

SCYYRA
Board Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2009
Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Newport Beach, CA

The meeting was called to order at 1200 by Vice Chairman Ward Mace

In attendance:

Ward Mace, Vice Chairman (NHYC), Jana Odou (SWYC), Chuck Sinks (SDYC), Doug Jorgensen (ABYC), Guy Turner (SBYC), Danielle Richards (SDYC), Jill Powell (CorYC)

Minutes of the April 4, 2009 meeting were M/S/C to approve.

Secretary Report:

No report. Discussion regarding filling Board positions at the November meeting. Noted 29er Fleet, after several requests, has not submitted 2010 dates.

Treasurer Report:

Financial Statements through June 30, 2009 were M/S/C to approve.

Chairman's Report:

No report. Noted that the Chairman was out of the country.

Series Reports:

North Series – NOR under development. Propose same dates as 2008-2009 North Series

Ullman/Frost – Cinco de Mayo regatta at SBYC. Agreed to keep the CdeM regatta on the Ullman/Frost schedule with the Sunday scores applied towards U/F scoring only as SAT exams are on Saturday. Laser Mid-Winter West will be hosted by Richmond YC. This is a no-go for U/F. That stop on the U/F calendar is now the SCYA Mid-Winters hosted by MBYC February 20-21.

Shadden Series: Regatta is in good shape. So Cal CFJ participation is on the rise.

Dick Sweet Team Race: Drop off in the number of teams in the 2009 DS – down to 7. Some of this is “generational” as “high end” Sabot sailors at some member Clubs are doing other regattas/activities. However there is some confusion on how the regatta is actually scored. The emphasis on the knock-out structure the final day and the perception that teams “sail two races-get eliminated-then go home by noon” on the final day is not helping participation. Agreed to alert Jenn Lancaster DS Team Race Chair to the issues and have Jenn report back to the SCYYRA Board with status/action plan for event.

U.S. Sabot: No report. Discussion ensued regarding the status/relevancy of the US Sabot group with SCYYRA. Where are they? Spotty communications with the Class at best.

Perry Series: Encourage Nor-Cal sailors to race. Event is in good shape participation-wise. Understand Bowman/Rogers co-chairmanship will continue into 2009-2010 Series.

US Sailing/CISA Report:

Danielle Richards reported that US Sailing has not found a So Cal venue for the August 8-14 Youth Champs. Cabrillo Beach YC and SDYC have been approached. SDYC is a no go as the dates conflict with the 2010 US Sailing Sears/Bemis/Smythe dates – discussion ensued - and Junior Sabot Nationals to be hosted by SDAYC. Lively discussion ensued on the overall lack of communication and reasoning behind US Sailing decision making on scheduling Youth events.

July 27 application deadline for US Sailing “U Teams.”

ISAF Youth Worlds Qualifiers 2010 hosted in Clearwater, FL January (MLK Holiday weekend).

US Sailing Instructor Training: 140 to 160 Level 1 instructors trained so far this year. Big kudos from attendees to Chair Danielle Richards for coordinating successful Level 1 training in So. Cal.

Old Business:

Master Rotation schedule of events was discussed. Noted that MBYC BOD voted to not to offer the MBYC venue every other year to host Junior Sabot Nationals. MBYC BOD agreed to host every third year. Discussion ensued regarding SCYYRA writing a letter to MBYC Commodore regarding reconsidering that decision in the best interest of youth sailing as MBYC is a fantastic venue for Sabot Nationals. INSA will need to address also.

Director and Committee Reports:

New CISA I-420's have arrived. Three 'old' CISA I-420's remain to be sold. Optimist Class Development in So Cal. Nationals at CBYC July 18-27, 2009. Discussion. Optimist Class is aggressive about Class development in So Cal.

New Business:

MBYC has proposed a Spring Sabot Invitational April 10-11 – this invitational would attract sailors not attending CISA clinic – general agreement to include this regatta on SCYYRA calendar.

PCISA Cardinal conflicts with SCYA Mid-Winters. SCYYRA recommends PCISA strongly consider moving Cardinal to the weekend of February 27-28.

Women's High School Championship – Proposal by SDYC to host PCISA sanctioned event May 1-2. SCYYRA notes these dates conflict with SCYYRA Ullman/Frost. Many female high school age sailors sailing Radial's in the SCYYRA Frost Series – conflict. SCYYRA supports this type of event however strongly recommends PCISA find an alternate weekend for event.

Club 420 Nationals – tentatively to be hosted by SDYC August 1-4. One day overlap with CFJ Nationals – however this is the 420 Nationals charter and registration day – not a huge impact on So Cal 420 Nationals sailors also sailing CFJ Nationals. Early or late (morning of Day #2) 420 Nationals registration can accommodate So Cal participating in CFJ Nationals @ ABYC. A workable scenario for SCYYRA member sailors to participate in both events. Event supported.

Next meeting – Sunday September 13, 2009 at NHYC – 1000 hours. Note: this is a change from the SCYYRA calendar.

Meeting adjourned 1337 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Sinks
Acting Secretary (just for this meeting!)