

SUMMARY

MBSA GENERAL MEETING

Jan 13, 2016

In attendance: Doug R, Russ C, Jeff S, Lance R, Jody G, Jim W, Mike G, Melissa V, Steve K, Greg N, Ernie H, Jack C, Susie S, Alan M, Kevin O, Mark D, Ken B, Mitch W, Sue H, Karen T, Julee C,

Agenda: Seminars, Other Business, ONE update, and the Schedule.

Seminars:

To further promote seminars in the area, MBSA will provide space on its site to list all seminars in the area as well as a list of people with various judge and PRO certificates. This includes seminars on topics such as Rules of racing for sailors (basic and advanced), Judging (National and Club levels), PRO (basic and advanced), and any other seminars, talks etc., that help promote better sailing.

We have a shortage of qualified judges in the area creating a problem for appeals processes. We also have a need to promote the development of consistent, high quality PRO-run races. By promoting awareness of the area's seminars, MBSA hopes to involve more people in both. To facilitate OA's use of qualified people, there will also be a list of those with various certifications, including club level judges in need of more on-the-water experience. MBSA will also include seminar/events for junior racers.

Organizations interested in hosting a seminar, can check the US Sailing site, which has course material (some free, some for sale) for seminars from 'Introduction to assist the PRO' to 'Senior National Judge'.

Some upcoming seminars include: Constitution YC will host a Club Judge seminar in Feb (USSA sanctioned); Basic Race Management at the Eastern YC in March; Various educational seminars throughout the winter at Constitution YC.

MBSA welcomes the opportunity to support your seminar by donating coffee/pastry—call us.

Other Business

Changes to the General Sailing Instructions

Questions were raised about the wording of last year's addendum to the MBSA Season Scoring Table (page 14 in the 2015 book) to award 50 points to boats for races abandoned due to lack of wind. After discussion, a **motion** was made and seconded to change the word "race" to "regatta", to specify that the points are for the MBSA Seasonal Series, and to add that boats awarded these points will also satisfy the travel requirement.

Some of the discussion included whether or not these points would be awarded for races canceled for other reasons (such as RC boat catching fire, hurricane weather) or for boats checking in on land but not on the water. It was decided that the points are only for boats checked in with RC on the water or within visual space (checked in electronically if allowed) and for races abandoned due to lack of wind only.

Schedule:

The only remaining issues involve final approval Annisquam YC and a conflict with Constitution Cup and Patton Bowl. After some discussion, HBPHRF offered to move the Scorpion Bowl from the 16th to the 23rd of July so that BHPHRF/CPYC could move the Constitution Cup to July 16 for this year.

Lance will finalize the schedule and get the latest version out in a couple of days.

Other Business:

- Rama will send out a membership renewal letter to all 2015 members.
- **All book pages due on March 1st!** The date was pushed out from Feb 15 to allow NOR amending and other updating.
- Greg from Flip-Flop Regatta updated us on donations made by the Boston Youth Sailing Foundation, the non-profit benefiting from the regatta.
- Suggestion: Put the season's schedule on the back page of the book. Great.

ONE Update:

MBSA will continue work with Regatta Promotions (Carter White). So far, he's met with Sea Bags to discuss continued sponsorship for 2016. Rama will be meeting soon with EYC, the host club. We're always looking for additional sponsors!

There was a long, productive conversation about MBSA's future roll with the ONE. Many good questions raised, points made, and input collected. MBSA does not see itself as the permanent solution as OA for this race. Originally, it stepped in to fill a void for OA, to keep the area's largest race going, and to hold that weekend until a more permanent solution could be found. Issues discussed include financial risk, volunteer capacity, the need (or lack of) to hire a promotor (additional cost), among other issues. MBSA is prepared to hand off financial support (the Founders' Fund—in order to honor the fund's intent), helpful support from all we've learned, and whatever it takes to ensure a smooth and successful transition for the 2017 event.

Meeting adjourned