

North Jersey Yacht Racing Association
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2008
Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Ann Myer at 19:47. The roll call of member clubs was called and a quorum was present; the attendees are listed below.

Recording Secretary Report:

The minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting were approved.

Corresponding Secretary Report:

No Report

Treasurer Report-Bernie Kosinski:

Total cash on hand is \$10,468.09. Ad revenue is \$2325 and dues revenue is \$1575.

The report was reviewed; a motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

A review of clubs who have not paid their 2007 dues was made: Packanack YC, PHRF-Mid-Atlantic and Richmond County YC are in arrears. The Treasurer will attempt to contact them.

Commodore's Report-Ann Myer:

The Commodore reviewed the college sailing programs that are underway: SSYC assists Rutgers and Monmouth University and Raritan YC assists Princeton University's club programs. Further discussion will be held at future meetings about closer NJYRA relationship to these and any other club programs.

Vice Commodore's Report-Jeff Jacobi:

Jeff discussed the fleet survey that Commodore Schneider had undertaken and indicated that it is important that we use the survey for planning championship events based on the boats being used by clubs today. It was agreed that we will update our contact list for NJYRA reps, Club Officers and Jr. Program Coordinators.

Jeff reported on various racing events. For 2008 ladder events information is posted on the US Sailing website. With respect to the Mallory and Adams events, the Mallory Finals are scheduled for J-22s so we would ideally use J-24s for both the YRA and Area C eliminations. NJYRA is responsible for the Area C Mallory and Adams events in 2008 Joe Richter will be asked to contact Manhattan YC to host the event again providing boats and a race crew but NJYRA will be responsible for lunch and refreshments.

Match racing will be in Sonars this year.

NJYRA plans on sending send a letter of instructions to each club sponsoring each championship event to describe the event and indicate their responsibilities for reporting the event and advertising the event as a NJYRA event.

Jeff also reported that the BBYRA has a new junior program chairperson and the outgoing chairperson sent a letter to the BBYRA Commodore proposing a meeting with Jeff to discuss areas of communication and cooperation.

We should be holding a Junior Program Seminar this year. Jeff asked for volunteers to help on the Junior Committee. Bob Slook volunteered to help on the committee.

Rear Commodore’s Report-Kathy Wright:

Rear Commodore has been investigating the incorporation status of the NJYRA. At the state and Federal level, Kathy has not been able to find any record of incorporation. Joe Malik will do a search at the Monmouth County Hall of Records. If nothing is found, NJYRA will initiate action to reincorporate.

Kathy has researched the details of what would be involved to reincorporate and NJYRA would qualify as a not-for-profit corporation under NJ Law and as a 503(c)7 (Social Organization) under Federal Law.

Kathy stressed the importance of having a street mailing address for NJYRA and a motion was made to identify the mailing address of the Treasurer as the address of the organization. **The motion was duly seconded and approved unanimously.**

Renting a safe deposit box to store the key documents of the organization was discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Old Business

Commodore Myer reported on the Flag Officer’s Planning Meeting that was held in December. At that meeting a review of Committees was discussed and the discussion continued at this meeting. The need for several committees appears outdated and the Commodore is in the process of streamlining the list and contacting members to fill various committees. Commodore Myer will present a slate of committees at the February meeting.

Several officers have had discussions with PC and former Secretary Faye Bennett to gain her insights on NJYRA information and her continuing US Sailing assignments. Further discussions will be held.

New Business

The 2008 Meeting Schedule will be

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
February 5	Raritan YC	1930
March 4	Raritan YC	1930
April 1	Monmouth Boat Club	1930
May 6	Monmouth Boat Club	1930
June 3 (if required)	Monmouth Boat Club	1930

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on the first Sunday in November (**November 2, 2008**) at Monmouth Boat Club. Stu VanWinkle and Joe Malik will be responsible for the 2008 Annual Meeting planning. Jeff Jacobi will check to see if Sarah Mergenthaler might be available to speak about her Olympic experiences as the guest speaker.

Commodore Myer informed the membership about two events being held at Raritan YC and NJYRA members are invited to attend. Check the RYC website for further details.

- Peter Reggio, Senior Judge, will speak on last year's America's Cup on February 8 at 7:30 PM. A buffet dinner will be served and the cost will be \$25-30 per attendee.
- North U will host Dave Perry, expert on the racing rules, on March 15 at Raritan YC and he will speak on the racing rules. The information will be posted on the North U website. The cost is defined by North Sails.

NJYRA is planning to make NJYRA burgees available to member clubs. A sample burgee made by Carole Malik was on display. **All members are asked to provide Joe Malik with contact information for burgee suppliers that their clubs use.** These will be contacted as possible NJYRA suppliers. NJYRA will encourage flying the NJYRA burgee at all championships, displaying the burgee at their club locations and using the burgee as the class flag for NJYRA championship regattas.

Commodore Myer is gathering information on Officer's Patches for current officers and Past Commodores. Faye Bennett may have some PC patches and all PCs will receive a PC patch as a commemoration of their service. The current officer's patches will be passed on to new officers at each Annual Meeting as part of a Change of Command ceremony.

Treasurer Kosinski will bring a proposed 2008 Budget to the February meeting for discussion and approval. A concern is the declining cash reserve of the organization. More ads in the yearbook, the largest expense item of the organization, were discussed as a way of increasing the cash reserve.

PC Franz Schneider has agreed to chair the Yearbook Committee and is eager to get the yearbook on schedule; this would mean that all material must be complete no later than the April 1 meeting. Commodore Myer will provide estimates from her yearbook supplier. A discussion of the number of copies required to be printed was discussed as a way of containing some of the cost; this will be explored further.

Crissy Van Siclen of MBC reported that the **Level I Instructor class will be held at MBC on the weekends of May 6 and May 13. Since enrollment fills up quickly this is an early notification for NJYRA members.** Enrollment is through the US Sailing website. It is expected that a Level II class will be held at BLYC in June.

Additional Action Items for All Member Clubs

1. Each member club is asked to provide as soon as possible **contact information** to the Corresponding Secretary Rich Warren consisting of the address, phone number and Email address for
 - Club Officers
 - Junior Program Coordinator
 - Race Program Coordinator
 - NJYRA Representative
 - Contact information will be distributed to the Yearbook Coordinator and other officers and committee chairs by the Corresponding Secretary.
2. Each member club is asked to bring their calendar of racing events to the next meeting as well as their interest in hosting NJYRA Championship events to the February meeting when we will begin compiling the racing calendar. They are also encouraged to update the NJYRA website with their racing events.
3. Dues notices and ad forms will be available at the next meeting; member clubs are asked to identify new sources of ads.

The meeting adjourned at 2135

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Malik

Recording Secretary, NJYRA

Attendees:

Clubs Represented:

BLYC, FHSC, LEHYC, MBC, RYC, SSYC, SCYC.

Name	Club	Position	Attending
Ann Myer	RYC	Commodore	Y
Jeff Jacobi	SSYC	Vice Commodore	Y
Kathy Wright	BLYC	Rear Commodore	Y
Bernie Kosinski	SSYC	Treasurer	Y
Rich Warren	SCYC	Corresponding Sec.	Y
Joe Malik	FHSC	Recording Sec.	Y
Stuart Van Winkle	SSYC	Past Commodore	Y
Franz Schneider	LEHYC	PC	Y
Woody Woodie	JSC	PC, Rep.	N
Talbott Ingram	SSYC	PC, Jr. Coordinator	Y
Bob Griswold	HSC	Rep.	N
Bob Curtiss	AHYC	Rep	N
Chrissy Van Siclen	MBC	Rep	Y

Robert Slook	MBC	Rep	Y
Gary Luisi	MBC	Rep	Y
Joe Richter	SSYC	PC, Rep	N
Jim Walsh	PHRF	Rep	N
Alan Deekan	KYC	Rep	N
Jackie Cattanach	MBC	PC	N
Bruce Cattanach	MBC	Instructor Trainer	N
Dave Long	BBYC	Webmaster	N
Justin LaBarca	SHBCC	Rep	N
George Drawbaugh	LHYC	PC, Yearbook	N
David Watts	NSIBYC	Rep	N
Paul Zankel	RYC	Rep	N
Richard Twitchell	Rutgers	Guest	Y