

Present: Logan, Russ, Mitch, Marcello, Bill, Jody, Melissa

**Youth Sailing Update: (logan)**

Patrick Broome (Milton Acad coach and Cohasset Director) and Logan discussed ideas and potential goals for the year and beyond. Patrick is making a list of interested parties: youth sailing teams interested in utilizing what MBSA has to offer including meeting to have a central schedule. A preliminary meeting will be held in a few weeks. Two ideas will be considered for this season:

- Logan will introduce MBSA to the group: what we do with handicap racing and possibilities of doing something similar for youth programs. This season, Logan proposes to offer a race series for Opti's and 420's to which directors of each program will choose teams (same skipper/crew), fleets/events to compete in race series (three events). MBSA will present trophies at the end of the final event. Hopefully, this series will be expanded in following years.
- Host a symposium for instructors on the north shore(?) to share/teach best practices as instructors. Patrick has ideas of format and content. The event will be held in the three-week window between the conclusion of the high school season and start of summer programs.
  - Russ added past events and endeavors with MBSA including Junior Olympics which were held annually rotating north/south shores. There is a junior membership available for \$10 (for the JO's the membership dues were donated back to the event organizers entirely). Perhaps memberships could come with T-shirt or hat... some MBSA swag?

**Swag/ Trophies:**

Awards for 2021 are just about ready to be sent out. Marcello has his trophies ready; Drew will be picking up some soon. There's a back-order issue/ supply chain with Newport One.

\*\* This year has served as a learning year. Next year, we'll create a calendar/schedule for when past recipients must return their perpetual awards so they can be engraved. Race series are scored by early Oct (or sooner) so items can be ordered with plenty of time (2-3 weeks) to get awards for the banquet.

**GSI Changes:**

Updates of potential changes/concerns with GSI's discussed.

- For Short-Handed races, both Rob Bova and Lance agree no power winches but yes to allowing auto pilot. Any Organizing Authority wishing to change the GSI always has the opportunity to do so in their ESI's. Russ added that this changes rules 3.5
- Wind ranges: The MBSA ORR racing rules give guidance as to wind range selection (as a separate guide). What's in the GSI's is accurate. We should check to make sure GSI/ESI's agree with ORR-ez certificate wind ranges on the book pages.
- Four wind ranges: Four already exist, but the "very light" range has existed but has been overlooked (not used) and needs to be better promoted so OA's use it.

**EZ-Certificates:**

Are available for renewal if there are no changes from last year. URGENT: Check with Lance to see when certificates will be available for all.

### **Task Team:**

Bill discussed putting together a “how to” for all skippers... the working group realized there are skippers/crew who could benefit from a guide/presentation/online resources for how to register, get certificates, measure sails, etc.. He proposes having two meetings for the entire membership in the spring (late March and Late April) with mini “how to” lessons. Perhaps have one at Savin Hill and another on the north shore, at a sail loft (good for potential biz). Logan will talk to Chris Hales at Doyle. Bill will arrange with Savin Hill.

### **Ads and Sponsors**

We will be putting out a book this year and updating online sponsors. Prices: Russ will look into official price list. Rough pricing as \$1000 for inside front cover or back cover, \$750 full page ad, 400 half page, 200 for ¼ page. Organizational memberships \$75. Each NOR/SI page is \$125.

\*\* We'll be able to meter traffic this year, which should yield valuable info for selling ads next year.

### **Calendar Changes:**

There were some minor changes to the schedule. Mitch will be sending OA's a pdf of the schedule late this week. OA's will have two weeks to send in their pages for the yearbook. Mitch will include in the email a price list for pages, Mitch found a printer with a quick turn-a-round time to publish the book.

Doug will be warned to have invoices ready to send to OA's.

Mitch will include a template of ESI documents to encourage consistency. It was noted that the new sailing rules place more emphasis on NOR's and proper documenting.

\*\* Next Year: MBSA will look into working on the 2023 schedule in Nov/Dec in effort to release the schedule earlier in the year (January?)

### **WEBSITE**

Logan is making plenty of progress. Special shout out to Brian Carterella for all his free help and time as developer. Some perks they're working on include calendar compatibility for either desk top or phone, all relevant info one might need will be in one place and easy to access, discussion boards,

Logan spoke to Blake who will keep our pages up as we need them.

### **WORKING Group: Final Decisions:**

**Awards:** Clear statements will be provided for how to qualify for each award: Championship, Pursuit, Short-handed, and new: Overall Performance award. For each MBSA series award, events counting toward an award will be listed. In future years, it's the intention that the Overall Performance award will include any racing done and not be limited by a list of events. Scoring issues are being worked out between Logan and Bill.

**SPLITS:** It was determined that for this year, there was not enough consensus on any particular solution and that the working group needs to have good representation from all racing types/classes to come up with a good solution. The working group will work on split solutions in the fall/winter to enact change for the 2023 season.

We did discuss solutions used by other areas: Florida and Chesapeake, for example, both use systems based first on type of boat and secondly on number of boats entered in a race. Categories included: Racing (w spin), Cruiser racers (w spin), Cruising (no spin but with options to fly spins). If there were enough boats entered in a class, they would split that to "racing 1" racing 2..

**FLEET CAPTAINS:** IT was suggested that there be fleet/class captains for both north shore and another set for south shore racers. This will provide more access for all skippers to give input, get info, etc.

**Scoring Series with OA's not using RMS:** In the past it's been a challenge for volunteers to enter points into RMS for races organized through other vendors (Club spot). No fear: both Dave Curry (RMS) and Club Spot are working with Logan and Bill on ways to automate the series scoring so it all works smoothly.

\*\* things to look forward to next year.