**2018 BYRA Annual Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2018**

The meeting took place from 10am-2:30pm at the Contentment Island Clubhouse. There were 23 members in attendance which meets the BYRA By-laws quorum requirement.

**BYRA officers for 2018** unanimously approved and officer flags were passed on to new board positions

Commodore: Kurt Lindquist Vice Commodore: Mark Gobble Rear Commodore: Eric Johnson

Fleet Captain: Jim Schiable Treasurer: Bob Toone Secretary: Paul Hemler

Quartermaster: Warren Theis Member at large: Rod Schraw Webmaster: Brandyn Price

**Race dates for the spring series races**

4/14 – Saturday Spring 1 & 2

4/21 – Saturday Spring 3 & 4

5/5 – Saturday Spring 5 & 6

5/19 – Saturday Spring 7 & 8

6/2 – Saturday Series makeup races and Spring Regatta Races 1 & 2

6/3 – Sunday Spring Regatta Race 3

**Rule changes for the year 2018**

1. The sailing instructions make up races were modified to require make up races be held if less than ***seven*** races have been run and scored during the first four series race dates. This is a change from less than **six** races. This means if more than one scheduled race is not held during either season the *makeup races will be held*. If the past is an indicator of the future, it is very likely races will be held on the makeup race days, so please keep this date open. This change was voted in with 16 votes (at least 2/3 members present).
2. Fleet II will now be designated as a Harbor 20 and Alerion Express 20 one design fleet only. Other boats previously in fleet II will be reassigned to either fleet I or fleet III. This change was voted in with 16 votes.
3. Boats with spinnakers will now choose to race with a spinnaker or not on an individual race basis as opposed to the current rule that stipulates the choice is made at the beginning of each series is in effect for the entire series.

**New business**

* Race Qs software presentation by Mark Gobble. There is a free downloadable app that tracks your boat during the race. Online software allows you to upload race data and view the race. The service is free for now.

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary –** Minutes from last meeting were adopted as written.

**Treasurer Report –** 2018 Budget

Operatingbudget is expected to be at a $2000 loss this year because of a decrease in membership. Currently, there are 40 members.

Annual dues were raised by $25 totaling **$175** for 2018. **Dues are due by March 1**.

Please send your check payable to BYRA to Bob Toone 37 Paradise Lane Union Hall, VA 24176.

**Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Quartermaster, Member at Large, Webmaster, Fleet Captain**

**Quartermaster**

* + The club boats status and anticipated expenses for 2018 were reviewed.
  + At least 3-4 people will be needed to assist in getting the committee boat ready and launched and the chase boat equipped and ready for the upcoming racing season.
  + Items that need attention include

1. Navigation light on the committee boat (easy fix)
2. Windshield on the chase boat which could cost $300 because it must be custom made
3. Worn area or Gel Coat repair on the chase boat to be fixed as needed
4. Bunk stabilizes for the chase boat trailer
5. Radio on the chase boat will be repaired or replaced. It was also suggested that each race committee give out cell phone numbers before each race.

**Webmaster**

* + Any suggestions associated with the BYRA web page: www.byrasailing.org should be sent to the webmaster.
  + The names of past members will be kept on the email list to inform and encourage future participation in club events. Names will be removed upon request.

**Rear Commodore**

* **P**lease make suggestions for the annual banquetfor this year. Cost per person should be $35 or less. West Lake Country Club and The Waterfront are being considered.

**Proposals tabled or defeated**

1. A proposal was defeated 9-7 to change the time correction factor (TCF) from its current 1000 / (handicap + 900) to 650 / (handicap + 600). The purpose of the proposal was to get BYRA’s formula in better agreement with other sailing clubs. An analysis was performed and indicated a minimal change in standings would have been resulted in previous race years with this change.
2. A proposal was defeated 2-9 to change the non-spinnaker handicap from 15 seconds per mile to 10% of the boats base handicap. This would result in less time given to non-spinnaker boats.
3. A proposal to separate the fleets into those sailing with spinnakers and those sailing without spinnakers was tabled.

**Miscellaneous**

1. The membership was supportive of having a “burn your socks” party jointly with Pelican Point members.
2. The membership was also supportive of holding a youth event aimed at teaching sailing/racing to young people. We would use member’s sunfish or lasers and have members there to provide instruction.

The meeting was adjourned and lunch (chili) was served by Rear Commodore Eric Johnson. Many thanks for a tasty end to the meeting.