

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association  
Board Meeting  
Sarasota Sailing Squadron  
May 22, 2017**

Chairperson Peter Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mike Halliday (SSS), John Lynch (VSS), Dave Powell (BKYC), Peter Robinson (SSS), Robert Hindle (BGYC), Bill Gately (VYC)

Peter led a discussion of whether we are fulfilling our purpose - ... *foster local, national and international amateur boating and sailing sports competition by promoting, organizing and sponsoring training and competitive events*. In particular we have not done anything in regard to training for several years. This should be a topic for our next meeting.

Motion by Dave, approved by all to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer: No report.

Sarasota Bay Boat of the Year:

- John reported that the Shark's Tooth went well. It was recognized that as organizing authorities, both VSS and VYC need to have information on their websites.
- Dave reported that the Sarasota Bay Cup had good participation - 30 PHRF, 14 one-designs and 34 youth. While a good turnout by current standards, it was less than hoped for.
- Dave reported that Bone Island had 12 or 13 boats starting from Sarasota and around 10 from Naples. Great winds at start followed by light air.
- Mike reported that final standings are complete.
- It was noted that across all classes only 14 boats qualified, 12 from the Sarasota area and 2 from Venice. Bradenton had only a small number of boats in any BOTY event and did not compete out of their area.

WFPHRF

- Robert reported his is resigning and has recruited Charles Mixon as his replacement. The SBYA Board unanimously thanked Robert for his efforts over the years.
- There are 360 active certificates. The number has been declining nationwide and in FL.
- The rating committee is working on the proper ratings for the newer cruising boats with large asymmetrical spinnakers.
- There was some confusion as to the number of trophies to be awarded. Over time, a section of the Notice of Series limiting trophies for small numbers of qualifiers was omitted. For this year 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded regardless of the number of qualifying boats. This will be changed in the future.
- Annual meeting will be Saturday June 16 at St Pete YC.

Old Business

- Nothing to report

New Business

There was discussion of whether to keep the current 10 regattas in the BOTY series. The Labor Day regatta has had small participation, the BYC Kick-off seems to attract mostly SPYC and DIYC and there have been issues with Egmont Key. However since we are trying to promote racing, it was decided to keep the current BOTY regattas.

Dates are:

- Labor Day TBA
- BYC Kick-off 9/17
- Bayshore Bay 10/7 (tentative)
- SYC Invitational 11/4
- Windjammer 1/27-8
- Cherry Pie TBA
- Egmont Key 3/17
- Shark's Tooth 4/7
- Sarasota Bay Cup TBA
- Bone Island 5/16

The West FL PHRF Master Calendar will be finalized on June 6<sup>th</sup> and our dates should be confirmed by then.

There was discussion of the need to promote the regattas. We maintain an email list of over 200 boats that was used to promote some, but not all regattas this past year. Organizing Authorities will be encouraged to use this facility.

#### Nomination and Election of SBYA Officers

Chairperson – Peter Robinson  
Secretary – Dave Powell  
Treasurer – Vicken Kasparian

The next Meeting of the BOD will be 6:00 PM, Thursday October 5, 2017, at SSS.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary