

**Sarasota Bay Yachting Association  
Board Meeting  
Sarasota Sailing Squadron  
May 22nd, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Present: Marvin Quin (BKYC), Mike Halliday (SSS), Bill Gately (VYC), Dave Powell (SYC), Rainer Dehe (VSS), Robert Hindle (BGYC & SSS), Bob Armstrong (BYC)

With one correction, motion made to approve minutes – unanimous.

Treasurer's report: none

**Boat Of The Year Series**

- Mike reported the final results and will forward to WFPHRF. Participation increased slightly from last year primarily due to higher participation from SSS in our BOTY regattas .
- Dates for the 2024/25 series:

Event	OA	Date
Kick-off	BYC	Sept 21-22 2024
Invitational	SYC	Nov 2 2024
Windjammer	VSS/VYC	Jan 25-26 2025
Cherry Pie Around Egmont	SSS	Feb 15 2025
Pot O'Gold	BYC	Feb 22 2025
Sarasota Bay Cup	SSS	Mar 15 2025
Sharks' Tooth	BKYC	Apr 12 2025 Apr 26-27 2025
Bone Island	VSS/VYC	May 14-17 2025
	BIR	2025

**PHRF**

- Bob Armstrong reported that some PHRF rating adjustments are being made for some credits that appear too generous. For example, the credit for outboards on a cruiser does not reflect the newer very light weight motors.
- Bob also reported a change would likely be coming to the PHRF ratings for cruising spinnakers. A paragraph was added to the WFPHRF cruising appendix to vary the offset with the size of the Cruising Class Spinnaker as shown on the rating certificate. This will only become effective when WFPHRF changes the rating application to provide the necessary information.
- Discussion of how to implement this in practice. Current rules imply only a single CCS can be carried. Several people suggested multiple CCS's could be used with only one declaration. Smaller sails could then be used but not larger. It was also suggested that the NORs of SBYA members use similar if not the same language in describing the change.
- It was noted that this change was not well publicized.

## New Business

- Our next meeting includes the election of the three officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Organizations usually benefit from rotation of officers. Marvin asked that he be contacted on a confidential basis with volunteers and suggestions.
- Discussion of how to increase participation. Suggestions included:
  - o In a fleet start, let new boats start a few minutes early but still base results on the start time for the rest of the fleet. This gives the novices a more relaxed start and perhaps a better finish place.
  - o Offer to sail with novices or have them on our boats.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 13.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted: Dave Powell, Secretary