

Southern Mass Sailing

Conference Call

March 13, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Present: Peter Johns – Wianno, Phyllis Partridge – BYC, Tim Bryan - EdgartownYC, Pete Howerton - OrleansYC, Charles Felder – VHYC, KC Van Colen – NBYC, Rob Hurd – Tabor, John Field – HyannisYC, Preston Hoffman – ScituateYC, Tom Tullius – QuisettYC, Alex Meleny - VHYC, Gary Doodlesack – FalmouthYC,

MINUTES from February 26, 2007 conference call accepted. No discussion.

MEMBERSHIP – Positive feedback received from NBYC on new membership format. Question raised as to how will competitors verify their membership to a SM Sailing member YC. All agreed that coaches accompanying competitors to an event can verify current membership to their YC. Peter Johns working on formulating a letter explaining reason and positive benefits of this new format to be sent to all member yacht clubs along with the invoice for membership dues. May 1, 2007 deadline for dues payment per By-Law.

SCHEDULE – confirmed July 5-6, 2007 Nash Jones to be held at Wianno YC. At most recent NEYRC meeting a vote was accepted to send 6 competitors from each local sailing association(SM Sailing, Mass. Bay, Maine, Narragansett) to the Area A 420 event to be held at Conanicut YC July 29-30. A total of 24 boats can compete. Jon Faudree is working on the A Team and B Team racing schedule. Hopefully schedule will be posted by end of week on new website. Address will be sent to all when website ready. NOTE – Registration opens on May 1 for 420 and Laser sailors wishing to compete in the Buzzards Bay Regatta. John Field will report on open date for registration for Hyannis regatta.

WEBSITE – Addresses will be forwarded to all. Small fee to secure multiple addresses to site. Working on getting schedule up with links interactive to various events. Peter will handle initially but looking for a volunteer GO_TO person for keeping website updated.

UNIVERSAL APPLICATION and MEDICAL FORMS – Rob reported that after a thorough review of many forms there are three key areas of information needed: info on the sailor, info on medical history and waiver release. Rob condensed this info onto a one page document. All present had not received and reviewed. John Field made a motion “ to adopt forms as presented and anyone with suggestions for additions or deletions to put in writing and forward to Peter Johns before May1, 2007 for review and vote of the Executive Committee . All are hopeful that members will accept and use

these forms thus simplifying and standardizing the paper work for all events. Email Rob Hurd - rshurd@hotmail.com for copies of his revised forms. Further discussion regarding ability to register on the Southern Mass website and at this time no registrations can be accepted on-line as monies collected are an issue. Peter Johns stated that US Sailing is working towards this and we may all benefit at some point in time.

LADDER EVENTS – Peter Johns will contact Peter Durant to discuss the NOR for these events. Confirmed dates for Level 1 and Level 2 Instructor training:

LEVEL 1 – June 1-4	Mass Maritime Academy
June 9-12	Sail Newport
June 21-24	Community Boating of New Bedford
LEVEL 2 - June 18-19	Tabor Academy
June 22-23	Sandy Bay YC (Rockport)

PLEASE NOTE: Southern Mass Sailing will host a cook-out at Tabor Academy on June 19, 2007 for all Racing Coaches, Program Directors, and Sailing Instructors for purpose of sharing ideas with one another and kicking off season. Matt Wake from Sturgis Boats will be present to offer information to all.

AWARDS – Peter looking for suggestions on a good time to present Gran Prix awards. In the past the awards have been presented at the end of the Beverly Junior Regatta but much stress is added in calculating scores in a short time. Rob Hurd suggested posting scores for the competitors to review before awarding the trophies. Please forward suggestions to Peter Johns. Jamie Noonan Scituate Harbor YC has offered to help with awards.

ANNUAL REPORT – Peter reported that the state of Massachusetts has no filing for the past eight years on record. The organization needs a certificate in good standing filed.

NEXT MEETING – A conference call will be scheduled for April 9, 2007 @7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Partridge