



North Jersey Yacht Racing Association  
Regular Meeting  
March 7, 2013  
Keyport Yacht Club, Keyport, NJ

The meeting was called to order by Vice Commodore Georgi Munger at 1948. The roll call of member clubs was called and a quorum was present or on a conference call.

**Recording Secretary Report-Joe Malik:**

The minutes of the February Meeting were approved as corrected. They are posted on the NJYRA website.

**Corresponding Secretary Report-Bob Slook:**

Bob reported that conference call access will be available for all meetings. Clubs are encouraged to participate in this way if that is more convenient. Instructions for calling in will be provided with meeting notices.

**Treasurer Report-Ann Myer:**

(Ann was not able to attend and submitted her report in advance).

The current total amount in the checking account is \$7,466.55. No new checks were issued since the last meeting.

Several clubs remain in arrears with dues and/or ads: Total dues and ads amount in arrears is \$675:

- Haven Beach Association (2012 dues): \$100
- North Shrewsbury Iceboat and YC (2010/11 Ads): \$250

The Treasurer had reported the Shrewsbury River YC was in arrears on dues but Sam Oncea of SRYC reported that the dues had been paid.

Ann reported that Bills for 2013 will be sent to all member clubs including solicitation for ads.

The Treasurer reported that we continue to draw on our Reserve Fund to meet expenses; our Reserve Fund target remains at \$7,625.43.

Ann has obtained a debit card from our bank which is needed for on-line access. This will make it much easier to track account activity.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.



**Rear Commodore's Report-Greg Raybon:**

No report.

**Vice Commodore's Report-Georgi Munger:**

The role of the Junior Committee was discussed; it is recognized that this committee has a very important purpose. A discussion of how to improve Area C coordination for the Area Smythe, Bemis and Sears competition was held and ways to encourage NJYRA participation in those events. Entry rules need to be more flexible: past issues such as a 900 lb crew total weight minimum for a junior event because it was held in San Francisco and the minimum number of boats required for some events discourage entrants. The registration mechanism through Regatta Network doesn't work well for entrants without boats which is the case at many of these competitions.

It is believed that Deep Creek is the coordinating club for 2013. The nationals will be held in Corpus Christi, TX and raced in Sonars.

**Bid Sheet**

Georgi has been gathering bid sheet information and will report results at the next meeting.

The J-105 Class Fleet 10 President Paul Zajac has contacted NJYRA and expressed interest in being a NJYRA Class Championship. RYC can host the event. This could replace the JY15 Class; RYC is the only boat on the bay with JY15.

**Commodore's Report-Jim Ballintine:**

No report.

**Unfinished Business**

**Superstorm Sandy**

PHRF Rep Kelly Robinson presented the Hurricane Sandy Recovery Survey that he prepared. It will be sent to all clubs. The objective is to obtain data on the losses incurred by member clubs and their recovery plans.

A yahoo mail group YC\_Recovery\_nj@yahoogroups has been setup by the Corresponding Secretary for exchange of ideas, recovery needs and information. US Sailing has indicated they can help clubs with equipment and race marks, etc.



### Yearbook

A discussion of how to provide the yearbook going forward continued. The pros and cons of a hard cover document verses an on-line document were discussed. A consensus is building for an on-line yearbook with a smaller printed directory and our NJYRA poster.

Ann Myer will work with Jeff Jacobi to clarify the yearbook income and expenses incurred. It was agreed that a discussion of alternatives would be held at the next meeting.

### Trophies

Franz Schneider is moving forward to place our trophy order. We need to finalize the list of classes.

### Jr. Safety at Sea

The Jr. Safety at Sea Seminar will be held on July 25 at RYC (a Thursday). Members were encouraged to talk it up at their clubs. Junior Attendees will be invited to sail in the RYC Fall Lighthouse Race scheduled for September 29.

### Committees

Commodore Ballintine needs to finalize the committees and assignments.

### **New Business**

The majority of the meeting focused on one extremely important topic: "Why NJYRA?". Georgi raised the topic and we had a healthy and useful discussion on this important topic. Fundamentally one takeaway was what should NJYRA bring to the table? Why do we exist?

Sam Oncea of SRYC pointed out that our constitution has eleven reasons in it preamble that can be summarized, in my view, as fostering the sport of sailing. This can take many directions which are probably why we have eleven points. Some stand out.

First, NJYRA should have a role in the encouragement of youth sailing. Georgi made a compelling case for NJYRA playing a role in supporting High School sailing competition. This could be done by making our member club facilities available to high school teams. NJYRA might also sponsor a regatta and perpetual trophy for such an event. Another simple role is to educate member clubs about High School



sailing. Georgi also proposed that the High Point trophy criteria be modified to consider the results from such a regatta. With all that in mind we agreed that involvement in high school sailing would be a topic for our next meeting.

Second, we discussed the fact that some clubs have youth programs and some do not. Perhaps NJYRA should do more to facilitate providing access to youth programs of member clubs to clubs that do not offer programs. It is a topic worthy of discussion.

We also discussed other ways in which NJYRA could provide services to member clubs. The BBYRA model of using their website for all member club registrations and results postings was cited. In my view we should pursue what we might be able to do.

The NJYRA Championships and ladder events provide another opportunity to foster the advancement of sailing. We need to find ways to emphasize the NJYRA role in this. One way is our decision to provide the NJYRA trophies at the Annual Meeting this year and to hold the meeting at a time and place workable for the LBI clubs. Franz will pursue that.

The training of youth instructors, club race managers and judges by ensuring that training opportunities are provided is a key role. We would like to see NJYRA sponsor a Level II Instructor by identifying candidates and providing for their training.

Similarly, we should ensure that Race Management and Judge training be offered in our venues. Clubs that have active race programs can offer race management support to club that do not have active programs.

With the impact of Sandy still being felt, the sharing of ideas and resources amongst clubs still recovering by clubs not severely impacted should be pursued by identifying needs and potential responders.

We need to make our voices heard to US Sailing. It is clear that many at US Sailing are out of touch with reality. Jeff cited the example that since the Sears Final was being held in San Francisco (a dubious choice for a three handed youth regatta), the minimum weight was specified to be 900 pounds! We need to communicate our views regularly and forcefully by participation and written communication.



Rather than our standard agenda, we talked about having a theme and topic for each meeting that we would advertise much like we did at the annual meeting when we discussed Sandy and like the planned discussion of high school racing at the next meeting as a way of increasing interest and participation.

The next meeting will be held on April 4 at 1930 at Keyport Yacht Club

The meeting was adjourned at 2120.

*Respectfully submitted,*

**Joseph Malik**

*Recording Secretary, NJYRA*

**Clubs Represented:**

AHYC, FHSC, KYC, LEHYC, RYC\*, SHBCC, SRYC & SSYC.

**\* On conference call**

Name	Club	Position	Attending
Jim Ballintine	LHYC	Commodore, Rep	<b>N</b>
Georgi Munger	SSYC	Vice Commodore	<b>Y</b>
Greg Raybon	SHBCC	Rear Commodore, Rep	<b>Y</b>
Robert Slook	SSYC	Corresponding Sec., PC, Rep	<b>Y</b>
Joe Malik	FHSC	Recording Sec., Rep.	<b>Y</b>
Ann Myer	RYC	Treasurer, Rep, PC	<b>N</b>
Jeff Jacobi	SSYC	PC	<b>Y</b>
Stuart Van Winkle	SSYC	PC	
Alan Deekan	KYC	Rep	
Ann Quinn	KYC	Commodore	<b>Y</b>
Barbara Gold	RYC	Rep, HS Contact	
Bob Curtiss	AHYC	Rep	
Brenda Horvath	RYC	Junior Chair	
Bruce Cattanach	MBC	Instructor Trainer	
Dan Speranzo	RCYC	Rep	
Dave Long	BBYC	Webmaster, Rep	
David Watts	NSIBYC	Rep	
Don Chambers	SBYC	Rep, PC.	
Don Hall	BBYC	Rep.	
Doug Milnes	SSYC	SSYC Fleet Capt.	
Doug Olsen	RCYC	Jr. Coordinator	
Elaine Haher	AHYC	Rep	



<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attending</b>
Franz Schneider	LEHYC	Rep, PC	<b>Y</b>
Gus Fingado	SSYC	Rep	
Jack Flannery	AHYC	Race Comm.	
Jackie Cattanach	MBC	PC	
Jeff Smith	AHYC	Alternate	
Jim Walsh	PHRF	Rep	
Joe Richter	SSYC	PC, Mallory Comm.	
John Quinn	Monmouth U.	Rep	
Karl File	BLYC	Rep	
Kasey Mahoney	RCYC	Junior Ass't Chair	
Kathy Kulkowski	SHBCC	Rep	
Kathy Wright	BLYC	Rep, PC	
Keith Johnson	MBC	Rep.	
Kelly Robinson	RYC	PHRF-MA Rep, Safety at Sea Seminar	
Kim Myer	RYC	Alternate	
Lee DiRubbo	KYC	Rear Commodore	
Les Hathaway	MBC	Rep	
Lora Sgroi	FHSC	Chief Officer, Jr. Chair	
Mike Noone	NSC	Rep	
Nancy Chambers	SBYC	Rep	
Nicky Einthoven	HSC	Rep	
Paul Scalisi	RCYC	Rep	
Ray Nolting	KYC	Rep	
Rich Warren	SCYC	Rep.	
Sam Onsea	SRYC	Rep, PC	<b>Y</b>
Talbott Ingram	SSYC	PC, Jr. Coordinator	<b>Y</b>
Tom Boyer	BBYC	Rep.	
Vic Simon	SHBCC	Rep	