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2019 Annual Class Meeting Packet

2019 S2 7.9 Class Association Regattas

St. Pete NOOD February 15-17	Annapolis NOOD May 3-5	Lake Erie Championship Grosse Ile, MI June 1-2	Possibly Cleveland Race Week Late June / TBD	Lake Huron Championship Regatta Port Huron Yacht Club August 2-4	Possibly Verve Cup Chicago, IL Mid August / TBD	Class Championship Racine Yacht Club Racine, WI September 20-22	Nashville Equalizer October 19-20
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Minutes

Call to order 1:02 9/20/2019

- 1.) John Spierling - Welcome & Thank you to Racine Yacht Club for the CCR this year
Thanks again and compliments to FYC for 2018 CCR
 - Mark Rode makes a motion for same officers, Mitch Polgar seconds – Approved by general membership.
- 2.) John Spierling - Regatta Summary & Attendances comments
 - a. John discussed CCR 2017 (28 boats), 2018 (26 boats), 2019 (21 boats); other regattas all in general are down in numbers for 2019; discussed races for 2020:
 - i. Nashville Equalizer advertised, Paul always throws a great party! They are flying in US Sailing certified judges this year. Paul also guarantees good weather. Estimates needed for boats that need to park for the winter time, please let Paul know ASAP.
 - ii. St. Pete NOOD – Boat numbers are going up overall for this event. Class party hosted by Tom Elsen. Sarasota Sailing Squadron has an event a couple weeks later. Great breeze and sailing. Paul asked if it can be a 3 day regatta. Hand survey of who is going looked like it will be a good turnout. Hope for more local boats to turn up as well.
 - iii. Annapolis NOOD – May 15 & 17 for 2019; Chris Craig shows strong favor for this race. John wishes to know ASAP who would be interested. Thoughts to try and recruit East Coast boats to attend.
 - iv. Lake Erie Championship – June 6 & 7 – keep as it is, do not move the dates. Local fleet has increased, promising more boats racing for 2020.
 - v. Lake Huron Championship – First weekend of August, Tyson Conlley is planning it again. 7 boats this past year, hopes to see it grow.
 - vi. CCR for 2020 in Holland, Sept 24-26. Discussions going on with MYC about moving up 1 week. Tim Bosma is the regatta contact.
 - vii. 2021 CCR –
 1. PHYC (thru Tyson Conlley) have made an offer to host. Mark R. makes a motion, Amy C. seconds. – Approved by general membership.
 2. John S. discussed that we use to host in August. Members suggested September is easier because too many local events compete in August. Calendar conflicts seem to be too much for August. Concerns about weather in September and kids being back in school. No motions made.
 3. Discussions on Ramp, Crane, and other ways to launch at Port Huron were discussed. Tyson believes a new ramp will be installed soon. RV parking allowed.
 - viii. Discussion if there are any other races that the class should look at doing such as Cleveland or Verve Cup. No support for these events, no other suggestions made.
- 3.) Approval of minutes 2018 CCR meeting – Approved by general membership
- 4.) Financial Summary 2019 - Approved by general membership
- 5.) Old Business
 - a. Mast Dies – Letter that our mast and spreader extrusion dies maintained by Extrudex Ohio still in good condition, however request is for us to pick up the dies ASAP.

Investigation into why we are in poor status is unresolved to date, suspected it might involve Extrudex's relationship with Island Nautical and not the S2 7.9 class.

- b. Masts have been moved from Island Nautical to Offshore Spars, Island Nautical is changing their business model going forward and will not make custom masts.
 - i. Masts to be checked that they are stored properly next week.
 - ii. New masts process still the same, class will sell a blank with Offshore now finishing the mast.
- c. Rudder replacement update- rudders are now available from Ruddercraft. Class members that are listed on the website as current will receive a \$50 discount when ordering from Ruddercraft. – weight discussed at ~30 lbs, ready to order, gudgeons being worked on as they are not perfect yet.

6.) New Business

- a. S2 7.9 Class is now a 501 (c) (7) – Keeps us in good standing with the Government and allows for a small business checking account. This is not a charity status, just a paper club status.
- b. Cary D discussed Sailing World Magazine yearly cost of \$800 for 4 issues vs benefits – Motion to not use this service anymore - Approved by general membership
- c. Cary D discussed about using transom stickers instead of boom stickers to save some cost - Motion: Change class rules to no longer require stickers but the class will send out a set of stickers with year on it as a “fun item.” - Approved by general membership
- d. Cary D discussed research into automatic renewal options for memberships and online databases through a service such as club express that would cost the class approximately \$40-\$50/month – Motion to for the class officers to research and pursue such a system- Approved by general membership
- e. John S & Cary D discussed class dues and 2020 Forecast – Motion to raise the dues to \$40 - Approved by general membership
- f. Sail rules change proposals by Mitch Polgar- Nothing was approved. Group agreed proposal i may be worth testing at the Lake Erie Championship or for the Silver Fleet.
 - i. Mitch discussed Controlled Sail Selection:
 - 1. Based on parameters, RC would decide which headsail we should fly.
 - 2. Some support for this idea. Would like to see more parameters.
 - 3. Tac suggested the steps from a 1-3 be allowed but not down from a 3-1, people should always be allowed to shorten sail.
 - 4. Idea to possibly make it something for the Silver Fleet
 - ii. Mitch discussed standardized one-design class sails & ideas to control costs.
 - 1. Worries that sails become locked into design, stifles of innovation
 - 2. Tac Boston inquired to the process for Bids
 - a. Mitch gave examples from the Laser class on how this works
 - b. Tac gave comment that it will lead to sails that are cheaply made and have little development.
 - c. Other comments that many boats are too different with the old and new masts. It would be difficult to have a standard sail.
- g. Mark R. has discussed about changing the class meeting timing in the rules to be during the CCR- Mark R makes a motion, Chris C seconds. – Approved by general membership
- h. Claudio brought up a BOTY award using Cox Sprague rating. He had stats for the 4 regattas from last year. Rebel would have won.

- i. Motion from Claudio to develop BOTY using CS scoring. Cary D asked when a new year starts. Award would be given at CCR, equalizer is a new year. – Approved by general membership
- i. Claudio brought up issue with weight of the boat and variance in the scales. No motions were made, but general agreement that process needs to be better controlled. Class officers to work on this going forward.
 - i. Claudio downloaded all the numbers and did the stats.
 - 1. 90% of the boats are within 305 lbs of one another.
 - 2. Wonder if we should take another approach.
 - a. Discussion about conversions weighing more and placement of weights
 - b. Discussions that people want to be at a minimum weight
 - c. Worries that if we do blind weight, we lose transparency.
 - d. Discussion about changing length that a certificate time is good for.
 - e. Root of the problem is we have trouble weighing from one place to another.
 - f. Do we need a control boat?
 - g. Idea for a class measurer?
 - h. Idea that if you come within a range of your previous weight you are still good?

7.) Chris Craig welcomed new members to the class.

Meeting Adjourned 2:45pm

Meeting reopened on 9/22/2019 – Special continuation of annual class meeting.

Call to order: 10:16AM

Rule 3A.9.4 – Discussion that minimum number of races shall be 3; conditions today (day 3) are poor in Racine and we risk not having a Regatta since only 2 races have been completed to date. John makes a motion that minimum number of races to 1. Mark Rode makes motion, Mitch Polgar seconds. –Approved by general membership.

Rule 3.12 – Rules in Part 3 and 3A III can be amended by four affirmative votes of the Governing Committee. Our class only has 3 members on the Governing Committee. Motion to change to read “By the Governing Committee” James O’Dell motion, Mark Rhode seconds. – Approved by the general membership.

2019 Financial Summary

OVERALL TREASURER COMMENT:

This year had additional costs due to Shipping of masts, may need to consider raising dues.

CLASS BALANCE:	9/15/2019	\$21,018.81	(2018=\$22,000; 2017=\$23,829; 2016=\$24,600)
INCOME: TOTAL		\$5,452	(2018=\$3875; 2017=\$3900; 2016=\$2800)
New Members		\$308 (11)	(2018=\$230(#8); 2017=#12; 2016=#14)
Renewed Members		\$2744 (98)	(2018=\$2390(#83); 2017=#88; 2016=#77)
Mast Replacement		\$900	(2018=1; 2017=1; 2016=0)
Prototype Rudder sale		\$1500	
EXPENSES: TOTAL		\$6,930	(2018=\$7056; 2017=\$4671; 2016=\$1800)
CCR Support FYC 2018		\$1500	(2017=\$1500; 2016=\$1059)
FIXED Forestays		\$0	(2017=\$2100 for 30)
RUDDER Project		\$260	(2018 mold and prototype cost = \$3314)
US Sailing Membership		\$300	
Sailing World Ad		\$800	(Cost is now \$200/issue)
Mailings, Tax Prep & Forms, etc.		\$290	
Website Costs		\$280	
Mast loading & shipment to Offshore		\$2800	(One-time fee to move from FL to MI)
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party		\$700	
2020 FORECAST:		\$7,300	
CCR 2019 RYC		\$1500	
Fixed Forestays?		\$500	(Do we wish to continue this?)
New Spreaders		\$2000	(Just sold our last)
Spare Rudder?		\$900	
Mailings, Tax prep, etc.		\$900	
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party?		\$700	
Sailing World Ad		\$800	

