

Halifax River Yacht Club
2019 Commodore's Cup Series
Preseason Meeting Summary
February 27, 2019

After the introduction of committee members (see attached agenda for names) guests were asked to introduce themselves. A copy of the sign in sheet is attached including names and contact information for guests. Despite schedule conflicts with both Smyrna Yacht Club and St. Augustine Yacht Club, the meeting was well attended by both boatowners and individuals wishing to crew.

An overview of the season highlighted the format of the Commodore's Cup Races and a brief description of the Special Races. Commodore's Cup Races will be windward/leeward courses and the Special Races, when possible, will be designed to be viewed from shore. Please note the Schedule of Races/Events dated February 22, 2019 is the current version. All other copies are obsolete.

Fees were discussed and details are on the agenda.

With 21 potential races for the season, it was suggested we use nine races to qualify and score the best 16. Following the meeting the race committee took the discussion under consideration but changed the number of races to be scored to the best 14 finishes.

To remain consistent with members of First Coast Sailing Association, the group agreed to use PHRF ratings supplied by FCSA with a time on time format rather than the time on distance format used in the past. This format was used successfully for Commodore's Cup Races in the past and most participants were completely unaware of the change. The advantages to this method include more accurate results with corrected times and the ease of setting marks for the race committee.

In addition to the time on time changes, the group also agreed with the recommendation of FCSA to include the Annual Circuit Scoring Grid to establish finish results. This is a departure from the past practice of low points scoring system. It has been used extensively in the northeast of the country and has been found to make the races more competitive. It is a high points system that rewards boats that finish well in larger fleets. It also encourages sailors to race and to build the fleet.

Two divisions will race in 2019. Performance and Cruising Divisions will both allow the use of spinnakers. Ratings certificates have two ratings included for every boat. This allows boats to be raced using either handicap rating. Racers must declare Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker for the Commodore's Cup Series but, may chose the other rating for the Special Races. A request in change of rating must be made to the race committee twenty-four hours before the start of a race.

The Regatta Network will be used to post Notices of Race, Sailing Instructions, and results for all races. A link to this site can be found at HRYC.com. It was suggested race results also be published in the local newspaper. Deb Smith agreed to work with Dave Huff to plan. HRYC

Dockmaster, Scott Schamay has agreed to keep the list of sailors available for crew. He can be reached at WilbySea@aol.com or by calling 386-255-7459.

St. Augustine Sailing Sisters (SASS) was highlighted as a group of sailing women eager to add to their sailing resumes. Many members are available to participate as crew. I will reach out to SASS for a contact list of these sailors and include them on our crew list. In addition, our crew list will be shared with SASS, St. Augustine Yacht Club, and Smyrna Yacht Club for sailors wishing to compete in these locations.

A discussion of the app. RaceQ's encouraged all sailors to consider using it in races. It provides sailors with much useful information and can be archived for later review. Sailors are encouraged to research this app and consider using it during races.

Sailors were encouraged to take photos during the race to document the races and to provide a back drop for sailing related events. This is like what is now being done in St. Augustine. Ken English volunteered to set up a Drop Box account to receive these photos. That information will be made available to sailors as soon as it is available.

Further discussion revealed the desire for a seminar covering basic racing rules and tactics. This will be scheduled, and sailors will be notified.

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Preseason Meeting Agenda

Introduce the 2019 Sailing Committee

Chris Herbster- Halifax Sailing Association
Dave Huff- Halifax River Yacht Club
Ron Miller- Smyrna Yacht Club
Scott Schamay- Halifax River Yacht Club
Todd Stebleton-Halifax River Yacht Club
Mark Webb- Halifax River Yacht Club

Introduce Guests and complete sign-in

Focus of 2019 season

Rebuild fleet by raising local awareness and providing shoreside opportunities for crew and families.
Shoreside activities will include pre-race parties (usually involving rum) and post-race gatherings
at HRYC for hot dogs and beer. Families are encouraged to attend.

Some races will be designed to invite spectators to view the races from beachside venues. Ken
English

Schedule Overview

Commodore's Cup Series
Special Races
Lipton Cup
Double Handed Race
St. Augustine Dash and Back
Old Timer's Memorial Regatta

Race details

Cost \$125.00 Season (Includes all races except Lipton Cup)
\$35.00 Double Handed Race
\$50.00 St. Augustine Dash
\$50.00 Old Timer's Memorial Regatta
\$35.00 PHRF Rating certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA)

Number of races required to qualify

PHRF: Time on Time format
Class Divisions
Performance Class
Cruising Class
Use of spinnakers

Regatta network

Race standings

Crew list

SASS would like the opportunity to be crew.

RaceQ's

Should we consider a preseason rules and tactics seminar for new racers?

General discussion

Close of meeting