

RBSA Board Meeting

Date: December 4, 2021

Time: 9:00-11:00am

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Called By

Don Snelgrove, Commodore

Agenda

- Discussion of 2021 season. Focus on rating system.

Materials

- Don provided presentation
- Patsy provided link to ??? buoys

Attendees

RBSA Board

Title	Name	Attending
Commodore	Don Snelgrove	Yes
Vice Commodore	Chris Drury	Yes
Rear Commodore	Mark Oursler	No
Past Commodore	Ken Shuart	Yes
Treasurer	Richard Turman	Yes
Secretary	Steve Wilkinson	Yes
Race Committee Chairman	Mark Oursler	No
Race Committee	Patrick Hylant	Yes
Race Committee Scorekeeper	Dave Malfroy	No
Fleet Rep A	Gary Patenaude	Yes
Fleet Rep B	Dave Switzer	No
Fleet Rep C	Chuck Fox	No
Social Media	Mary Marta	Yes

Other Attendees

Kevin Lister, John Stefancik, Mark Lister, Deke Johnson, Dan Flagler

Agenda Items

- Commodore presentation of 2021 rating results
- General Discussion (see below)

Adjournment

After a brief open discussion period, the Commodore agreed to end the meeting without further need for discussion.

Action Items

- Don to post Excel used in the presentation to the website.-DONE
- Don to request Mark Oursler go over slides and review NextSailor.
- Kevin to work with NextSailor to see if intel for 2020 too.
- Don to send Patsy RBSA By-laws for review.-DONE
- Don to look into using Google groups for communications with Deke.
- Send an email to all members about the Severn River Association-DONE.
- Put up 2021 race schedule on website.-DONE
- Patsy: to propose some procedures for changing the By-laws.

Pre-meeting observations.

John S.: Highest diversity in boats ever with 20 boats consistently racing

Start of meeting:

Analysis and Discussion of 2021 use of ORR-Az

Don: Started the meeting, sharing his screen presentation.

- We need a rating system with 3 features
 1. a simple system to use on wide variety of boats.
 2. cheap
 3. faith of the members in the system.
- ORR-Ez - will provide all polars for free, and will help with the Constructed Course option.

Patsy: Jay will score RBSA races, if we use NextSailor.

Kevin: NextSailor, doesn't use TOD, it uses TOT.

- Key changes will be needed for RBSA use.
- They are planning on adding the Constructed Course option.
- Doesn't think RBSA needs a regatta management system.
- NextSailor is looking to partner with clubs to increase regatta use. The model is users pay dues via credit card and NextSailor gets a cut. Changes by March 20221 are questionable. Mark should review.
- If desired, Kevin will create a list of changes forwarded to NextSailor.

Don: planning boats had disadvantage. Jay says ORR is looking into it.

Kevin: displacement, multihull and planning hulls use different VPP, and would require three different programs.

(Don continued with presenting the 2022 options)

Richard: what are the requirements for implementation?

Patsy: proposes we can use average wind and work off observed direction.

Don: no decision needed now, but when made, we should keep for the season.

Kevin: NextSailor probably won't be ready to go for next year.

Patsy: suggestions for phasing in;

- push forward with NextSailor to tailor to our needs.
- take advantage of Jay's offer to score the first series to hedge the bet to using NextSailor.
- if NextSailor's modifications aren't realized, ask for Jay's algorithm for us to use.

Kevin: many delays and confusion last year with Jay and ORR. Recommends ORR-Ez with these options.

- Have Jay score the first series.
- Test NextSailor and evaluate after Series 1.
- There is more than math needed to realize scoring for RBSA. Polars, lack of sister ships, it's not easy to get ratings for sister ships.

Don: we have to be careful that we don't devise so complex a system requiring so many exact inputs that it fails to consider that many of our measurements, such as wind speed and direction, are not as exact as the algorithms we hope to utilize. "measure with micrometer, cut with an ax"

Patrick: there is no perfect system.

John: Terrific to see we will use a VPP system. If seeking fairness and a system that is close to a boats potential, we won't get there with three fleets starting.

Patsy: If not starting with me, you are not competing with me.

John: Back in the day, Deke introduced two starts because there was no VPP scoring available. The idea was to make it more fair for the few boats in the fleet which had big waterline differences.

Dan: We have 20 boats because we accommodate novice and experienced sailors.

Dan: Drastically different boats can be intimidating and unsafe on the same starting line.

Don: general consensus that we consider NextSailor.com and see if it can be used for 2022 start, although this may not be possible; backup is to potentially utilize ORR-Ez with both wind speed

brackets and five course options. This could be done in Excel relatively easily if we can agree upon course selection for each race.

John: A complaint has always been that you can't score two fleets.

Deke: If making changes, are we doing what other clubs are doing? Suggests starting a Google group to share information? Email is antiquated.

Richard: Our starts ARE set up like soccer. Stronger boats go to the stronger fleet. Less competitive boats are moved down.

Desire to have separate awards for A, B and Chesapeake fleets since they are competing at different times with a VPP program that has challenges fairly scoring such a wide variety of boats
Consensus that the Chesapeake fleet is successful.

Severn River Association

Dan: Would like to help improve the Severn River. RBSA should contribute to Severn River Association.

Mark: As Vice president of the Severn River Association, I would be glad to help Don send an email to the club. *(email sent and distributed to full RBSA membership-note)*

Richard: Can we give Mark 5 minutes to discuss at the next Skippers meeting.

Marks

Patsy: Set up a banner on the RBSA website for Severn River Association.

- I would also like to see the club go to Buoy's and not Hoppity Hops.

Pat: The club replaced eight this year.

- Suggests painting yellow and adding some chain.

John: If we don't take out, boats will tie up.

Dan: Look at Magothy marks.

Ken: In the past we used six-knot buoys and they were a pain to put in and out.

Richard: Bigger marks are better, easier to see.

- since taking over the treasury bigger marks were very costly prior.

Mark: Severn River Association puts in marks that are routinely lost and stolen.

Patsy: Use fenders with chains?

John: Likes this solution as it's not a mooring buoy.

Patsy: In 2021 A & C marks were TaylorMade buoys, others were not.

Don: buying expensive buoys might make them more likely for theft. Perhaps we should go 50/50 between buoys and our existing marks and see how durability and theft potential works out in 2022.

RBSA Board and By-laws

John: Who is the new board.

Don: Voted in spring at the Skipper's (sic. Annual) meeting.

- Would like to consider changing the By-laws. For example, the Cruising Fleet Captain is no longer required.

Patsy: redoing CRCA By-laws and offered to review RBSA By-laws.

John: Prior years, RBSA had meeting breakfasts and annual meeting. Suggest going back to that.

Pat: What is the procedure to recommend changes to fleet or courses.

Don: By-laws are vague, but the board has full authority to make decisions.