

# **SOUTHERN MASS SAILING**

## **CONFERENCE CALL**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

**PRESENT:** Peter Johns, Wianno YC, Lisa Patten, Stonehorse YC, Gary Doodlesack, Falmouth YC, Phyllis Partridge, Beverly YC, Doug Hurst, Stonehorse YC, Wes Durant, Wild Harbor YC, Peter Durant, Community Boating New Bedford, Charlie Felder, VHYC, Doug Calnan, Scituate YC, Tom Tullius, Quisett YC, Doug and Lisa Hurst, Stone Horse Yacht Club.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW** – Peter Johns reported that 2007 financials look good. Discussion regarding **ENTRY FEES** noted to be less than half of 2006. Explanation that in 2006 higher number of entries noted than actually participated in events. Final accounting will be reported after receipts for trophies received.

**REVIEW OF EVENTS 2007** –

Team Racing – Organization of event was a disaster. SM Sailing must do better and will organize differently for the 2008 season.

Regatta Network – Stage Harbor YC reported that they were billed by Regatta Network for an event that had no entry fees attached. Peter requested an email be sent to him with all the information and he will discuss with Regatta Network. Peter reported that he would propose a 5% fee charged by Regatta Network for the 2008 season. A volume discount should be considered for SM Sailing. Discussion on the acceptance of entries without a full payment. Created confusion and should also be discussed with Regatta Network. Peter stated that there is another on-line service available with lower rates but quality of service unknown. No complaints received from Instructors using Regatta Network.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Peter requested that if anyone was interested in serving on the Nominating Committee to please send him an email. If no responses received Peter will make contact to organize a committee. Wes Durant volunteered to serve.

**PROJECTS FOR 2008** – Peter Durant reported that US Sailing has moved up the dates for the Youth Championships for 2008 and this will impact all events in the New England area. The Nash/Jones and the Cummings events will need to be scheduled for the last week of June or first week of July. Edgartown YC will be moving to change dates for their events in 2008. There is a plan to separate the Junior events from the Senior events.

There was discussion of the possibility of scheduling VHYC events and Edgartown events in the same week. To be considered further. Going forward Peter would like Clubs to consider hosting the NASH/JONES, CUMMINGS, GILL/MAGOON in 2008. Peter also requested that if any Club intends to change their calendar for a planned event to please let him know. Also requested that if any Club would like to host a US Sailing Championship event to please let either he or Peter Durant know. Wes offered the idea of using Mass Maritime for potential housing. All possibilities being explored. If anyone has confirmed dates for BBR, Hyannis Regatta, Falmouth Regatta and VHYC Regatta please email to Peter Johns.

Plan to get all member clubs up to date with the function of Regatta Network and Java Scoring. Dates TBA.

WAIVERS – Judy Quinn from Hyannis YC is working with a physician from Cape Cod Hospital to compile the necessary information required on a health form should health care be required emergently. This health form will be incorporated into the registration on Regatta Network allowing a one time entry to be updated by the participant when needed. If anyone interested in working with Judy to review this form please let Peter Johns know. Phyllis P. offered to participate with a group.

JUNIOR SAILING SYMPOSIUM – Wes Durant raised the topic of organizing such a program with guest speakers offering valuable information to Junior Program Directors. He stated much info could be utilized for the US Sailing Symposium for Junior Programs. If there is any interest for such a program please contact Wes Durant. Peter Johns reported that Wes Richardson from Hyannis YC is looking to meet with other Program Directors of programs having more than 200 participants to share ideas. Peter will resend surveys to all member clubs.

CONFERENCE CALL vs OPEN MEETING – Most representatives found the conference calls beneficial but felt one General Meeting would be necessary. Please forward your comments to Peter Johns.

ANNUAL MEETING – date to be announced. Peter will continue with monthly conference call.

Next Conference Call – October 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM. More info to follow.

US Sailing Meeting to be held in Phoenix, Arizona late October. Wes and Peter Durant will be attending.

Conference Call adjourned @1952.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis Partridge