

SUMMARY

MBSA GENERAL MEETING

Dec 5, 2019

I ELECTION:

MBSA Officers were voted in for the 2020 season. Formal voting all yeahs.

President	Doug Ryan	Executive Committee
VP Offshore	Mitch Wiest	Jody Graul
Treasurer	(Russ Chapman)	Drew Plominski
Secretary	Melissa Verrochi	Russ Chapman
Juniors	Logan Greeley	
One Design	---	
Membership	Jeff Silverman	
Marketing	Steve Wilson	

II Financial Report

Russ updated all of us with Jim Whipple's report. We are in very good condition.

Nothing is different except that the endowment has grown to 62 thousand.

Ongoing donations include a yearly donation to WSF (Women's Sailing \$250). We give to a variety of junior programs around the area.

**We have the desire and ability to donate, so if there are special projects underway or other organizations to consider, please let the board know.

III Special Announcement: Hugh Greville – US Etchell's Youth Team

Etchells fleet in Marblehead joined forces with the US Etchells Youth Team program intended to help young sailors transition from college teams into adult keel boat racing. It targets sailors ages 25 and under. The program enjoyed great success in its first year. Hugh shared the information with the hope that other sailing organizations might copy the program for implementation elsewhere.

The program is self-sustaining with a three year grant for one boat and its team. Young sailors commit to the team and participating fully. Young sailors from MIT applied a grant from US Sailing. MRA waived entry fees to support a youth team boat in Marblehead. In order to be successful, there needs to be assets dedicated to this program (and team) alone. The team needs guidance in learning all that's involved in owning a boat: upkeep, travel planning and execution...) but the team of youth cannot be relied on for maintenance. They are expected to clean, stow, and learn but not to maintain the boat. The supporting organization needs to seek donations in money, gear, and assets. See Henry Bryan of the EYC J70 fleet for help with the process of recruiting sailors and assets. The campaigning of the etchell in Marblehead costs roughly \$3000/yr (outside sails etc).

At our next meeting, MBSA will vote at what level of involvement MBSA will participate. Or to serve as vehicle for collection of donations for this program.

MBSA as a financial vehicle for donations made to non-5013C organizations

MBSA, a 501 3C organization, can serve as a financial vehicle to assist in collection of donations dedicated to a particular cause. MBSA already serves in such a way for south shore youth programs and is available for other organizations as well. We may also serve in this capacity for youth programs following the program mentioned above. If smaller, non 5013C organizations would like to use MBSA in this capacity, please contact a board member.

IV Membership

Membership numbers are on par with past years.

Members= 142 2018 (less juniors) = 162 2017 = 133 2016= 143 2015 = 131

V Update on ORR-EZ (Lance Riley)

We're almost ready to start issuing 2020 certificates. The price will remain the same. Technical committee reviewed variables (such as crew weight)

ORA has been very proactive with improvements in response to feedback:

- ORR-EZ holds championships in different regions: New England Championships, Southern New England Off Sound.. New England distance racing series (do 3 out of 5 to qualify including Beringer and Lambert)
- ORA added more converted areas: Southern California phrf, which had big sleds with negative ratings switched to using ORA VPP numbers to get rid of the negative ratings.
- ORA heard the need to help to OA's in choosing wind ranges for races. As a result, ORA is offering to provide a disinterested third party to any RC/PRO per regatta either in person or via phone.
- ORA will be more closely aligned with other rating systems. In the past ORR-EZ's rule book was not so well aligned with IRC, PHRF, etc.. (for example, in Manchester there was issue with outriggers to hold jibs). The rules have been revisited to align more closely to other system rules.

Class controversies:

Issues with one boat being in one class with EZ ratings yet another class with PHRF ratings:

Lance is on it! He'll organize consistency within RMS so the issue will be resolved.

The history behind the issue: in the spring RMS created a tool to override the automatic system placement allowing OA's to manually place boats in the correct class. Now, we have the ability to do so for the complete season. The delay in spring was in determining the splits (EZ or PHRF), whether to use windward-leeward, random leg, etc. Now that we've established the manual override, the splits will be according to windward-leeward, medium air, EZ ratings. The override will be consistent.

We all have Lance's commitment that this will be done and ready for when OA's set up new events.

**If an OA clones an event from last year, be sure to use 2020 splits (available by May and, hopefully, late March/early April).

J105 concerns:

J105 boats may race either one-design (according to class rules) or in B fleet in handicapped racing. J105 boats in a one-design fleet have the option of obtaining 'one-design' EZ certificates at \$25/boat after one boat is rated officially. The additional boats must follow same configuration etc...

J105 tie breakers follow full RRS and are different from MBSA tie breakers. OA's should update (and use the override option on RMS) in order to score boats in their proper class. New language will be added to GSI's to clarify.

Jim Whipple and Russ Chapman are working on dual scoring (scoring previous races as both EZ and PRHF). In general, they are finding the winners don't change much but the delta (difference in times between first and last place) are much smaller. This puts the winners in reach of competition.

VI To Consider for Next Meeting:

- A few boats have asked to include pursuit races in the MBSA Season Championship Series.
- Qualifier and multipliers:
 - Concerns have been raised as to the quality of RC on some Q races. Some wonder if Q's should be issued to races with poor organization.
 - Should we assign Q's to all races? The points earned will be dependent on the number of boats.
 - Travel requirement – should it be made more equitable?
- Voting on MBSA involvement supporting programs like Etchell Youth Sailing.

MBSA General Sailing Instructions

Board members are working on the GSI's and asking for input. If you have any comments, concerns, ideas, please contact Russ.

Schedule:

The group reviewed the proposed schedule with most OA's approving dates for their races. A few races are still in flux and dates will be resolved at the next meeting. The final schedule will be posted early in 2020. Pages for the yearbook will be due date will be announced (expected to be late February).