

In attendance: MBSA Officers: Russ C, Lance R, Jim W, Tom A, Doug R and Maura P.
DELEGATES: Karen T, Sue H, Ernie H, S Schneider, Jim M, Chris L, Hoff S, Paula F, Kevin O, Mitch W, Andy K, Ken B, Bob F, and John Fillias

Introductions and welcome from Russ

The Offshore New England Championships aka ONE Regatta:

Russ discussed the name and showed around the new logo fresh off the printer as of today. He is meeting with Carter White tomorrow. The separate bank account for the regatta has been opened. Next tasks promos for the sponsors and establish details of the regatta for marketing purposes.

Questions were raised about where and when the event would be held and folks were assured that nothing there had changed (i.e. same host club and dates as always). The format will be changing to address racers desires like the jib & main racers might see longer courses and the use of government marks. We are looking to attract more boats and different types. Lance would like to be kept in the loop regarding news on anyone wanting to come.

Safety Plan:

Chris Lubeck presented the efforts being done in Marblehead to update their safety plan. The last plan was done 8 ½ years ago and therefore we have not kept up with the technology. The revised plan will have four components - a training manual, laminated cards for easy use on the committee boats, a CPR/AED reference card on procedures and a skipper "how to call an emergency in" card.

Chris suggested that since USSA was not able to assist in updating our plan that Marblehead could give to MBSA clubs as a template of how to set one up. The group voted on it and decided that yes they would all like to get it. It was discussed that some of this stuff should be in the Yearbook but it will not have received all the blessing from clubs dock masters, bridges, Harbor Master, Fire, Police and USCG.

2014 Offshore Racing Schedule and Yearbook Pages:

We went through and did a final pass on the schedule. A few events changed dates and a few events had no representatives so Russ was to follow up on those.

No significant changes were made to the GSI's. The cutoff for all ESIs and any last minute calendar changes should be in by 2/28. The book will go to the printers on 4/1.

Doug spent some time talking about the mission statement and how we were looking to do more regarding the charity piece of it. He discussed some associations that he was looking into being "Wounded Warriors", Make-A-Wish, Courageous Sailing Center and

Long Island Bridge program. This will help demonstrate why you might want to donate more money over and above your dues.

Bob Foley discussed his three ideas regarding how to get to a real champion of the year. We spent quite a bit of time discussing the three options. We liked option three, one regatta in each region being scored 1.25x points. The thought here is MBSA would be divided into three regions North Shore, South Shore and Boston area. The governors would decide which race to pick for the multiplier. Discussed whether we should wait another year to resolve this issue but it was felt that this option meant we were just passing the buck so to speak. We agreed to do something this year with Bob Foley taking the lead on this project.

RMS:

Registration section is just about ready. There was a discussion on the new pricing package but Russ felt that in most of our events there was no need to upgrade to the more costly plan. The system will now confirm whether the boat is a MBSA member when they sign up for your regatta so we no longer have to take on good faith. We did discuss the fact that for a non-boat owner there was no email sent out telling you your membership was up and this feature might help drive membership. In 2013 we had 130 boat owner members and only 10 individual members.

Scoring:

We discussed the tie breaker options and decided to stay with the same one for the second tie break being total corrected time.

We talked about TOT versus TOD and decided to make it an individual regatta decision but it must be stated in the ESIs. Regattaman can do either option.

New Business:

We discussed the safety solution being done at Toronto regattas. Their check-in requires not only sail number but also the number of souls on board. It was decided this was definitely worth doing and the GSI's will include it.

The asymmetrical spinnaker issue was raised. There is a letter requesting resolution but nothing will happen in 2014 but it is possible for 2015.

It was announced that Matt Delaney had taken over as Commodore of PHRFNE and that this was very positive. He has already been involved with the ONE steering committee reviewing logo etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07.