

May 19, 2018

Minutes

Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet  
2018 Annual Meeting

Present: Bill Ames, Steve McGrath, Bob Henry, Gene Hayes, Frank Lemay, John Chiarella, George Morin, Hank Hopeman, Sue Jesseman, Terry Fletcher, Don Eberly, John Shields, Steve Bernier, John Gedaminski, John Mirzimonti, Betsy Cetron, Ted Cetron.

**Opening:**

Fleet Captain Frank Lemay called the meeting to order at 9:38 am. Frank welcomed everyone and asked the attendees to introduce themselves and identify which boat they would be sailing on as skippers or crew.

Frank stated we had a quorum and we could officially conduct business.

**Officer Reports:**

George Morin Secretary/Scoring

George asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting into record. The minutes had been previously emailed out to the membership. A motion was made by John Chiarella and seconded by Terry Fletcher to accept the 2017 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

George said we are required each year to apply for Water Event Permits from the State Marine Patrol. Information required are race dates & times , the number of participants, and the area of the lake in which we will be racing. All our dates for series A B C, End to End race and LSCF Fun day, and their associated makeup dates were approved and Water Event permits were issued.

George said he has upleveled Sailwave, the scoring software to the latest level. He asked the Div 1 Skippers if any of them planned to declare non spinnaker for Series A, B, or C. We will need to know soon for series A, and C. The division B decision could be delayed until just prior to the Series B start. Steve Bernier said his boat would be non spinnaker for Series C. Betsy Cetron said her boat would be non spin for Series A, and C. Bob Henry said his boat would probably be non-spinnaker for Series A, and C, but would advise later.

## **Bill Ames – Treasurer**

Bill stated that our 2017 end of year balance was \$7965.31. This is an ample reserve fund for any unexpected expenses such as the need for a replacement outboard for the Committee boat. Bill felt that in fairness to the members we could reduce dues in 2018 and still maintain the reserve we have today. The board was in agreement. The 2018 dues are:

Skippers \$175.00 – was \$200.00 ( CB fee, separate check \$140.00)

Sunday only skippers \$150.00 – was \$170.00 ( CB fee, separate check \$70.00)

Crew members \$60.00 – was \$70.00

Associate members remains the same at \$50.00

Bill said he has adjusted the 2018 budget for Committee boat repairs to \$750.00. Last year's actual CB repairs were \$22.67. The \$750.00 is a more typical number based on past data. Social expenses were increased from \$100.00 to \$400.00. Since we are having difficulty finding volunteers for hosting socials the fleet may have to pay for venues in the area to support our social schedule. Steve McGrath said that the committee boat fuel expenses are going to be higher in 2018. Bill said the budget will be able to handle it. Bill is projecting a 2018 end of year balance slightly higher than the 2017 end of year balance. Bill urged members to submit their registration paperwork today if at all possible.

Bill asked if there were any questions and hearing none he requested a motion to accept the ISCF 2018 Operating budget. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **David Heckel – Fleet Racing Lieutenant**

Frank said David was unable to attend today's meeting because his daughter was graduating from Plymouth State today. The committee boat registration is in the works and it should be registered in the next few days. Steve McGrath said the committee boat is in the water.

## **Fleet Development – Bruce McCloy**

Frank said Bruce was unable to attend today's meeting. Bruce had told him Sailing Day is scheduled for July 28, 2018. The reception at Knowlton House has been coordinated with the LSPA. The flyer/information is on our web page. Bruce will do a press release as we get closer and put an ad in the Chamber guide. There was a brief discussion about growing the fleet. Frank said part of the problem is a lack of available slips and moorings on Lake Sunapee.

## **Rules Committee – John Chiarella**

The 2018 rules seminar is scheduled for Saturday May 26 at 1:30 at Lake Sunapee Yacht Club. Racing rules, and racing tactics will be discussed. It will also include race committee procedures to prepare volunteers to assist the race committees.

John said there has been some discussion at the board level about the I flag. We will continue to use the I flag, and I flag rule – 30.1 in 2018. Steve McGrath asked about the sign on the side of the committee boat displaying course numbers. John said the course flags rule, and the sign is a courtesy.

## **PHRF Handicapping – Frank Lemay**

Frank said John Gedaminski, and Betsy Cetron have applied for handicaps and are all set. Betsy's Sonar handicaps are the same as all the other Sonars in the Fleet.

## **Socials – Kathleen Cook**

Frank said Kathleen was unable to attend today's meeting. There is a social on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Hank and Lynn Hopeman's home at 6:00 PM. We currently do not have hosts for the June and August socials. He asked anyone interested in doing a social to please contact Kathleen, or himself. Steve Bernier and Robin Pollard offered to host social. Terry & Poppy Fletcher offered to host the June social. Terry said if someone else comes forward he will let them have the social as he hosted last year.

## **Weather Cancellation Policy – Frank Lemay**

Frank said the weather cancellation policy would remain the same. He said intellicast and the app storm have done a good job.

Storm Radar is now available. Frank said he likes Storm better. Many were concerned about the banner on storm saying only x number of days left to upgrade to storm radar. Frank said he also likes Weather Underground because they collect thousands of local stations as part of their forecast. Terry requested that Frank define what services he would be using for the 2018 season. Frank said he would be using Storm and Weather Underground for the 2018 season.

Frank said the latest weather is available on the hour. Frank will analyze it and will text and email a cancellation message out to the contact list if required. Typically, the message will be out by 3:30 PM. John Gedaminski asked what time the Sunday cancellation notice be sent out. Frank said shortly after 11:00am.

Frank said Committee boat mooring is all set for this season. John Chiarella said there have been a lot of leadership changes at the yacht club this year i.e. a new Commodore, Harbormaster, and General manager.

### ***Secretary's Report - Addendum***

*Less than a week after the Annual Meeting Frank learned that Storm has been replaced by Storm Radar and Storm is no longer available. He is working with Storm Radar and its features. Some of them are not as intuitive as Storm. He will be using Storm Radar and Weather Underground for the 2018 season.*

*George Morin – LSCF Secretary*

### **Policies – George Morin**

#### **Make up policy:**

A Series Canx make up races will occur 8 days later. Thursday night make up races will continue into B series.

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C Series - two make up races are on Aug 26, and Sept 2. If Sept 2 is not needed for the C series it will be a make up date for the End to End race if required.

#### **Sunday format**

A and B series 7 races a series with canceled races made up 8 days later.

C Series has Five Sunday race dates, two races a date with 10 races total. The two make up dates are 8/26, & Sept 02.

#### **Drop Profiles 2018**

The 2018 drop profiles are exactly the same as the profiles used in 2017. The 2018 drop profiles are available on our web page under racing – fleet documents.

A and B Series have 2 drops maximum. We are trying to protect 4 races minimum.

C Series have 4 drops maximum ( 2 Sundays). We are trying to protect 6 races minimum. Drop profiles were posted at the front of the room

Link to 2018 Drop Profiles on our web page:

<https://lscf.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/approved-2018-drop-Profiles.pdf>

Drop profiles are also documented in the LSCF sailing instructions which is also available on our web page.

Frank said Steve McGrath has conflicts for the scheduled races on 06/06/18 & 06/27/18. He is also unable to do these races on Thursday 06/07/18, or 06/28/18. In the case of the 06/27/18 race we are utilizing the Thursday 8 days later (07/05/18) as a reschedule date for the 07/04/18 race. The consensus was to reschedule the 07/04 race and not be out racing on a Holiday, and not be on the water when they are setting up for fireworks. In the 2017 season the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> A Series races were canceled. There is a concern about utilizing other Thursdays to make up the 06/07, and 06/27 dates and then having additional cancelations. Steve can do the committee boat on 06/05, and 06/26. After some group discussion Terry made a motion to do the 06/06/18 race on 06/05/18, and the 06/27/18 on 06/26/18. The motion was seconded by Steve McGrath. After additional discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

John Chiarella said he is hoping to have Tucker Thompson do a presentation on the Volvo Race on June 21/2018, at the Lake Sunapee Yacht club, He will keep us updated.

Frank said he fixed his dock recently. The water was very cold. He suggested sailors wear life jackets until the water warms up, and there are more boats on the lake.

There was a brief discussion with several members joining in as to whether the club's plan to race Stars on Wednesday evening would impact our races.

John Gedaminski asked if the winds recorded on the race results were in knots, or mph. Steve McGrath said they are in mph. John asked George if he could label the wind velocity as mph on the racing results. George said it would.

Frank called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by John Chiarella to adjourn, and seconded by Terry Fletcher. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Morin

LSCF Secretary