

# Race Meeting 2018

## Agenda February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 19:00 OYS Crow's Nest

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Attendees: Andrew Riem, Karen Wykes, Les Springer, Sam Thompson, Duff Paisley, Alex McMilan, Ivan Santiana, Davide Carnevale, Sean Dinsmore, Kent Paisley, Scott Lyons, Tom

### Racing Schedule

#### Options for Midweek Races

1. A & B Series Wed & Thu Concurrent - 9 races each series, 18 midweeks total for each of Wed & Thu
    - a. Cons
      - i. Confusing
    - b. Pros
      - i. Stronger winds are seen in the spring and fall, which means that when races are cancelled due to lack of wind (or weather conditions) you have a more balanced series of races to draw from.
      - ii. Allows Skipper's to take summer vacation (ie. Two week vacation means that you will only miss one race for each series)
  2. A, B, C Series Wed & Thu Consecutive - 6 races each series, 18 midweeks total for each of Wed & Thu
    - a. Cons
      - i. Taking vacation can harm drastically harm the Skipper's performance in an entire series
      - ii. Mid-summer we see a decline in wind, which could result in very few races for the series
      - iii. Currently do not have enough trophies to be awarded for 3 series and their respective splits
      - iv. Increased costs for fleet winner flags
    - b. Pros
      - i. More frequent "fresh" starts.
  3. New suggestion: A Series on Wed & Thu Consecutive & B & C Series Concurrent— 6 consecutive weeks of series A, after 6 weeks switches to alternating B & C series races for each Wed and Thu (hybrid)
    - a. Cons
      - i. Currently do not have enough trophies to be award for 3 series and their respective splits
      - ii. Increased costs for fleet winner flags
      - iii. Probably more confusing than A & B series running concurrently
    - b. Pros
      - i. More chances for "fresh" start
      - ii. Shorter series
      - iii. Takes into consideration the stronger winds we see if the spring and fall seasons
      - iv. Allows Skipper to take summer vacation (but only in the summer months) and not scrap an entire series
- Considerations of weather, missing races, wind, etc.
  - Count on 2-4 races being cancelled per series
  - Spring Series & Fall Series are set - dates Interclub Series dates are set - dates

#### Skippers Meetings

- Lack of information in last year's registration night. Skipper's meeting. Registration night too if you haven't done it online. Geographically separate the meeting and the registration.
- Separate the pub night from the registration night
- Suggestion.....Skipper's meeting as the first practise race? Or the Wednesday night before?

#### Expanding the Racing Series

- Increasing Racing & Participation in Racing
  - Suggestion: Encourage non-racers to participate by shadowing a fleet
- Want to encourage participation in the one off regattas (ie. JRPR, bluenose, etc.). If members wish to participate in these races, and don't race on Wed or Thu nights, they will not be charged the \$100 fee.
- Encouragement through the Crew Bench, Learn to Crew seminar, Get Out on the Water Event.
- Need to have a page for Skipper's to post that they are looking for crew on oysqn.com
- Encourage skipper's to call for crew from the crew bench. Cannot have a person left behind on the bench! Reminders will be sent in the FTDs
- Tuesday night dinghy racing
  - Subject to sailing school approval
  - Insurance issues having club members race sailing school owned dinghies?

- Adult dinghy lessons already take place on Tuesday (and Thursday) evenings through the sailing school

## Race Staff & Volunteers

### Duff Paisley to be PRO

- Contract not yet signed (committed to most of the summer series, spring series and regattas)

### Mark Boat Assistant PRO - TBA, call for nominations

- Duff investigating
- Qualifications: Young person, PCOC, knowledge of course setting (windward mark set essential...must be square course).

### Volunteer Requirement

- 2 crew for one race per registered boat - see NOR for conditions. Racer participation in RC is mandated. 80 RC volunteers for the season.
- Counts towards total volunteer hours for OYS members
- Volunteer Boat drivers from OPBC - need contact info
- Kent Paisley agreed to volunteer on Wednesday nights when he is in town.
- First come first serve for volunteer sign up for RC. Consequence, you are not registered to race until you signed up for a RC shift.
- When crew is provided for RC, you do not forfeit the race, you are given your average score.
- If you race fewer than 6 races per year, you are not required to volunteer. This ensures that we do not demand too much of the boats that wish to race, but may not be able to participate every week
- Discussion surrounding OC participation in volunteer requirements.
  - Equal efforts should be contributed across clubs
  - Comment made that OC has to pay to participate in races AND volunteer for race committee. Could be a barrier for entry from the prospective of the Oakville Club participating boats.
    - This year OYS will also have a racing fee

## NOR & SI - presentation and review Course configurations Wed and Thu

- Suggested that NOR needs to be written to encourage more boats to participate
- Start line 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way up the beat? Easy way to shorten the course. Discussion surrounded this item, as it may not be the easiest way to shorten the course.
  - Current diagrams would require RC boat to pick up and move anchor if the course needs to be shortened (not an easy task)
- Option of triangle courses was discussed
- Requirements of the Course configuration: minimal, weather, committee, and leeward mark. Needs to be square and needs to be able to shifted as wind shifts, also need to have the option to shorten the course.
- What is the best course design to get an hour worth of racing in?
- Create a team of people that can create a course to submit for the SIs (Duff, sam, Kent, Doug, maybe others). Short time frame. Needs to be done quickly.
- First leg should be based on time, not physical distance. Need a matrix based on wind speed to get the distance.
- Discussion; fixed windward mark, or having the fixed pin? 3 fixed marks, windward mark.
  - Conclusion is to have 3 windward fixed marks (perhaps off the shelf) in three key locations to account for wind direction.
- 1<sup>st</sup> weather mark by 30 minutes (important to use time information, not distance).
- Long first leg, allows for shortening

## PHRFLO Changes

- now need to incorporate 7/8's measurement of sail (will be introduced in 2019 sailing season).
- Sail measuring date scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. North Sails will also measure sails. OC boats are welcome to participate in our sail measuring date.
- Boats that are required to have sail measured...
  - Race Director from OC, Alex McMilan will contact OC boats
  - Ferguson
  - Waite

- Spavins
  - Sandford
  - Souter
  - Urwin
  - Frenke
  - Mylet
  - Judd
  - Macfarlane
  - Opitz
  - Gray
- (MGT) 7/8<sup>th</sup> measurement will credit or discredit boats based on sail area.
    - +3 if Skipper does not measure their sail for this year (non-measured sail penalty).
  - One design boats are not required to have PHRF certificate.
    - What about if they race in a spring Sunday series....?
      - If you never race PHRF, there shouldn't be an issue. Class boat should have a similar PHRF fleet.
      - NOR needs to accommodate one design boats racing in the general fleet which encourages participation. Currently NOR is divided from one design boat, and PHRF vessels...discrepancy in the NOR to be fixed. If one design boats wish to race outside of one design fleet, a PHRF rating will be assigned at the discretion of the OYS PHRF representative and Racing Director.

## Introduction of Racing Fees & Increase participation in racing

### Racing Fees for OYS members

- \$35 PHRF fee (including HST)
- OYS currently pays \$250 (plus HST) to participate in club racing
- 2018 OYS racing fee set to be \$75 (including PHRF fee)...consensus amongst the group is that \$100 (including PHRF fee) would be a suitable fee
  - Goal to raise the racing fee to \$200 by 2020
  - Fee would be refunded if fewer than 6 midweek races were participated in.
  - No refund given for the PHRF portion of the fee

## Results, Awards & Marks

### Results

- Results to be posted and announced the night of the race.
  - Encourages racers to stick around after the races. Hope to see increased bar revenues and burger sales

### Nightly Awards

- Karen talked to Muskoka about having plastic beer steins for the winning skipper (ie. Line honours). Muskoka currently looking for a supplier. Approximately 48 to be made as "sponsorship" from Muskoka Brewery.
- Beer cannot be given away! Any beer "given" to the winner's must be charged to the racing program as an expense.

### Marks

- What are we going to use for the fixed marks?
  - PVC piping with colouring...the stand put and have no wind-age. 8 inch diameter 3-4 feet must have reflective tape in 3 different spots
  - Kent Paisley would provide a boat to deliver marks if we need to affix the marks before launch
  - Davide Carnevale would like to volunteer to help construct the marks

**Next Meeting Date: March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm**