

SARASOTA BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

Members Present: Manny Hontoria (VSS), Bill Gately (VYC), Alice Petrat (SYC), Michael Landis (BKYC), Rainer Dehe (VSS), Mike Halliday (SSS), Bob Armstrong (BYC), Marvin Quin (BKYC), Vicken Kasparian (BGYC), Robert Hindle (BGYC)

Meeting Called to Order:

1700hr

Motion to Accept Previous Meeting Minutes:

Manny Hontoria

Second Mike Halliday

Vote to Approve Minutes

Approved Unanimously

Chairperson's Report: SBYA needs to start sending out invoices to member clubs to request Dues of \$100.00 per club per year.

With the BYC "Kick Off Regatta" we are looking forward to another great season of racing. Because of the construction SYC is forced to cancel their Annual "Invitational Regatta". An Off Water event had been proposed that may be BKYC could host a program. Michael Landis stated that the new construction although on schedule the Club would not be open until March of 2027. Scheduling would not permit an event until April '27, at the earliest, or May '27. It is thought that this would be too late in the season. Michael proposed that BKYC plan an event for the 26-27 season. Manny asked Alice Petrat if SYC could possibly host an event for the 26-27 season? Alice stated that she would look into the possibility. Manny suggested a topic of maybe a medical speaker. Make the event open to other SBYA clubs. Mike Halliday asked about getting out invoices to SBYA clubs. Manny stated that the Treasurer would prepare invoiced the send out to all the SBYA clubs. Vicken Kasparian asked if the invoice was to be annual. Manny said Yes, annual and that this invoice would be for the 26-27 season. Alice asked if the invoice was to be sent to the SBYA clubs. Manny said No that the invoice should go to the respective SBYA club representatives.

Secretary Report: Worked on the minutes and distribution for May 06, 2026, SBYA Board Meeting. Advertised the Special Meeting for By-Law Amendment (Article IV item #5). Attended Special Meeting August 21, 2026, at SSS along with Michael Landis. Meeting conducted by zoom to allow absent members to attend.

Tabulated votes 6-votes for Amendment 0-votes against Amendment

Vote Approved Unanimously

Manny said that the Venice "Wind Jammer Regatta" has been posted on Regatta Network and if I could advertise it to the SBYA membership ASPA. I stated that I would set it up and send out the flyer tomorrow 9.26.2026

Treasure Report: Vicken stated there had not been much going on since the last Board Meeting. Vic stated that SBYA had earned four cents in interest from last meeting. Account balance \$325.02. Vic stated that club dues invoices could be sent out within two or three weeks. It was decided that the best way for SBYA to receive payment is for the clubs to issue checks.

WFPHRF Report: Manny stated that would be a WFPHRF meeting at 1900hr after the BYC Kick Off Regatta Skipper meeting, all SBYA members were invited. Last year quite a few changes were made to class rules, an effort to clean up the rules. This year's meeting is to deal with the Code Zero sails and the penalties associated with their use. There is a technical committee within PHRF on how to deal with code sails, because right now we simply do not have one. People are allowed to use the sails, except in cruiser class, without penalty. Right now, we are looking at other regions to see how they resolved the questions. Membership has remained flat overall. Alice Petrat thanked the WFPHRF for the changes made to the Cruiser Class Spinnakers. Solved many questions and problems in registration for the Bone Island Regatta.

Bob Armstrong Reminded Cruiser (all boats) that their Certificate must be up to date. Reviewing the Code Zero with the possibility of being able to use them in the cruising class.

Boat of the Year report: Mike Halliday The 25-26 standings have been posted on the SBYA website. The Boat of the Year awards are to be presented on Sunday Sept. 27th at BYC. There are no results at this point for the 26-27 season. Mike presented a graph showing participation for the last years, with 2007 being one of our best seasons. The graph does show that we are running an average of about seventy boats each season.

Old Business: Manny SBYA Dues invoices will be going out shortly to each of the member clubs. Thanked Alice for picking up the gauntlet and looking into the possibly of SYC hosting an off the water event for the 26-27 season.

New Business: Manny Driving participation, dealing with the issue of small fleets and building SBYA reach to promote the sailing community.

Mike Halliday suggested that SBYA collect a list of boats and owners that participate in each of our regattas. From this list SBYA could send emails to show where the boat stands within the regatta and their standing in the Boat of the Year series. Whenever one of the SBYA club hosts a regatta, the club handles the registration collecting names, boats, and email addresses. Then the information stops. We suggest that the OA send a list of boats information, owner's name, boat name, email address, to the SBYA. This would help in sending out information as to their placement within the regatta as well as standing in the BOTY series. By making it onto this list the owner would receive more information about upcoming regattas. This is an effort to extend our reach by disseminating information and encouraging more boat participation. If the participating boat decides that they don't want to receive the email, there is an unsubscribe button. Mike said he could receive the information then forward it to me.

Dealing with small boats fleets- The problem is how to handle similar class boats with different ratings. One solution is to have the boats sail to their certificate rating. This method has been used in other regattas with few problems.

Nominating Committee: Bill Gately stated that the committee was going to nominate people. After the approval of the change to the By-Law Manny Hontoria agreed to remain as Chairperson. A proposal was made that there might be a space to groom the next prospective chairperson. The slate of officers for the year 2027

Manny Hontoria – Chairperson

Vicken Kasparian – Treasurer

Robert Hindle – Secretary

Also to continue as Board of Directors

Mike Landis, Bob Armstrong, Mike Halliday, Alice Petrat, John Sheryak, Bill Gately, Gunner Kemnite, Rainer Dehe, Marvin Quin,

Motion to Approve New Officers made by Bob Armstrong

Second Mike Halliday

Vote on Motion: Approved Unanimously

Next Meeting: January 21, 2027 at 1700hr

Location: Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Meeting Adjourned: 1756hr

Submitted: Robert Hindle, Secretary