

**HRYRA “New Ideas” Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Attending:

George Samalot, HRYRA Pres.
Eric Baumes, NBC
Mike Colucci, CYC
Joanna Doyle, CYC
Mike Doyle, CYC
Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer
John Edwards, HCYC
Rick Feldman, NBC
Peter Feroe, SYC
Jessie Fitzgerald, MYC
St. John Forbes, MYC
Bob Tamagny, MYC
Carmen Yannelli, NBC

Ideas Statement:

George states the meeting is to discuss “new ideas” for 2013 and wants to include

- How did the 2012 PHRF splits work ?
- One – design ideas
- Junior programs

Going around the table, attendees were asked to report comments from their membership and ideas.....

Jessie Fitzgerald:

1. Junior program at Minisceongo
 - 20 kids
 - 10 Optimist dinghys and a 420
 - A BIG thank you to Rick Feldman and Carmen Yannelli for facilitating the donation of Optis to MYC. It was noted that NBC also donated boats to CYC.
 - MYC is more receptive to the Junior Program now
2. Liked the PHRF splits.
3. All thought MYC did a great job with their HRYRA regatta.

St. John Forbes:

1. HRYRA needs to be more “pro-active” to drum up sailing on the River.
2. Liked the website. Thought more stories about racing would be good.
3. Better coordination between the One-design and PHRF fleets to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Mike Colucci:

1. Offer a Protest Hearing Class
 - step by step instruction on filing a protest
 - step by step on running a protest hearing
2. One calendar online for all HRYRA events.
 - All clubs would send their racing / program info to the HRYRA webmaster for posting on the HRYRA Online Calendar
 - All agree *Google Calendar* is the program to be used.
 - Again, coordination between the PHRF fleets and One Design fleets is essential to prevent conflicts.

Carmen Yannelli:

1. Carmen has taken over the Junior sailing Program at Nyack.
Have Junior Interclub Regattas that would score for an Overall HRYRA Junior Championship.
2. More Junior regattas that could be on weekends OR weekdays during the summer.
3. Advanced level coaching for the high school kids
 - Lecture from a collegiate level coach. Joe Sullivan, Fordam University sailing coach runs clinics.
 - Get clubs together on a weekend for a one day coaching clinic / one day regatta.
 - Attendees to the clinic would be recommended by the club / kids would send in resumes for consideration.
 - Peter Feroe says LISOT provides great training. Here is the website:
<http://www.lisot.org/whoWeAre.php>

Joanna Doyle:

1. The Junior Program at Chelsea needs help.
 - It's grown too fast for its infrastructure.
 - Kids are not racing.
2. Rick Feldman volunteers to go over all elements of creating a Junior Program with Joanna.
3. Peter Feroe suggest Guy May would be another resource for Joanna.
4. E-mail addresses of HRYRA Junior people will be given to Joanna.

John Edwards:

1. Racing is "waning" at Hudson Cove YC.
2. Hudson Cove wants their regatta back on the 1st weekend in June. The schedule for 2013 will be discussed / set at the HRYRA Board Meeting.

Rick Feldman:

1. Sees HRYRA's role as the "leader". How does HRYRA become a "clearinghouse" / organizing entity for all Hudson River racing? Calendar is a good step.

2. NBC has a Boat Replacement Program for their Juniors with a \$9,500 a year budget. Older boats may again be available for donation to other HRYRA clubs this year. Nyack's Junior Program just completed its 43rd year.

Peter Feroe:

1. Alert racers that changes to race schedules / timing of racing starts etc. will be e-mailed to competitors and posted on the HRYRA website .
2. Re Common Instructions....update the "time limit" for races as most races are now shorter.
3. Questions how regattas are "weighted".

SPLITS:

1. Discussion of a suggestion from John Nonenmacher to "overlap" the splits between Fleet #1 and Fleet #2.
 - Fleet #1 0 – 126
 - Fleet #2 114 – 159
 - Racers would pick which fleet (#1 or #2) that they will complete in for the season.
2. George asks attendees to go to their membership and get opinions on the splits. E-mail george@samalotmarine.com with the opinions.
3. Many thought we should wait to decide the breaks till spring to get a better feel on participation.

PARTICIPATION: (See attached participation summary provide by Eric Baumes)

1. Participation is a problem. Feedback from members is:
 - Hard to get crew on weekends.
 - Don't want to travel.
 - Can't spend the whole weekend racing.
2. A "Crew Board" on the HRYRA website would post:
 - Skippers looking for crew.
 - Sailors looking to crew.
3. Encourage members to "tap into" Junior programs for crew on PHRF boats.

2013 SCHEDULE:

1. Will be discussed and set at the HRYRA Board Meeting.
2. HRYRA member feedback suggested many wanted more weekends between regattas. Hard enough getting crew, let alone several weekends in a row.
3. Suggestion of one day events with lots of races. No wind is always a possibility.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:

Peter Feroe will create a survey to be sent out to the HRYRA membership.

HRYRA ORGANIZATION:

1. Rick says HRYRA should have committees made up of people in the general membership
2. 12 Board members (made up of 2 reps from each HRYRA club with one vote per rep.
 - Webmaster (vote ?)
 - Rules chairman (no vote)
 - PHRF measurer (no vote)
 - Treasurer (votes – can be board member or not)
 - Secretary (votes – can be board member or not)
3. George says “new blood” would be good. Look at the 7 boats that did all the races for board member candidates.
4. Better communication from HRYRA.
 - HRYRA needs to be “sold” to people as more than just a PHRF provider.
 - One-Designs are out of the HRYRA loop.
 - Eric says HRYRA should do more to “market” events and keep in contact with the membership during the rest of the year.
5. Eric will write up a HRYRA By Laws recommendation. He will hopefully have it ready to present at the Board Meeting in a couple of weeks.
6. Eric will chair a committee – “Governance and Nominating” to help put more structure in the HRYRA organization as well as find the next leaders of HRYRA.
7. Creation of a “*HRYRA Overall Trophy*” that would be presented to the overall winner of all spinnaker fleets combined.

AREA B JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS:

Peter Feroe reported that 2013 is HRYRA’s turn to host the “Area B Junior Championship Semifinals” for the US Sailing National Championships (Sears, Bemis and Smythe).

1. Triple, double and single-handed boats will be sailed
2. The event can be hosted by one club or two.
3. The double and single handed boats are brought by the participants.
4. The triple handed boats must be provided by the host club. 8 boats will probably be needed.
5. The Race Committee *may* need to be US Sailing certified. Peter will find out.

WOMEN’S CHALLENGE CUP:

Jessie Fitzgerald said Minisceongo will do a one day event again in 2013. She would like another club to do an additional one day event.

CONCLUSIONS:

1. Better coordination between the One-design and PHRF fleets to avoid scheduling conflicts.
2. One calendar online for all HRYRA events.
3. More Junior regattas - coaching for advanced level junior sailors.
4. HRYRA reps should poll their membership and get opinions on the splits.
5. The 2013 schedule will be discussed and set at the HRYRA Board Meeting.

6. Better communication from HRYRA to membership to promote events and throughout the year
7. Create HRYRA By-laws and better organize leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cc Dwyer, HRYRA Secretary / Treasurer