

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association
Board Meeting
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
May 9th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Present: Marvin Quin (BKYC), Bob Armstrong (BYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), Al Gaston (VSS), Bill Gately (VYC), Manny Hontoria (VSS), Guy Royal (VYC), Dave Powell (SYC)

Motion made to approve minutes – unanimous.

Treasurer's report: None

Regatta Reports:

- Pot O'Gold was canceled due to red tide.
- Others all were good

Boat Of The Year Series

- Mike Halliday reported the results to date. The Bone Island Regatta can change the Cruiser Class results.
- Dates were established for the 2023/24 series for all except Bone Island, Dave Powell to follow up and transmit the dates to the Master Calendar. Done
- It was suggested that clubs try to coordinate regatta dates with their cruises so as to free up dock space.
- Much discussion of classes. A few regattas have combined all monohulls into two classes based on ratings - <200 and 200+. It was decided to keep the current four classes for BOTY.
- Much discussion of throw-outs, particularly for abandoned races. It was not clear if any changes would affect results. It was decided to keep the current formula.

PHRF: Bob Armstrong has been asked to join the WFPHRF Board. He will advocate for Manny Hontoria to be appointed as well.

US Sailing

- Several of us met with US Sailing senior staff or wrote them emails. It was reported that our fleets are getting smaller and there is not much of support for PHRF. They were responsive, but nothing has happened.
- They indicated they were forming an insurance committee. Given his professional background Dave Powell offered to help. They were enthusiastic, and two Zoom meeting were held, but nothing further has happened.

Guy Royal reported that an interclub event has been organized with Venice, DIYC and SPYC for November 3-5. Plan is a race to Venice probably starting at Sunshine Skyway Bridge and some buoy racing the next day.

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 14.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary