

Race Meeting 2018

Agenda March 28th, 2018, 19:00 OYS Crow's Nest

Attendees: Scott Lyons, Andrew Riem, Karen Wykes, Sam Thompson, Alex McMilan, Sean Dinsmore, Davide Carnevale, Darius, Ken Town, Duff Paisley, Bruce Scott, Andre Beese, Les Springer,

2018 Racing Schedule

Racing Schedule

- Racing schedule posted online
- 5 club Oakville Interclub races increase from 4
 - Separate SIs?

NOR & SIs

NOR and Sis are complete

- Not published, but soon
- Draft copy distributed, minor changes to be made

Race Committee

Duff Paisley PRO

Mark Boat Assistant PRO TBA - Duff report?

- no commitments at the moment
- must commit to the whole summer. getting paid minimum wage (3 hours at least at \$15 per hour)
- mandatory to have PCOC.
- think about asking people on the OYS race team
- Advertise on Facebook and FTD
 - Scott and Duff to give Karen a job description
 - Prior knowledge of course setting is essential
- Ask at the power boat club for an OYSTER driver.
 - Need a job description for the OYSTER drive.

NOR - presentation and review

Volunteering

- Login for RC volunteers shifts with OC members - Karen to investigate a way for OC to register online as well as sign up for their volunteer shifts
- Dee Anderson - timer for the month of June Wednesdays
- RC volunteer sign-up sheets are active and already being populated
- Two crew assignments for race committee (OC and OYS)
 - Discussion surrounding OC and volunteering - mentioned that OC pays, so they should not have to volunteer. Counterpoint that OYS pays and they do so through their membership dues. Conclusion: OYS and OC will both need to provide two crew member RC shifts which is a condition for entry
- Racers not participating in the race committee assignment duty will receive a DNE (non-excludable score)

Corinthian Fund donation

- Fees
 - Push back of \$65 racing fee. NOR retracted.

- new fee structure will be an optional donation to the Corinthian Fund - donation to support youth sailing out of OYS
- OYS bylaws indicate that no user fee can be set without asking for a vote from the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- OC registration fee amount is not currently included in the NOR. In the past, registration fee was excluded from NOR, but was on the registration form
 - If BHYC vessel wish to participate, they will pay the same as OC for registration fees

One Design Boats that wish to race in PHRF races

- discussion surrounding OD boats in PHRF. OD want to participate in the spring and fall series but be scored as PHRF as not enough participants to be scored in a separate fleet. Should they require a PHRF certificate or should they be assigned a PHRF rating?
 - conclusion: If one design boat wishes to compete in PHRF scheduled race, they must have a PHRF certificate as per NOR and SIs.
- Do we have to specify what OD classes and what the days they are in the NOR?
 - conclusion: statement in the NOR that more than 5 fleet boats qualifies as a OD class

Registration now open - 4 boats currently registered

SI's presentation and review

Courses selection

- Wednesday
 - windward/leeward for everyone. Long mark and short mark. Goal to make races last for 1 hour. Slower boats to race a shorter course. Offset mark to be used in situations where the fleet is large or windy conditions, etc. at the discretion of the PRO (different flag to be used to indicate when offset mark is to be included).
- Thursday options
 - *option 1*: FS1 and Etchells would do W/L and other fleets would do triangle
 - *option 2*: Etchells would sail W/L and the rest of fleets, including FS1, do triangle course.
 - Problem with flying spinnaker on triangle course, legs too short to fly spinnaker
 - history tells us that there is NOT going to be a huge PHRF fleet
 - too many options to dilute the fleets and classes?
 - We should allow the participant to choose?
 - conclusion: leave the registration open for FS on Thursday...see how the registration process goes. If very few vessels register for FS on Thursday, we will reconsider offering FS fleet on Thursday

Fleet Splits

- Fleet splits will be different this year. Smaller boats being blanketed by larger boats. Better starts with small fleets.
- Suggestion: to look at boats that participated consistently from the results over the past few years. This will avoid fleets smaller than 5 boats.
- Current triangle course proposed causes boats to finish within 10-15 minutes of one another. Two windward marks (offset course) allows the fast boats to get a little bit further.
- Start orders have not been set yet, but were discussed
 - slow boat start first? - seems to be more pros
 - Slow boats have issues of not finishing within the curfew as the wind dies near the end of the evening.
 - NFS1 and NFS2 fleets end up meeting at the jive mark (overcrowding/accidents)

Fixed Marks

- Davide Carnevale to lead - more volunteers needed?
- Make sure to add a swivel in the rope.
- Stepped or unstepped?
- Pin vs. Drum
 - pin is difficult to see
 - reflective tape in 3 different spots
 - bucket on top which makes it wider at the top.
 - PVC pipe construction
 - Better scale with the drum
 - Fixed drum mark can move with an Easterly wind and waves
- Need to make sure that the marks cannot be tied up to by fishing vessels, power boats, etc.
- Which mark will be the permanent mark? It is still to be decided. Probably not the windward mark, because it is difficult to get a square course.
 - Setting to fixed pin, OYster anchoring to a fixed pin, could have 10 degrees deviation from square course.
 - Oyster to link to a fixed mark? problem is OYster does drift in bad weather. OYster to hook directly to mark, like a mooring ball?
 - Sailing school will be able to use these marks as well. OC is in favour of installing these marks so that they can use them.
 - conclusion: Make the fixed marks, and decide what to do with them later.
- Tentative mark installation date April 29th - Kent Paisley to confirm
 - Thom Holland may be interested in volunteering for the fixed marks
- Should have a fixed maintenance schedule. Double checking the GPS coordinates of the marks and integrity of its structure.

Competitor's Meeting

- May 2nd 2018
- Preferred format and is there beer involved?

Meeting adjourned - Last Meeting of the Race Working Group