

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Board Meeting
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
May 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Michael Landis (BKYC), Marvin Quin (BKYC), Bob Armstrong (BYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), Al Gaston (VSS), Bill Gately (VYC), Bob Foster (VYC), Dave Powell (SYC)

Motion made to approve minutes – unanimous.

Treasurer's report. None, It is believed SSS has now paid the dues. Future dues will be considered as the need arises.

Current officers were asked to continue, and all agreed. It was noted that replacements should be considered in the future.

It was reported that all regattas since the last meeting were successful with no reported issues. The 2021/22 BOTY series is now complete. Mike presented the final standings and was authorized to forward them to WFPHRF and to add to SBYA website (now done).

Discussion of the possibility of changing the Windjammer to a race from Longboat Pass to Venice. VSS and VYC will consider.

Discussion of ways to increase BOTY participation, perhaps using a "golf style" handicap – top finishers would have rating decreased and those at the bottom would have ratings increased. This would have the advantage of preventing boats from quitting due to frustration. The administration is burdensome. Further discussion is needed at a future meeting.

It was noted that we don't get participation from boats docked at Longboat Key Moorings which does have a number of sailboats. Dave will contact the Moorings to see if anything can be done. Marvin and Michael will contact Bayshore Gardens to try to increase their participation.

Dave mentioned his club in NJ has a series of 10 Sunday races for various one-design classes. In addition to season trophies all boats participating in at least 50% of the races receives a "qualifying pennant". This was thought to have some merit and will be pursued.

Dates for the 9 BOTY regattas were finalized and Dave will transmit to WFPHRF (now done).

Discussion of some confusion in WFPHRF Class Rules as regards asymmetrical or cruising spinnakers. Al to prepare a draft harmonizing the various sections of the Class Rules to be included in the 2022/23 NOS.

Old Business

- The need for further BOTY standards was now thought to be moot.
- A sub-committee was appointed to draft model NORs and SIs by early-August.
 - Bob Armstrong
 - Manny Hontoria
 - Marvin Quin

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 26.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary