

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Board Meeting
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
May 7, 2019**

Chairperson Peter Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Present: Mike Halliday (SSS), Dave Powell (BKYC/SYC), Peter Robinson (at large), John Lynch (VSS), Bob Eppinger (VYC), Charles Mixson (WFLPHRF), Blair McCracken (SYC), Marvin Quin (BKYC)

Motion by Dave, approved by all to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer: No report.

Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year:

- Cherry Pie - good weather, good race, reduction in number of participants
- Sharks Tooth - good weather good race, reduction in number of participants
- Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup generally good weather with wind light in two legs, good race, increase in number of both PHRF and one-designs. One designs included 16 Sunfish. Had 6 boats without a current rating certificate which were placed in a separate "Gin Runner" class. Some discussion of including boats with expired certificate in standard classes, but not eligible for BOTY. Agreed regatta organizer would have to notify BOTY scorer of such boats.
- Number of boats qualifying for BOTY is low but consistent with prior years. Discussion of ways to increase participation – perhaps taking non-sailors out.

2019/2020 Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year

- Motion agreed by all to delete the SSS Labor Day Regatta as very few PHRF boats compete. Mike to contact BYC, Blair to contact SSS(both subsequently done), .
- Current schedule:
 - BYC Kick Off 9/21-22
 - SYC invitational 11/2
 - VSS/VYC Windjammer 1/25 to be confirmed
 - SSS Cherry Pie 2/16 tentative
 - BYC Around Egmaont Key 2/22
 - SSS Pot O'Gold 3/14 or 3/15 tentative
 - VSS/VYC Sharks Tooth TBA
 - BKYC Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup 4/18
 - Bone Island 5/13

BOTY Scoring

- Number of throwouts is 20% of races in the regattas sailed by the class – so currently maximum of 3. There are more than three regattas Category 4 or lower. Many of our boats are only certified for Category 5 so they must use their throwouts for these regattas. Agreed to keep current formula plus automatic throwouts for any regatta a boat is not qualified to race, subject to a minimum of 4 scored races. It was recognized that this adds complexity to the BOTY scoring.
- Concern was raised that we score races and regattas differ in number of races held. The largest effect is in the Non-Spin class. Based on a review of results it has not affected BOTY results so all agreed to keep the current system
- Discussion of boats that are endorsed Non-Spin but have sailing characteristics more like a Pocket Cruiser. Dave proposed a different system that had some difficulties. It was agreed by all that a Non-Spin boat with a rating of at least 200 could declare and compete as a Pocket Cruiser. Dave to draft language for the Notice of Series.

WFLPHRF

- Continuing working on cruising spinnakers – expect completion in the near future.

- Annual meeting 29 June at St Pete YC. Speakers added to increase attendance. It was noted that some sailors will have already gone north. This is recognized and is under discussion.

Old Business

- Should we maintain our incorporation costing \$69 per year or let it lapse. Motion by Mike to maintain. Approved by all. Mike to contact Vicken to proceed (subsequently done). It was noted that our main function is to manage BOTY for WFPHRF and perhaps they should pay for the incorporation. Peter agreed to follow up with WFPHRF.
- Our current bank account charges a monthly fee. Mike reported that Florida Central Union has no fee and no minimum. All agreed to change the account. Mike to contact Vicken to proceed (subsequently done).
- There was discussion at our January meeting of collecting dues from member clubs. Agreed by all that we have sufficient funds on hand and dues should be waived for another year.

New Business: none

Elections: All agreed to keep current officers who all agree to continue to serve.

The next meeting of the BOD will be scheduled at a later date in the first two weeks of October.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary