

SCYYRA
Board Meeting
24 January 2009 12:00Noon
San Diego Yacht Club

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:10PM by Chairman, Mike Segerblom.

Roll Call: Due to the number of attendees introductions were made by each individual.

Mike Segerblom reminded those present the purpose of these meetings are to provide a flow of information to the organizations associated with SCYYRA.

Treasurer Report: Attached (please attach)

The increasing of dues was discussed last April and was, at that time, tabled for future discussion. The subject will be brought up again today under New Business.

2 member organizations have not paid for this years dues. Seal Beach Yacht Club is currently changing Jr. Sailing Program personnel. The Yacht Club is not currently funding as they are first waiting for a clear understanding of the direction of their Jr. Sailing Program. Huntington Harbour Yacht Club has not responded to any of our communications.

Mike Segerblom commented the SCYYRA clinic expenditures were greater than planned as the event location was changed to Alamitos Bay Yacht Club. He followed up with commenting this was a worthwhile move as the location allowed all applicants to be accepted. The financial goal is for just a bit of money to remain after all expenditures for the programs offered through SCYYRA are paid. Currently the total assets appear good but that is due to the series expenditures that have not been processed. (ie.: t-shirts, trophies,...)

Chuck Sinks moved to approve the budget. Peter MacDonald seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Chairman Report:

The yearbook is the 2nd most important aspect of this organization. The yearbook provides the way for all affiliated organizations to work together, as again it provides a flow of information to the sailing community. Danielle Richards did an outstanding job with the information provided in the yearbook. Kevin Kirk also did an outstanding job with expanding the book to provide additional space for paid advertisement. This increase in space allowed for the advertising needed to support the production of the yearbook. Thank you to both Danielle and Kevin. After expenses for the production of the yearbook there is a net income of \$2.50.

The yearbooks were distributed to the remaining Yacht Clubs for distribution to their members. It was brought to our attention that Yacht Clubs located in the State of Arizona would like to receive some yearbooks. Del Mar Yacht Club would follow through in sending yearbooks to Arizona Yacht Clubs. Jana O'Dou, SWYC also mentioned of a new Las Vegas Yacht Club that she will send yearbooks to. Las Vegas Yacht Club is also interested in any boats to help build their program. Coronado Yacht Club and Del Mar Yacht Club both responded that they could possibly assist with boats.

Congratulations to the U18 and U23 Development Sailing Team Members. More on the Development Team will be discussed during Jerelyn Biehl's report.

Series Reports:

North Series – John Fretwell reported there are 28 sailors currently registered as participating in the series. This number is usually higher. John expressed the importance of speaking with the sailors parents about the North Series. This series is their first experience with SCYYRA. John reminded everyone to have their sailors pick up their sweatshirts. Mike Segerblom commented the sweatshirt design was great. John Fretwell reminded everyone the next North Series Regatta will be at Newport Harbor Yacht Club for the Spring Gold Cup.

Frost/Ullman Series – Pat Toole reported 44 Frost sailors and 4 Ullman sailors registered for their respective series. Participation has been good. At the Labor Day Regatta there were 48 Radial and 23 Full Rig participating. The Turkey Day Regatta had 66 Radial and 29 Full Rig registered. The next series regatta will be held at Cal Yacht Club on 28 & 29 March. Scott Deardorff will be the chairman for the Frost/Ullman Series next year. Mike Segerblom commented about the smooth transition from Pat Toole to Scott Deardorff. Pat reported of a study

completed in Australia regarding Laser Full Rig. The study found the Full Rig Laser placed too much stress on the back and knees. It found the Laser Radial to be more body friendly. Australia has adopted the Radial Rig Laser. In the United States at the High School age both the Full Rig and Radial are raced based on size. However, at the College level men sail Full Rig and women sail Radial. It was suggested as a group we continue to develop Full Rig Laser sailing and keep an eye on the International Radial movement.

Shadden Series – Peter MacDonald reported an average of 50 boats participating in the regattas. John Fretwell reported there were 44 boats participating in today's SDYC Shadden Regatta whereas last year there were 37 boats at the same. Peter MacDonald stated 48 boats registered for the Shadden Series. The results have been updated and are online. The t-shirts are printed and everything is on schedule. Mike Segerblom expressed how important this series is. As a Sophomore or Junior sailors should be participating in this series. The CFJ is a great introductory boat. Mike thanked Peter and Deon for a great job.

Dick Sweet – No Report.

US Sabot High Point Series – No Report.

Perry Series – Steve Bowman reported 41 registered Series boats. He reported the last Series regatta held on 8 & 9 November 2008 at San Diego Yacht Club although there was extreme weather conditions no one was hurt. Steve commented that in the future he and John Fretwell would be more careful in deciding whether to continue racing under those conditions. The updated results would be posted online by Monday, 26 January 2009. Steve is working on t-shirts and trophies and will discuss details with Mike Segerblom after the meeting. Mike had mentioned a deposit mailed on 30 October 2008 had gone missing. It was required to contact those individuals whose checks were a part of this deposit and request replacement payments. All payments have been received with the exception of 5. These 5 replacement payments are already in the mail to SCYYRA. Steve reminded us the next Perry Series regatta was scheduled for next weekend, 31 January and 1 February at USSC-LB. The races are scheduled to take place next to the pier. Currently there are 40+ boats scheduled to participate. Mike Segerblom reminded everyone ABYC will be closed to the Perry Series participants based on the High School SoCal and an ABYC event currently scheduled. Coach boats will need to be delivered and launched by 5:00PM on Friday from USSC-LB. Mike asked everyone to pass the word USSC-LB would be offering charter boats for the SoCal at the cost of \$75.00. This will be a benefit to all parties involved as the price is reasonable for

the SoCal participants and it will make more room at USSC-LB for the Perry Series participants. USSC-LB will also be chartering C420's for the Perry Series at \$100.00 per day. There are 5 available. 1 has already been reserved by San Francisco Yacht Club.

Series Age Limits Review – The question of lowering the participants age from 21 to 18/19 has been brought up for discussion in the past. After some review by Scott Barnard it was suggested to leave each series as written. This item will be removed from future agendas. It was noted the Frost Series does not specify age and may need to be reviewed.

US Sailing Instructor Training:

Danielle Richards reported a Level 1 Instructor Class currently being scheduled and available. Although the pre-requisites seem intimidating the end result is that the class is required for coaching. The test to pass the class is open book and not difficult. The individual taking the class must be 16 years of age prior to the class beginning. Currently there are no Level 2 Classes scheduled however if there is interest a class can be organized and scheduled. It was reminded an assistant must be paired with a fully certified instructor for insurance purposes. All certified coaches must be certified as completing the Level classes as well as have a US Sailing certification. Their Level 1 and Level 2 certifications must be current as well as their first aid and CPR certifications. Danielle also stated all coaches must be certified for CFJ Nationals that will be taking place in San Diego this year. It was questioned if the Level 2 class had changed as in the past the information taught and discussed was not found to be beneficial. Danielle stated the class had not changed in content. She reminded everyone that US Sailing requires the certifications for instructors. 40 hours of training is required for insurance purposes. A Level 1 or Level 2 coaching class is required at US Sailing events. It was also highly discouraged for parents to become certified in an effort to coach their own children. Mike Segerblom thanked Danielle for her report and her efforts to keeping everyone on track with the current requirements.

Old Business:

SCYYRA Regatta rotation schedules thru 2011 - At the previous SCYYRA meeting Guy had volunteered to organize the Regatta rotation schedules thru 2011. The following should be the schedule:

	2009	2010	2011
Sabot Nationals	ABYC	SDYC	NHYC
CFJ	SDYC	ABYC	SBYC
Jr. Olympics	NHYC	Marina del Rey	SDYC

This schedule is not flexible.

US Sailing/CISA Report:

Merrilee who has been employed at CISA for over 17 years is retiring this year. Jerelyn is inviting any young sailors who would like to write a congratulations message to her to do so by February.

CISA Clinic - Jerelyn Biehl reported 11 – C420, 3 – CFJ, 4 – Laser (Full Rig), 16 – Laser (Radial), and 9 – 29er applications have already been received by CISA. The deadline is next weekend. Please encourage applications. The CFJ class is an entry level class. The minimum application age is 13 years old.

Orange Bowl – 60+ sailors from Southern California participated in the Orange Bowl. The reports Jerelyn has received are all great. Jerelyn would like to be certain all the sailors are reminded to write a Thank You note to the CISA Board Members. A note of thanks is very important. In the years past the Southern California sailors have always dominated at the Orange Bowl. This was due to the organization and coaching provided by CISA. Many of the East Coast sailors have assumed CISA was a club team and so now they are forming club teams to train. This is creating more competition. The East Coast sailors were very surprised at the support and monetary scholarships CISA provides.

Youth World Qualifiers – ABYC did an outstanding job hosting this event. They are great at organizing and facilitating big events. ABYC originally agreed to host the Youth World Qualifiers Regatta with the guarantee of hosting the event 2 consecutive years. This was their second year. Next year the event will be hosted back east in Clearwater, Florida. The 29'er, Laser Radial, SL16, RSX for both male and female, and the I420 for male and female fleets will be represented. The I420 will not have charter boats available and will not require a pre-qualifying regatta. Mike Segerblom congratulated the Youth Qualifier Champions; Korbin Kirk and Daniel Segerblom winning the multi-hull and Chris Barnard in Laser Radial.

Youth Championships & Sears, Bemis, Smyth – The date of the Youth Championship Regatta will be changed to the end of Summer. The second and

third weeks in August have been suggested. The Sears, Bemis, Smythe, and Ida Lewis Regattas are scheduled to be sailed first so that Youth Championships will be the culminating event of the Summer. The Olympic Sailing Committee would like to use Youth Champs as the U18 team selection event. This has been an ongoing discussion that US Sailing would like to implement in 2010. Currently Youth Champs is sailed in June. In 2010 Youth Champs is scheduled to be sailed on the West Coast. The US Sailing Youth Committee contacted SDYC to host the event but SDYC could not due to the date change to August and the conflict with Sabot Nationals which they will be hosting in 2010. NHYC was contacted and accepted hosting the event the same week as Sabot Nationals would be held in San Diego. Possible dates were discussed:

9 - 12 August	Sabot Nationals	SDAYC
13 - 16/17 August	Sears, Bemis, Smyth	SDAYC
18 - 22 August	Youth Champs	NHYC

Much concern was discussed regarding the dates suggested: Coaching, Housing, College classes beginning, conflict with schedules resulting in low attendance, Charter Boats being available through Laser Performance, scheduling of the 3 day clinic prior to Youth Champs) It was suggested as a committee to override NHYC and request they retract their hosting of the event. Ward Mace questioned trying to work it out in Southern California. He brought up the point if it was in Southern California the local sailors would not have to contend with chartering boats and locating housing. They would also sail on their home turf. Ward volunteered to discuss SCYYRA's concern with NHYC Commodore, Fleet Captain, and Yacht Racing Director, and will report back. After continued discussions on these topics a motion was made by Chuck Sinks for a committee to be formed to draft a letter to Lee Parks, US Sailing Youth Director regarding Sears, Bemis, Smyth, and Youth Champs. The topics of the letter would be:

- 1) Conflicting events. (ie.; Dutch Shoe, Sabot Nationals, Cork, Bemis,...) List local, national, and international events.
- 2) History of event and ISAF World Championship. Question why they are changing an event that has such history. (Dates in general, coaching, clinic, housing)
- 3) Philosophically. Lateral events.
- 4) The writing committee would consist of Chuck Sinks and Ward Mace. Mike Segerblom would edit the letter, the final would be circulated amongst the board and signed.

John Fretwell seconded the motion. After continued discussion the motion was passed.

U18 – U23 Development Team – It was reported that there were great resumes received with the applications. This new team sits on the second quad of the Olympic Committee. The team was chosen on the applicants resume' as

well as their commitment to the team. The team members are selected on a yearly basis and must be renewed by existing members every year. For those individuals not selected a letter was sent out along with a list of select training camps. John Fretwell questioned if selection was also based on geographic distribution. Jerelyn assured everyone it was based on resumes and commitment and continued that a selection based on geographic distribution would not be fair and would not necessarily bring about the strongest team. Jerelyn informed us the Development Team members would be required to signing a proper conduct contract and possibly drug testing. During the Summer months the team members will be training at the Arco Training Center, meeting with a nutritionist, and attending select clinics.

Mike Segerblom thanked CISA for all of their contributions to Junior Sailing. He commented on the great event CISA organized at Orange Bowl. The Coaches were wonderful and the ratio of sailors to coaches was great.

Director &/or Committee Reports:

I420 Class Development – Steve Bowman reported a growth in interest for the I420 in the United States. Annapolis Yacht Club recently purchased 6 while San Francisco purchased 3, both purchases were from CISA. The Orange Bowl will no longer include the I420 or 29'er fleets. There is a large British interest in the I420. The C420 is a great development boat for the high school and college level. It was questioned as to when the I420 should be encouraged for boat ownership. Mike Segerblom commented the I420 Catalina molds are currently in Chinese production. Laser Performance is providing the sails for these I420's. Laser Performance is more concerned with encouraging the growth of the C420 class. The I420 is a small percent of Laser Performance production. The CFJ and Radial Laser is the core of their business. Mike suggested as a group we should be supporting the C420, CFJ, and Radial Lasers. We should wait until the junior sailors rise to the I420 level and allow the progression to occur individually and focus on what is happening here and now. Mike commented if we allow these groups to artificially push a movement in the sport that would not be beneficial for the junior sailors. Steve Bowman mentioned the updated mandatory equipment and safety requirement changes. These changes will take effect at NOR-Midwinters and are a must to follow.

Optimist Class Development – John Rogers reported Opti Nationals is scheduled to be held at Cabrillo Yacht Club on 18 – 27 July 2009. Last year 500 sailors registered for the event held in New York and he is hoping for good participation here in Southern California. Mike Segerblom encouraged Opti

Nationals being held in Southern California this year. It is great exposure for the development of the program. But, he also did not see the Opti program replacing the Sabot program currently strong in Southern California. The Opti is a great ocean boat and is a plus for locations without a bay.

New Business:

Next Meeting – 4 April 2009 at the US Sailing Center-Long Beach, during the CISA Advanced Sailing Clinic.

Membership Dues Increase – Last April it was originally discussed to increase the SCYYRA membership dues. With the current yearly dues of \$100 per member organization SCYYRA is not self-sufficient. It was discussed to increase the dues to \$125.00 or \$150.00 per year. It was suggested to raise the fee to \$150.00 in increments over the next 2 years. In 2009 the dues would be raised to \$125.00 and in 2010 the dues would be raised to \$150.00. It was discussed the purpose of raising dues was to break even not to necessarily have surplus. Kevin Kirk made a motion to raise the membership fee this year to \$125.00. John Frettwell seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Mike Segerblom reminded everyone the same should be applied to regatta entrance fees. The regatta fees should pay for the regatta, it is not meant to produce income.

Adjourn:

Chuck Sinks moved to adjourn the meeting. _____
seconded.(insert name of SDYC representative who is "next years chairman" that was sitting next to Jana O'Dou)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM.

Minutes prepared by Jacquelyn Chung, "fill-in" Secretary for _____.
(insert name accordingly)