

Annual Meeting – Cruising Fleet Racing Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Summary of Meeting

High Points

- Fleet Captain – Racing, Carol Marsh, will ask for volunteers to fill the Race Patrol roster.
- Jeff Levy will request help from the cruisers at NBC regattas, in return for racing support at Cruising Fleet events such as Closing Day. Jeff will bring the subject up at the Cruising meeting Saturday, March 30th.
- New program – suggested by Vic Tartaglia, Joanne Smolen will reach out to find members who are willing to coach new racers, and members who want to race but would like coaches on board their boats to learn how.
- John Sheehan reported he will make one minor change to the Sailing Instructions for 2019.
- Eric Baumes recommended using the Cox-Sprague high point scoring system for Sundays and Regatta racing this year. Wednesday Night scoring will still use the traditional low point system. One champion racer will be determined at the end of the season using the Cox-Sprague system.
- Fleet Scorer Tony Martin will edit the 2019 scoring rules to reflect changes in scoring procedures.
- John Sheehan will represent the Cruising Fleet in the Champion of Champions Regatta Sunday, May 26th.

Fleet Captain – Racing, Carol Marsh, called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm. Fourteen members were in attendance.

Race Patrol – eleven Race Patrol volunteers are needed this year. Jon Marsh volunteered for May 12th, and Matt Schlanger volunteered for May 26th.

Action item – Carol will ask for more volunteers to fill the Race Patrol roster.

Closing Day – the Cruising Fleet is responsible for food and beverages on Closing Day, Sunday, October 13th. Eric Baumes noted that, by contract, we have to use the new caterer. Carol asked for help from the racers on Closing Day, if the Cruisers will help out with the Last Chance Regatta and/or the Long Distance Regatta.

Action item – Jeff Levy will bring this up at the Cruising meeting this Saturday.

Dues – Carol said she would collect dues this evening in place of Treasurer Mark English who couldn't make the meeting.

New Ideas

Vic Tartaglia asked if the Fleet could provide coaches for those members who might want to get involved racing their own boat, especially on Sundays. His idea was met with enthusiasm. Joanne Smolen volunteered to champion this program. June 2nd was identified as a potential date to start, and someone suggested it be called “LTR Sunday”, i.e. Learn to Race Sunday.

Action Item – Joanne will reach out to find Cruising Fleet racers who are willing to coach, and members who want to race but would like coaches on board to learn how.

Miriam Sorkin suggested a Sunday fund-raising race to raise money for a worthy cause and encourage Sunday racing. After some discussion most thought this was a good idea, but no one stepped up with a cause or to organize/further explore the concept.

Action item - none.

Race Committee Report – John Sheehan

John said, beside obvious date changes, there weren't any changes he wanted to make to the 2019 Sailing Instructions or Notices of Race. One observation was a confusing instruction on page 2 regarding downwind finishes. John will look into this, and Allen Fligor suggested copying the US Sailing Rules regarding downwind finishes.

Action item – John will make any necessary revisions to the Sailing Instructions for 2019.

Lee proposed letting the Wednesday Night Race Committee have the option to set course marks if required, rather than constraining the RC to the fixed nineteen courses posted. She cited as an example allowing the Committee to add a reaching leg(s) to improve a race on a good weather night, or to select a better set of marks for an odd wind direction. The group did not agree this option was necessary.

Action items – none.

2019 Scoring

Newly elected Scoring Officer Tony Martin was unable to be at the meeting.

Carol felt at least two starting boats should be required to score a race on Sundays.

Eric Baumes proposed that awards should be given for:

- Wednesday Night Racing,
- a composite score of Sundays, NBC Regattas, all HRYRA Regattas, and the NBC Long Distance Race
- an overall award for all 2019 racing scores including Wednesday Night Racing, Sundays, NBC Regattas, all HRYRA Regattas, and the NBC Long Distance Race
- one fleet champion determined by the Cox-Sprague scoring system

Eric also proposed using the Cox Sprague high point scoring method for Sundays and Regattas, and the regular low point scoring system for Wednesday nights. Lee recommended a one-year trial of both systems before making a decision of which to use. After some discussion, everyone felt using the Cox-Sprague system for Sundays and Regattas should be tried in 2019.

Action Items – Tony will re-write the Scoring Rules for 2019 to include the Cox-Sprague method of scoring for Sundays and Regattas.

Champion of Champions - John Sheehan has agreed to represent the Cruising Fleet in the Champion of Champions regatta Sunday, May 26th. The Cruising Fleet has agreed to pay the \$250 insurance entry fee.

Education - the Education Committee is sponsoring a racing seminar with Dave Dellenbaugh on Tuesday, April 11th, called "A Drone's Eye View of Racing". Contact Bob Sengstacken to buy tickets.

Eric Baumes suggested a racing seminar on "How to Start".

HRYRA (Hudson River Yacht Racing Association) – Allen Fligor said that HRYRA is hiring professional race officers for most of the regattas this year. Nyack is the least-represented club on the HRYRA circuit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Luce, Cruising Fleet Secretary
March 28, 2019

Cox-Sprague Scoring System

This scoring system takes into account both the number of boats you beat and the number that beat you. It is useful when it is desired to rank boats in different fleets of the same regatta or score series where the number of boats starting varies from race to race. It requires definition of a minimum number of starts for inclusion in the competition.

The Cox-Sprague Table

Place	Number of Competitors																		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	10	31	43	52	60	66	72	76	80	84	87	90	92	94	96	97	98	99	100
2	4	25	37	46	54	60	66	70	74	78	81	84	86	88	90	91	92	93	94
3	(0)	21	33	42	50	56	62	66	70	74	77	80	82	84	86	87	88	89	90
4		(17)	29	38	46	52	58	62	66	70	73	76	78	80	82	83	84	85	86
5			(26)	35	43	49	55	59	63	67	70	73	75	77	79	80	81	82	83
6				(32)	40	46	52	56	60	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	78	79	80
7					(30)	44	50	54	58	62	65	68	70	72	74	75	76	77	78
8						(42)	48	52	56	60	63	66	68	70	72	73	74	75	76
9							(46)	50	54	58	61	64	66	68	70	71	72	73	74
10								(48)	52	56	59	62	64	66	68	69	70	71	72
11									(50)	54	57	60	62	64	66	67	68	69	70
12										(52)	55	58	60	62	64	65	66	67	68
13											(53)	56	58	60	62	63	64	65	66
14												(55)	57	59	61	62	63	64	65
15													(56)	58	60	61	62	63	64
16														(57)	59	60	>61	62	63
17															(58)	59	60	61	62
18																(58)	59	60	61
19																	(58)	59	60
20																		(58)	59
21																			(58)
22																			(58)

Pts. in
() are for DNF & DSQ

Pts = 79 - Place

1) Series scores are computed as follows:

- a) Each starter in each scheduled race shall be credited with the number of points for finishing place and number of starters as indicated in the above table.
- b) A boat's score shall be the quotient obtained from dividing her Total Points Scored by her Total Possible Points