

May 18, 2019

Minutes

Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet
2019 Annual Meeting

Present: Bill Ames, Steve McGrath, Bob Henry, Gene Hayes, Frank Lemay, John Chiarella, George Morin, Hank Hopeman, Terry Fletcher, Steve Bernier, John Gedaminski, Betsy Cetron, Ted Cetron, David Heckel, Bruce McCloy, Al Peterson, Monika Berg, Mark Friedman, Skip Johnson, Ben Young, Bliss Dayton, Ted Kupper.

Opening:

Fleet Captain Frank Lemay called the meeting to order at 9:37 am. Frank welcomed everyone and asked the attendees to introduce themselves and identify which boat they would be sailing on as skippers or crew.

Officer Reports:

Bill Ames – Treasurer

Bill said the 2018 receipts included skipper dues from 14 skippers. We proposed 15 skippers in 2018, but received dues from 14 skippers. Total receipts for 2018 was \$4234.46. Receipts less payments for 2018 was \$388.41 leaving us with a closing Bank balance of \$8353.72.

The 2019 budget is projecting 15 skippers. Although there were no repairs on the committee boat in 2018, Bill feels it would be prudent to budget \$750.00 for committee boat repairs in 2019. With revenue from 15 skippers, Bill projects it will not be necessary to use funds from the dues to cover committee boat manning. Although our socials cost was very low in 2018 Bill said that he is continuing to budget for \$400.00 in 2019. He said his logic behind that number is we have had difficulty in the past finding volunteers to host socials, so there is a chance the fleet might have to rent a venue. We have also talked about having a social on the MV Mt Sunapee in the future. Bill said Receipts less payments for 2019 are projected to be \$ -87.75 with a closing bank balance of \$8265.97.

Race Schedule – Frank Lemay

Frank the race schedule format is pretty much the same as 2018. We will continue the Sunday format of five race dates with two races each scheduled day. Two Sunday make up dates have been scheduled.

We will race on Wednesday July 3 since it should not impact Fireworks displays

Fleet Development – Bruce McCloy

Bruce stated the LSCF sailing Day will occur on 07/27/19. The committee boat will be on station just outside the entrance to Sunapee harbor between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on 07/27/19.

A social will follow at the Knowlton House at 4:00PM. Food and refreshments will be served and prizes will be given out for the best poker hands and the best themed crew costumes worn by skipper and crew. Bruce said the last two years the race was postponed to the rain date. The rain date this year is Sunday 07/28/19. Bruce handed out the Lake Sunapee Sailing Day flyer to the group.

[8th Annual Lake Sunapee Sailing Day Flyer](#)

George Morin Secretary/Scoring

George asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting into record. The minutes had been previously emailed out to the membership. A motion was made by John Chiarella and seconded by Betsy Cetron to accept the 2018 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 plans to email the Div 1 skippers and ask them to reply with whether they will fly a spinnaker in all series, or if they will be declaring non spinnaker in some or all series.

Rules Committee – John Chiarella

John said a date and time will be announced in the near future for the 2019 rules seminar . Racing rules, and racing tactics will be discussed. He said there were no rules change in 2019. John Gedaminski asked if there were any changes to the 2019 sailing instructions other than the date changes. John said there were no changes.

PHRF Handicapping – Frank Lemay

Frank stated that Monika Berg and Al Peterson were interested in joining the fleet provided they could race in Div 2. Frank said the J 22 they are going to be racing has a roller furler. Frank suggested Monika apply for a recreational handicap since they have a furler and this would give them a 192, or 195

handicap which would put the boat in Div 2. When the PHRF handicap form was issued by PHRF the recreational handicap was not approved and a cruising handicap of 189 was issued. Frank called N.E. PHRF. They stated the J22 is considered a one design boat therefore is ineligible for a recreational handicap. Frank said he emailed the Div 2 skippers and asked, in the interest of another boat in Div 2, and additional skipper in the fleet if they would be agreeable to letting the J22 race in Div 2 with a 189 handicap. The additional requirements would be that the J22 continue to race with a roller furler, and the performance of the J22 in Div 2 would be evaluated at the season. All the div 2 skippers approved having the J22 race in Div 2 with the two requirements.

Socials – Frank Lemay for Kathleen Cook

There will be a social on May 26th at Hank and Lynn Hopeman's home at 6:00 PM. Kathleen & Mike Cook will host the June social. We currently do not have a host for the August social. Bruce Mc Cloy sent Frank some cost information from the Fenton's regarding a pot luck social on the MV MT Sunapee tour boat. Frank briefly reviewed the numbers to the group. This idea is under discussion for a possible social in August.

Weather Cancellation Policy – Frank Lemay

Frank said he will continue to use Storm Radar and Weather Underground. He will also continue to utilize text messaging & email to notify the fleet about canceled races on Wednesdays on or before 3:30 pm. The cancel notification will be sent at 11:00 AM for Sunday race cancellations. Frank passed out a sheet with current cell phone numbers and asked the group to review and add additional numbers to the list. A couple of members said they rely on emails because the cell reception is marginal in their areas. Al Peterson asked if we ever cancel if there is no wind prior to launching the CB. The response was that there were times when there was no wind on the lake at committee boat launch time but once we are on the water the wind came up. At times it may mean waiting around on the water until 6:00 pm, but we got a race in. That decision rests with the CB.

David Heckel – Fleet Racing Lieutenant Committee boat Status

David said Steve McGrath has done a great job setting courses and knowing when to shorten the course.

The committee boat has been splashed in the water and is temporarily located in Gene Hayes' slip in the harbor. Gene Hayes tenant is putting in his boat soon, so the committee boat will need to be moved. David asked for help today after the meeting

to clean up the committee boat and move some of the blocks used to support the boat during storage. Steve said one of marks is leaking a little. Steve also added, that he could use a spare anchor or two for the committee boat. If anyone has an anchor that they do not need, he could use them. John Chiarella said the crane at the Club is not ready and it could be as long as two weeks before it is ready. As a result, the Sonars might not be in for the warm up races on 05/22, and 05/26.

Sue Jesseman told Steve and David she would be unable to offer storage going forward. We will need to find a location to store the committee boat for the fall of 2019. The cover was damaged over the winter and will need to be replaced. John C. said he would find out if the CB could be stored at the club. Gene Hayes said it could be stored at Sunapee Manor. The question was asked if the fleet owns a trailer. The answer is we do not. The question was asked if it would be less expensive to buy a trailer for the CB. The fleet currently pays \$400.00 to launch the CB and service the motor ie winterizing and prep for the spring start. Just a part of the \$400.00 is the launch so the consensus was it more economical to continue paying for the launch and pulling the boat in the fall.

One of the skippers said there was a situation on a Sunday where the second Div 1 race 2 was started while Div 2 was still racing their race 1. There was some confusion with horns coming from the start of Div 1, and the finish of Div 2. Steve said typically on a Sunday Div 1 won't start the second race until Div 2 has finished the first race.

Policies – George Morin

Make up policy:

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C Series - two make up races are on Aug 25, and Sept 1. If Sept 1 is not needed for the C series, it will be a make up date for the End to End race if required.

Sunday format

C Series has Five Sunday race dates, two races a date with 10 races total. The two make up dates are 8/25, & Sept 01.

Drop Profiles 2019 The 2019 drop profiles are exactly the same as the profiles used in 2018. The 2019 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 are also documented in the LSCF sailing instructions which is also available on our web page, and under the racing tab, fleet documents, drop profiles.

Tie Breakers

George said LSCF uses tie breaker rules from RRS 2017 – 2020 Appendix A - A7 RACE TIES and Series Ties A8.1 & A8.2. The scoring software uses A7, A8.1 & A8.2 logic to breaks any ties.

Practice/warm up Races

Frank said warm up races are scheduled for 05/22/19, and 05/26/19. Frank asked how many members planned to race on 05/22. None of the Sonars will be in the water for the 5/22 date. Bliss Frank, and Bruce said they were considering it. Steve McGrath will be unable to cover the CB on 05/29/19. The consensus was to treat the 5/29/19 as a canceled race and make it up on Thurs 06/06/19. Frank asked if this would be a problem for anyone. Everyone was in favor of making up the 05/29 race on 06/06/19.

New Business

Gene Hayes asked if spinnakers could be allowed in Div 2. He said Bliss Dayton had shown an interest in flying a spinnaker in Div 2 if it would be allowed. Frank said years ago spinnakers were allowed in Div 2 at the request of a skipper who wanted to fly a spinnaker. Initially it was not an issue. Once the boat and crew became proficient sailing the spinnaker it was obvious that the handicap adjustment for flying a spinnaker was not adequate for the increased performance. A Div 2 spinnaker Div was formed. It was unsuccessful do to the few times there were two boats sailing spinnakers. Usually only one boat showed up to race with a spinnaker in Div 2. Bliss said he was interested in flying a spinnaker in Div 2. His boat was not equipped to fly a spinnaker but he could equip it if spinnakers in Div 2 were allowed. There was some discussion about whether a boat flying a spinnaker in Div 2 could keep a recreational handicap. After Frank read the description of recreational handicap it appeared a boat flying the spinnaker could retain a recreational handicap if the boat qualified for it. Bliss asked that the Div 2 skippers be asked how they felt they about it. John C. suggested an email to the Div 2 skippers would be the best way to accomplish this. Frank agreed and said he will send out an email. A couple of the Div 1 skippers commented that Div 2 was supposed to more relaxed and not as competitive. By allowing spinnakers this would change the characteristics of Div 2. Another Div 1 skipper felt the option to fly a spinnaker in Div 2 would offer the option to learn new skills.

One of the Div 2 skippers said he did not believe the PHRF handicap system was applying handicaps based on boat speed. Frank said Div 2 was kind of a mongrel fleet with a wide range of boat performances and PHRF did not do well balancing boats with large handicap differences. Another skipper commented that maybe div 2 should consider adjusting handicaps locally.

Al Peterson said he has been maintaining a Facebook page for the fleet. He has not seen a lot of participation in the form of pictures, and race information. David Heckel said he would start sending race results posts from Word Press to Al's Facebook page. David also said he has incorporated a Blog in the LSCF web page to be used for fleet communication such as the need for crew, or sailors who would like to crew.

Steve Bernier said the lake water is still very cold and hypothermia can set in fast. He recommended boaters wear their life jackets.

John Gedaminski said he is helping on the committee boat on Wednesday nights again this season. He is still going to take photos and plans to give a DVD to each skipper at the end of the season. He said it would be nice to see more of the current pictures on the web site, and also more pictures of Div 2 boats.

Terry said our web page is head and shoulders above some of the other fleet web pages out there. He said that if we elected to have a social on the MV MT Sunapee someone would be needed to run the social. A comment was made that it could be someone who for various reasons cannot host a social at their home and would be willing to step forward and oversee the social on the boat.

Steve McGrath asked for a few minutes to address the fleet. He said he was unable to attend the awards banquet last fall due to attending his son's wedding. When he returned and learned his had been Awarded the Founder's Trophy he was very pleased. He wanted to speak to the membership to express his appreciation to the fleet for awarding him the Founder's Trophy. Steve brought the Founder's Trophy with him. The Founder's Trophy was established in 2017 by Sue Jesseman in memory of her husband Steve Jesseman. Steve was one of the founders of the Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet in 1984. Steve served as Fleet Captain between 1985 – 1988.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Morin

LSCF Secretary