

SUMMARY

MBSA GENERAL MEETING

Dec 15, 2016

In attendance: Doug R, Lance R, Russ C, Rama (Jeff S), Jim W, Jody G, Tom A, Steve W, Mitch W, Melissa V, Maura P, Alan M, David C, Gregg N, Jack C, John D, Len B, Rebecca S, Sue H, Susie S, Tom T.

After a brief welcome and thanks, Doug got us down to business:

I. SLATE of OFFICERS:

Lance presented the proposed list of officers – all the same as last year with two changes. Mitch Wiest is joining the board; Mike Gahan is retiring. Lance offered a kind thank you to Mike for his years of service. We are also sorry to have Ken Adams retiring after a long and meritorious service. Thank you both! The delegates voted the officers in for the 2016-2017 year.

II. ONE recap:

Reviews for the 2016 ONE were all great. Lance commended Russ and Rama for all their hard work and expressed gratitude. Over the past three years, the event continued to improve. MBSA was originally asked to step in as the Organizing Authority for the event. The board committed to serving in this capacity for the three club rotation (three years) in order to preserve the traditional event until a more permanent solution was found. MBSA is grateful to Storm Trysail Club for now assuming responsibility for the event going forward. The three clubs are all in support of the new OA. MBSA is committed to assisting the Storm Trysail in the transition period.

The new event will be called “Storm Trysail Club’s Ted Hood Regatta” and held on the traditional weekend in late August. A web site is already in place. Please visit it at tedhoodregatta.com.

III. PERMITTING:

Area clubs and organizers were mailed an announcement from the MA Environmental Police that a new, additional permit will be required for events in the 2017 season. In addition to the usual Coast Guard permit, each event would need to apply for a Mass Environmental Police permit. Some of the requirements and time lines raised issues.

Maura spoke about her conversation with local officials in Marblehead (Harbor Master/Chief of Police). They agreed that the Coast Guard permit or letter acknowledgement will satisfy local authorities. Maura detailed her usual filing process of a complete package of info (including GGSI, ESI, MBSA courses, navigation charts). Her local authorities assured her the Coast Guard permit or letter of acknowledgement would satisfy them and will likely satisfy other harbor masters. The letter of acknowledgement or permit should be available on the water (signal or RC boat) at the event. Local OA’s may wish to confirm this with their local authorities.

Rebecca of BHIR informed all that the inner harbor will be closed on June 17 from 8:00am-5:00pm. *Sail Boston* is coming to town! Boats will be arriving from June 15, 16, with a big event on the 17th, leaving on the 22nd. Boats will be anchored in Broad Sound. Presently, there are about 11 A boats listed.

IV. NEW RACING RULES:

The MBSA GSI's are under construction and being amended to accommodate some minor changes in the new rule book. Suggestions are welcome. Russ will email a rough draft to the delegate group for their review. John Dieslman graciously submitted his review and amendments. No notable issues were had with the 2016 GSI.

V. SCHEDULE:

Lance provided all with a working copy of last year's races adjusted to 2017 dates. Some requests for date changes were already incorporated. Lance walked the group down the list of races. All are fine as they are with the following exceptions:

- EYC: Summer Pursuit Series will change its name to Leukemia Cup Pursuit Series 1, 2, 3 and requested a **P** designation.
- CYC June Moon is offering to give up its **P** designation and suggested it go to Boston Light Race. More discussion will come on the **P** designations.
- HBPHRF Solstice will move to June 24 to avoid complications with the Sail Boston harbor shut down.
- Phil Small requested a move from 6/24 to August 12. Many issues come up along with a few alternate dates (7/1, 8/5, 8/13). Jubilee will discuss its options and let us know next meeting.
- CYC Midsummer Ocean Race shifted to accommodate Halifax race. Now there is a conflict with Clemson Chase Race—both are Marblehead races. More discussion is needed off line.
- The Bowditch will not be held this season.
- CYC Boston Light Race will swap dates with BHIR. (Light on 9/30 and BHIR on 9/16).
- Due to lack of representation, there was no confirmation of races for BYC, IBYC, or EPYC.

Lance will email an updated version of the schedule to delegates for their review.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the **P** designation for June Moon, Boston Light, and Leukemia Cup Pursuit Series. It was suggested that the OA's consider limiting the size of fleets to about 20 boats so as not to tip any one race too much. This will be passed on to OA's mentioned. It's ultimately up to the OA.

VI. SEMINARS:

MBSA offers food and/or sponsorship for area seminars such as P.R.O., Racing Rules, and Judge's seminars. We hope to include a page in this year's book to list seminars. Suggestions for seminars are welcome. This is the year for a new Racing Rules book to debut, which usually means a good time for rules seminars and updates. Several people commended the PRO seminars as being 'great' and valuable to race management on and off the water. There was interest in a Safety at Sea seminar (since it's a Halifax year). UMass will offer one.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting is penciled in for **January 18** at CPYC pending room availability. **(STAY TUNED FOR INFO)**

Motion to Adjourn; seconded; passed.