

Spring Race Chair Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Commodore McClellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Discussion led by Race Chair Joe Buck.

A. Review changes to scoring (if any)

Discussion of using official time-on-time scoring model which accounts for wind speed differences (current MAST model does not factor in wind speed). Agreement to track wind speed for the season to see what impact change in wind speed coefficient has on scoring before we implement change to official scoring

B. Review scoring tool

There is general satisfaction with the scoring tool. Agreement that race results were coming in more quickly last season. Discussion regarding proposed improvements in getting raw results to Race Chair following completion of racing.

C. Schedule of Races

Discussion of proposed racing schedule. Agreement it was not feasible to include a mid-season bye week and maintain a 16-race schedule. Agreement to keep schedule at 16 races during season. The plan is to hold the first race on the Friday before Memorial Day and continue to the week before Louie's Last with Almost Fall Regatta to be held on Saturday, September 16th.

Discussion regarding McBoat invitation to participate in a McKinley Venetian Night. Agreement that there is interest in participating if event could be held on a Saturday evening instead of a Friday evening.

D. Race Course

Discussion regarding possibility of establishing a low wind course south of regular course, potentially using South Shore west mark as a fixed mark. Agreement to try this as an alternative course at Race Committee's discretion if weather conditions are appropriate. Discussion regarding making sure SIs state that Race Committee has flexibility to change race course to reflect high winds or light air.

E. Divisions – probably TBD until fleet is known

We need to have 10 to 13 boats per division to allow for competitive racing in each division based on actual turn-out. We would like to get back to four divisions if enough boats participate to make it feasible.

F. Racing Rules, NOR and SI's to be posted on MAST site

Discussion regarding changes made to Racing Rules of Sailing. Changes are not expected to have a significant impact on MAST rules. Changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing will be distributed at the May committee boat meeting.

G. Committee Boat responsibility, training

Training session for committee boats to be held in May. We are expecting to have a new "Buckley Box" for use during the 2017 season.

H. New Business

There was agreement to purchase replacement inflatable mark with current mark to be back-up. There was discussion about the benefit of having a rubber-coated anchor for the mark to avoid damage to committee boats and to make it less likely to puncture the mark.

There was discussion about potentially adding informal long-distance races from Milwaukee to Port Washington for the Labor Day PW regatta and/or as part of the MAST cruise to Racine in August.

The MAST Spring Brunch will be held Sunday, May 7 at Silver Spring Golf Club, potentially in conjunction with a golf outing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clay Greene, Yeoman

MAST Attendees: Terry McClellan, Joe Buck, Song Xiong, Jeff McClellan, Ed Bushman, Russ Stuczynski, Charlie Kopchick, Ann Heinrich, Tom Heinrich, Clay Greene, Missy Quant, Ken Quant, Jim Kerlin, Glyn Livermore, Bill Ashby, Laura Livermore, Fran Pauls