

Updated contact sheet was circulated to all present.

I. Season Review: what went right and wrong:

- Marblehead rolled three events into one near the season's end which yielded good results: higher participation
- Good decision to cancel New Englands for tropical storm Irene.
- Change in splits had some mixed reviews but generally seen as an improvement. It enabled more consistent number of boats racing against each other – fewer times that one boat raced in a fleet.
- Technology use was increased with email blasts, web postings, some on line registration which made it more interesting to see what boats were competing as the scratch sheet developed.
- There's interest in getting scratch sheets posted before races. RC people explained why that would be difficult. It's possible to get an evolving scratch sheet for fleets with on line registration sites.
- On line registration (one design), when available, was said to be a "god sent" as it helped with planning for trophies, scratch sheets etc.. It offered convenience to participants.
- Hull YC received kudos for it's on line registration and pay system for the Great Chase Race. There was a lot of enthusiasm for pursuing more on line registration. Other fleets expressed interest in learning how HYC did it and in using Hull's software...

This led to skipping to item 8: consolidated even registration and scoring.

VIII Consolidated Event Registration and Scoring: Some of what the exec committee discussed for improving the web page was relayed: possibly offering one-stop registration (and pay) for Mass Bay races, scoring and results posting software... paypal options.

Russ brought up 'Regatta Network' an on line registration system available to fleets at a cost of 7-10% of fees. It can be used for individual events or as a group for all MBSA events. Russ will get further information for our next meeting. PHRFNE is also looking into developing software through its Maine group. There are also questions to possibility of self-developed software.

II Membership Pricing: a) It was shared with the group that dues would not increase this year, but that MBSA would publicize this fact. An increase for next year is inevitable. b) Early bird discount would continue to June 1.

* Possibility of MBSA benefits such as discounts at marine stores etc could be added.

III. Offshore Racing schedule: a,b) The proposed schedule had only a few conflicts. The Hull Great Chase needs to be moved to 9-8 to accommodate tide issues which puts it in conflict with the Jubilee regatta and may effect Constitution Fall regatta. The Bowditch and Make-A-wish conflict. Boston Harbor Island Regatta conflicts with Phil Small – someone mentioned that BHIR might be amenable to changing to 10-14. Russ is working on new schedules to accommodate changes. C,d) Suggestions on individual event formats: It was questioned whether MBSA

should suggest Windward-Leeward or government mark formats to individual event planners and/or whether start times should be changed. It was decided to leave both up to the event organizers.

*Mike Handler talked about a Jimmy Fund Charitable event on July 28 involving a cruise to Provincetown. See cruiseforlife.org for further info.

V. Mass Bay Classes :

- a) Consolidation of classes D and E allowed more boats to race against each other. Only four events had 0 or 1 boats in a fleet, but all others had 2 – 9 boats.
 - b) Split changes allowed the J30 class to have its own championship.
 - c) It was decided not to do anything about A class and the zero boats.
- Overall the the changes got good reviews and will be left in place for a few years to better judge the effects.

VI. Pursuit Racing: Chris reports that interest is up. Currently they score the best 4 of 6 races and that most pursuit races are on the South Shore. It was decided to add a 7th race, Eastern Point's Ocean Race into the series. There was discussion as to whether to keep the Crocker with its idiosyncrasies. Going forward three will be the minimum number of races needed to be scored for the series using the best 4 of 7.

VII CHIPS Scoring was found to have favorable responses as it rewarded participation.

IX Race Management: As a result of confusion in one race, it was decided to recommend that R.C.s not use courses that mix government marks and inflatables.

Other business was tabled to a future meeting possibly Jan 11, 2012 at Cottage Park.