

Summary

Mass Bay Sailing Association Meeting

1-26-11
CPYC

In Attendance: Russ Chapman, Chris Zibailo, Rachel French, Melissa Verrochi, Jody Graul, Tom Anderson, Mitch Wiest (BHPHRF), Tom Thompkins & Jeff (Rama) Silverman (CYC), Ernie & Sue Hardy (CPYC), Susie Schneider & Jack Cochrane (EYC), Bob Foley (Hingham), Doug Ryan (Hull Yacht Club), Lou Pena (JYC), Peter Twining (MYC), Tom Tetrault (PCYC), Kevin O'Leary (Scituate Sailing), Ken Bowden (J105)

Russ started us off by sharing a warm thank you letter from the Allie Foundation for our contribution and award given to them – Yacht Club of the Year.

YEARBOOK

Schedule

Version 11 of the proposed 2011 Offshore schedule was reviewed item by item by all in attendance. An effort was made to keep some balance between windward-leeward, distance and government mark races. There were only four race conflicts: one on Aug 6 Bodwitch and Make-A-Wish and the second on Oct 1 involving the Phil Small and BHIR.

The idea was raised to move the Phil Small to Saturday, Oct 8th which would resolve conflict of two important races and still allow the Phil Small to be held on a Saturday. Lou Pina will check with the social committee at Jubilee to make sure this move works for the club. An additional benefit would be having two end-of-year races in one weekend in Marblehead making it more desirable for South Shore boats to travel.

Lou did check on this and got back to Russ. Jubilee has decided to keep the race on Sat Oct 1 due to a conflict with another event on Oct 8.

Book Pages

Deadline for submission of book pages is February 1, 2011.

Shout out

A thanks to Jim Whipple and Jody Graul for their efforts in resolving issues with Mass Bay Standard marks. The longitudes and latitudes are updated (subject to changes with Coast Guard), letter designations have changed to lesson confusion. Changes will be highlighted in the book.

PROPOSED CHANGES

After much spirited debate, the group voted on the following:
(details of the arguments can be found in Chis Zibailo's Classes and Split Proposals emailed prior to the meeting.)

1) Approved the proposed changes in class splits. New splits are as follows

Class A	-6 to 55
Class B	56 to 100
Class C	101 to 155
Class D	156 and up

F and G fleets remain the same

Class F	up to 155
Class G	156 and up

This adjustment of splits for the racing classes consolidate us from five classes to four, effectively merging the D and E Classes with about six boats from D moving to C class.

This allows J30s to all be in the same class as well as increase the number of boats per line.

2) Approved the proposed JAM (Jib and Main) class to be added to the Pursuit Championship as a second class so there will now be a Spinnaker Class and a JAM Class.

3) Approved the elimination of travel requirements for fleets D and G.

NEW SCORING

Mass Bay will now use Chipstead High Points Scoring race scoring system (CHIPS) with some modification which will be outlined explicitly in the yearbook. Russ and Chris will work on writing this definitive statement for the book.

CONSOLIDATED EVENT REGISTRATION AND SCORING

A possible means for a central on-line race registration may be in the works. There are still issues to be worked out concerning payments and flow of money. If the program is possible, we will discuss adopting such a page at a later date.

OTHER TOPICS

Proposed for a later date's discussion: Presently the Pursuit Race series has races that are weighed far more heavily than others depending on participation and organizers' means of scoring. Next year we may want to consider ways to weigh races more equitably with less emphasis on number of boats participating.

NEXT MEETING

No further meetings are scheduled until December of 2012.

MBSA STANDARD ROUNDING MARKS UPDATE

Jim Whipple updated the existing Mass Bay Standard Rounding Marks list to remove marks that no longer existed and to update some lat/long info that was out of date. In addition, he has edited the lists reflecting the suggestions he made for improvements in the lists designed to remove any sort of confusion or ambiguity.

In addition to dealing with obsolete marks A and Y he suggests (so as to enable the use of code flags or placards for marks) the following items shouldn't be on the list:

- C (code flag) which could mean change of course.
- I (placard, not now used) which could be confused with numeral 1 (one).
- O (placard) which could be confused with numeral 0 (zero).
- T (code flag) which could mean twice around.
- 10 isn't a numeral pennant (but 0 is).

In addition, it seems that W (not listed at all in 2010) would seem like the obvious choice for a portable windward mark.

With these thoughts in mind, the list has been edited as follows:

1. Since Cape Ann Whis (presently A) is no longer on the USCG Light List, change Eastern Pt Whis from B to A, change Newcomb Ledge Whis from C to B, and don't use C as a mark.
2. Redefine E as portable gybe/reach mark, redefine F as portable start/finish mark, and define W (not now used) as portable windward mark.
3. Since Martin Ledge RN"6" (presently Q) is less than one mile from 3.5 Fathom Ledge Bell (presently O) and less than one mile from Boston Ledge RN"4" (presently R), change 3.5 Fathom Ledge Bell from O to Q, and don't use O as a mark.
4. Since Humarock Whis (presently Y) is no longer on the USCG Light List, change Harding Ledge Bell from T to Y, and don't use T as a mark.
5. Since there's no code numeral pennant 10, change Salem Chan GC"3" from 10 to (numeral) 0.