Class D and Class E boats into one class, allowing us to add the new Pursuit Class without increasing the costs of the awards. There were mixed feeling on this, as the concern was that by merging these two Classes the PHRF split would be so great that there would be many boats that would not come out because they knew they could not win. Combined with the requirement for these smaller boats to participate in a race outside of their home area some felt this would really hurt participation. Chris Zibailo

committed to taking another look at the proposed realignment to see if there was a better way to adjust splits to keep the fleets in as tight of a PHRF range as possible and to present this at the January follow-up meeting.

7) The initial draft of the 2011 Offshore Schedule was reviewed by all in attendance, and some clubs from the South Shore that could not make it had already sent in their proposed changes. The changes were as follows:

- a. The Scituate Harbor Yacht Club has decided to run the Chapman Bowl as an annual event, and will hold the race this year starting on Friday, June 24 at 7 PM. This will be a Q event, and will bring symmetry to the schedule with nine events on both the North and South Shores.
- b. The Make-A-Wish Pursuit race had been proposed for 7/30, but will actually be held on 8/6, putting it in conflict with the Bowditch Regatta. There were no other options for either of these races, so they will be in conflict.
- c. The Gloucester Ocean Pursuit Race has been tentatively added to the schedule. It is not a Pursuit Qualifier as this will only be it's second year, but if the event continues to grow and be successful it may be added to the Championship in the future.
- d. The Phil Small Race had been proposed for Sunday 10/2 but instead will be held on Saturday 10/1. This puts it in conflict with the final Pursuit Qualifier of the year, the Boston Harbor Islands Regatta. Mass Bay REALLY wants to avoid having the final qualifiers for the year both on the same day so may look to the new Chowder Cup Challenge as a solution to this problem.
- e. The BYC, CYC and EYC have decided to merge three lightly attended regattas (the Fall Regatta, Summer Ocean Race and Chandler Hovey, respectively) into one combined event as the final race of the year. This year it will be run on Saturday, October 9. As this is both final day of racing for the year and is expected to be a large draw due to the combined draw of the three clubs, Mass Bay is proosing making this the final qualifier of the year in place of the Phil Small Race. This will elimináte the conflict with the Pursuit Series and should help to keep the competition for the series running until the final day of the racing season.

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