

May 14, 2011
MINUTES

Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet
Annual Meeting

Attendees: Bill Ames, Fred Heineman, Steve McGrath, Skip Johnson, Gene Hayes, George Morin, Peggy Ames, Bob Henry, John Mapley, Ron Heagney, Terry Fletcher, Al Peterson, May Henry, Allen Whatley

Opening

Fleet Captain Bill Ames convened the meeting at 8:40 am.
Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting and had all attendees introduce themselves.

Gene Hayes presented the Fleet Captain's trophy to Bill as the new Fleet Captain. Bill presented a plaque to Gene as past Fleet Captain.

Secretary Report

Fleet Secretary Bob Henry asked all attendees to sign-in and provide e-mail and cell phone numbers for future contact purposes. He stated that the minutes of the meeting would be on the fleet web-site for all to review.

Treasurers Report

Fleet Treasurer John Mapley passed out a summary of the Fleet financial status and noted a current balance of \$5020.00 in the bank.

John reminded everyone to pay their dues, and noted the new structure of Fleet dues \$125.00 and Committee Boat (CB) payment of \$85.00 per skipper/owner.

Race Committee

Fleet Lieutenant Gene Hayes told all that Steve McGrath and his assistant Mike would be returning to duties again this year. Steve requested an additional \$1.00 per hour for crew...and, after a brief discussion a motion was made and passed by the Fleet to approve the increase. All in attendance expressed high satisfaction with the performance of Steve and his crew, and look forward to them conducting our races again this year.

Gene reviewed the need for boats to check-in with the CB prior to race start. This aids Steve in scoring the race, and prevents "did not race" scoring (worse) instead of "did not start" or "did not finish" scoring (not so bad) if a boat is unable to start or finish a race.

A new course “4” has been added...this is a windward/leeward course with two times around.

Frank Lemay was announced as the new Handicap Governor succeeding Steve Jesseman.

Until further notice only new or altered boats will need to apply for a new PHRF handicap and pay the \$20.00 fee for this service.

The 2011 LSCF schedule including the race schedule were distributed. Gene noted that the warm-up races will be Wednesday May 25th at 5:45pm and Sunday May 29th at 2:00pm. The Sunday race will be followed by a social at Rich Duperey’s house.

After much discussion regarding alternate starting signal devices, a motion was made to spend up to \$350.00 to purchase a “starting gun in box” device. Fleet member Allen Whatley stated he would pay up to a \$100.00 over the \$350.00 if necessary to purchase such a device. The motion passed. Gene will pursue such a device.

George Morin asked all Captains to declare spinnaker use or non-spinnaker use by race series. A sign-up sheet was distributed...Captains not in attendance should email George your intentions.

Rules Committee

The new Rules Committee is Peter Dubé - chairman, Skip Johnson and new member Fred Heineman.

Skip Johnson indicated that Rules Committee will focus on safety and enforcement of racing rules.

All Captains should execute penalty turns as soon as possible when they are protested, and debate whether or not they committed a foul after the race. Under no circumstances should a boat hit another boat, even if the other boat commits a foul. This is a major violation especially if damage is caused.

The I-Flag rule has been modified to eliminate the extension of the start line beyond the pin or CB. After a general discussion this change was accepted. The Rule Committee was asked to review any implications of this change.

A rules clinic is scheduled for June 11th (location TBD). Interested parties should so indicate to Skip by email.

All Captains protesting a race shall do so by displaying a protest flag at the end of the race; AND, by notifying the CB. Failure to do so will void the protest. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Fleet Captain or member of the Rules Committee.

Social Committee

Peggy Ames reported that the social calendar is set for the year. The web site had been updated with the schedule.

The next social is at Rich Duperey's house on May 29th after the warm up race. Please bring a dish to share.

Development Committee

Committee Chairman Bruce McCloy was not in attendance: none the less, he was thanked by Bill for his WNTK radio performance discussing the Cruising Fleet, and publication efforts so far.

Skip Johnson reported that the web site has been updated, and is a great source for race schedules, rules of racing, socials or other correspondence. Skip will continue to work with George on updating the web site with race results.

Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain Bill Ames reviewed an agreement with the LSYC to keep the CB on a mooring again this year. It may be necessary to pay \$400.00 for this use; but, is by far the best alternative. A motion was made to pay the \$400.00 if required; and if not, contribute \$200.00 to the LSYC Jr. Racing Program. The motion passed.

Bill noted that we will continue with the informal polling of Skippers before making a decision whether to cancel or postpone a race.

Several individuals have voiced an interest to crew on a boat. Please contact Bill if you are looking for, or willing to take on a person for crew.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Terry Fletcher asked if a motor was a requirement for racing with the LSCF. After discussion as to why it was a good idea, it was noted that the Cruising Fleet by-laws do in fact require a motor and one hour of fuel capacity. End of discussion.

Terry Fletcher asked if the use of a GPS was allowed during a race for various reasons including that it is not allowed in class rules. This generated a lengthy and varied discussion among the members present. The discussion included the use of knotmeters, cell phones, and other devices during a race; and, whether such devices were appropriate to our fleet. A motion was made to not allow GPS's in Division 1 races. The motion was then amended to add Division 2 races as well.

Prior to voting on the motion, another motion was made to table this motion so that the Fleet Officers/Race/Rules Committees could get more information from PHRF-NE, study the various class racing rules, and to get additional input from non-present members. It was also agreed that any future vote on the subject could be conducted via email. This motion passed.

John Mapley presented the LSCF 2011 Budget. The budget was accepted.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Henry
Fleet Secretary