

# SARASOTA BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

BRADENTION YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Gately (VYC), Ben Niculescu (VSS), Bob Amstrong (BYC), Rainer Dehe (VSS), Manny Hontoria (VSS), Vic Kasparian (BGYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), Robert Hindle (BGYC)

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 1700hr

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve Manny Hontoria,

Seconded Vic Kasparian VOTE Approved Unanimous

**Chairperson's Report:** SBYA had a successful racing season.

Thanked Mike Halliday for his work on the Club's Webbite and cleaning up behind the scenes to make it work easier.

Accomplished part of our mission to encourage safety, education and seamanship.

Thanked BYC for hosting an event.

Added one race to the SBYA racing schedule the Island 2 Island sponsored by VYC and DIYC Oct 31, 2025.

Need to have a Club to host an event other than racing that goes to the SBYA mission.

Bringing Clubs together in creating more interaction on sailing/racing/safety topics.

**Secretary's Report:** Setting up to send out notices to general membership.

SBYA NOS for BOTY then revision with the addition of three new races added to schedule.

Notice sent out for BYC "Kick off Regatta".

**Treasurer's Report:** One payment to the State of Florida of \$61.25 for the recording.

Balance of \$386.15.

Question: Yearly Club Dues? Answer: SBYA does not bill member Clubs on an annual basis. Member Club billing is handled on an as needed.

Suggestion to look at the possibly of a dues system to help promote the events for the SBYA mission. Suggestion tabled to next meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Because all Board Officers are willing to retain their office the committee had no nominees. No nominees were brought to the floor.

Bii Gately - Motion to approve recommendation from Nominating Committee.

Seconded – Mike Halliday VOTE Approved Unanimous

**WFPHRF Report:** Implemented new Class Rules on Cruising Spinnaker. Because of the size difference between boat sails, Skippers made to send WFPHRF their spinnaker dimensions, WFPHRF will calculate a new number, with penalties for oversized sails. As of date 8.4.24 90-renewals, this year 8.4.25 175-renewals with largest increases in spinnaker, cruising and non-spin.

WFPHRF did lose some boats to ORC in ST Pete to a new rating system. In One-Design Technical committee brought a scale for Headsail of 6,5,4,1. If a boat goes over it designed sail it suffers penalty. An effort to even the boats and bring back some of the boats from ORC.

Code "0" trying to redefine, looking at 163%, currently at 175% (baggy on a fuller). Looking at sprints, compare deep draft to shallow draft.

Doing a better job marketing BOTY Regatta. Sending out Notices for upcoming Regattas. WFPHRF has created a participation award, called the "Pennington Award" for the boat with most participation in BOTY, Sportsmanship and promoting sailing, with a Perpetual Trophy.

Important that each organizing authority pay attention to apply the most current Class rules.

Cleaning class; rules removed credit for flexible solar panels, In Cruising and Racer Cruiser, class I & II can use an autopilot.

**Old Business:** The "Island 2 Island" from last year a feeder race for the Bone Island Regatta, with no new information it was suggested that the topic be tabled until there is something more tangible to talk about.

**New Business:** Chairman: is looking for a club to sponsor an event that all SBYA member clubs will be invited to. Related to sailing, safety, seamanship, racing, instructional anything along those lines.

Venice YC suggested having a speaker. Time and Date to be determined.

Discussion on ability to test emergency equipment flares, fire extinguishers, where to dispose of expired flares.

Multihull Fleet: Has ask if SBYA would consider for SBYA BOTY series, **multihulls only**, if they could add the Buzzelli and Multihull Regattas to the multihull BOTY points. This would have no effect on other BOTY fleets.

**Bob Armstrong Motion:** Adding the Buzzelli (Oct 18 & 19) and Multihull (Feb 20 - 22) Regattas(Multihull Only) to the Multihull BOTY point count.

This would have NO effect on other BOTY fleets.

Seconded: Mike Halliday VOTE Approved Unanimous

**Manny Hontoria Motion:** That the minimum qualifier across all class is THREE.  
Seconded Robert Hindle VOTE Approved Unanimous

**Schedule Next Meeting** After the Holidays T.B.D Notice will be sent out

Manny Hontoria Motion to Adjourn: Seconded: VOTE Approved Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned** 1757hr

Submitted Robert Hindle, Secretary