

# SARASOTA BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

## SARASOTA YACHT CLUB JANUARY 15, 2026

**Members Present:** Mike Halliday (SSS), Alice Petrat (SYC), Manny Hontoria (VSS), Michael Landis (BKYC), Bill Gately (VYC), Bob Armstrong (BYC) (by phone), Robert Hindle (BGYC)

**Meeting called to order:** 1400hr

**Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion: Manny Hontoria  
Second: Mike Halliday Vote: Approved Unanimously

**Chairperson's Report:** Manny stated that racing is off to a good season. Clubs are working to get their NORs in order and get them on the calendar. Thanked Mike Halliday for his work keeping the SBYA Web site up to date, any changes needed please contact Mike.  
Mike Landis stated for BKYC, that all functions will be held at SSS.

**Secretary's Report:** Meeting Minutes for SBYA Board Meeting 2026.09.26 compiled and distributed. Advertised I-2-I Regatta, SYC Invitational, VYC and VSS Windjammer, SSS Cherry Pie. Working on upcoming BYC Around Egmont, VYC and VSS Shark Tooth, SSS POT O' GOLD Regattas.

**Treasurer's Report:** No money approved for expenses, nor spent.

**BOTY Update:** Mike Halliday  
Boats on track to qualify for BOTY

### Multi Hull

Stealth Doug Fisher  
Krakian Allan Staniforth

### Non Spinn

Zephyr Chad Weiss  
Raegen-E Rolf Hahn

### Spinnaker

Shark Rider Bob Harkrider

### Pocket Cruiser

Meander William Pilling

Bill Gately explained that Windjammer had added the L-30 class as a One Design to the Windjammer Racing schedule. Bill stated that VYC has a new GM Ed Tindall.

Bill spoke about the possibility of having the BIR Skipper's Meeting at the Club.

**WFPHRF Update:** Bob Armstrong: WFPHRF is working on updating Class Rules credits for genoa size for base ratings, with associated items. Cruising, deleted credit for flexible solar panels, retained credit for fixed mounted ridged solar panels. Removed credit for ice maker. Cruiser Class may use of autopilots, more clear in Appendix "E", can be used in race classes 1,2 & 3. Same thing in Appendix "F" for Racer Cruiser, can be used in race classes 1,2 & 3. Races 60 miles offshore. Will be working with the OA's for proper notification with their NORs to reduce avoid conflict with Racing Rules. If clubs have anything they want advertised, send to holders admin@westfloridaphrf.org, in PDF format, which will currently be going out to 1100 certificate holders.

**Old Business:** I-2-I Regatta scheduled in the fall had to be canceled because of many people still out of town. There is an active plan between VYC and DIYC to still have an I-2-I the week before the BIR, which would be a DIYC BOTY event and likely include boats that will subsequently race on BIR. Manny Hontoria raised the question of whether the new I-2-I should be made a SBYA BOTY race and offered three reasons why the new I-2-I race should not currently be considered an SBYA BOTY at this time.

- 1) Past history and somewhat uncertain future.
- 2) Uncertainty whether Suncoast region will make the race a BOTY for their clubs.
- 3) BIR plans to have an ORC Class start out of St Pete, and it is unclear whether that will cannibalize boats sailing PHRF for the Venice start. This raises possibility of then not having enough boats in either class to make it worthwhile effort. On the other hand, if Suncoast makes the I-2-I a BOTY then SBYA should also make it a BOTY.

Mike Halliday suggested not making it a SBYA BOTY event for this year. See how it plays out, then discuss making the race for SBYA BOTY next year.

Alice Petrat stated that Wasabi, Wings, Warrior, Athena and Abeona are out of DIYC, and are the boats so far expected to be in the BIR ORC class out of St. Pete. Would other boats that come out of Tampa and St Pete want to do the I-2-I under PHRF the weekend before BIR, then come back to St Pete to do the BIR under ORC? That is an unknown part. If the race becomes a Suncoast BOTY, then there could be conflict for the boats racing ORC and boats racing PHRF in the I-2-I race. They will have to choose which one they want to do.

Motion: Manny Hontoria; To exclude the new Island -2- Island as a SBYA BOTY event this year.  
To be reconsidered next year.

Second: Bob Armstrong                      Vote:      Approved Unanimously

Clubs to sponsor SBYA events: SBYA's Mission is not only to sponsor BOTY Regattas, but to improve education, seamanship and water safety. With that in mind, asking each club to plan an event to promote the Association's mission. All SBYA clubs would be invited to attend.

Last year event was held at BYC was for a “Man overboard” presentation. This year’s event will be a presentation at VYC by Mr. Rod Luca, Olympic and ocean racer, and developer of the “L-30” one design. Bill Gately to make arrangements with Rod and Fleet Captain of Sail. Need volunteer clubs for next year 2027.

Club Dues: Should SBYA have regular dues? What would SBYA do with the collected money? Ask Board members how to institute regular dues. SBYA will hold a vote on whether to have regular dues at the next Board Meeting. Monies could be used to attract prospective speakers.

**New Business:** Mike Halliday brought up the subject of dredging in the New Pass channel, unknown reason, but speculated that dredging was not for navigation but for beach renourishment.

Bill Gately stated that the Venice Jetty’s were going to be repaired.

Sarasota Sailing Squadron just became a 501c.

Bone Island Regatta- Alice Petrat stated the preparations are going well, should have everything up on the website ready for registration. Appears there might be four to five boats lost to the Mexico Race. Including the ORC class, Alice is expecting 24 entries. Events to be held pretty much at the same venues.

BIR will be planning on the use of trackers this year.

**Schedule Next Meeting:** Meeting to be set prior to BIR T.B.D Notice to be sent out  
(Note: subsequent to meeting, meeting has been scheduled for 2pm on May 6, 2026 at SYC.

Manny Hontoria made Motion to Adjourn: Seconded Vote: Approved Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1447hr

**Submitted:** Robert Hindle, Secretary