

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP OF SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB
9 JUNE 1961
ATTENDANCE: 35

Meeting was brought to order by Commodore Robert Paterson.

Commodore Paterson reported on the following:

1. Commissioning Day at Babylon Y. C. - good turnout and good weather. Skippers of yachts present were listed.
2. Schedule already mailed out was reviewed, with the following special comments: (a) Rendezvous encouraged for Friday night at Great River on West Island Race weekend.

(b) Channel to Westhampton Yacht Club has been dredged so that all boats can enter.

(c) Night Race course changed to eliminate rounding West Island.

(d) Commodore's Cup Race course changed - first leg to flasher off Nichols Pt. rather than across to Point O'Woods.

(e) We should endeavor to keep our major events at the same place in the calendar so that, since they are becoming more widely known and counted on by other organizations in making up their own schedules, they will not be lost in the shuffle or get involved in conflicts through shifting of dates.
3. Progress of pram project - possibilities of summer and frostbite racing.

Committee chairmen reported as follows:

1. Treasurer - Dick Blue, absent. Commodore Paterson stated that the only report he had at this time on finances was embarrassingly good - \$1200-1300 in bank with alot of dues yet to come in and bills almost all up to date, except mainly the yearbook cost.
2. Corresponding Secretary - Robert Pasch, absent while investigating yachting in Europe. Commodore Paterson reported that the yearbook should be out shortly.
3. Entertainment - Everett Seidenberg: Profit on spring cocktail party was sufficient to maintain slight surplus in entertainment account for year, according to club policy. Near-future schedule reviewed as follows: Fall Cocktail Party, presumably at Jack Cate's, Nov. 11; Clambake, Sept. 23, presumably at Babylon YC; and Children's Day rendezvous with Babylon YC Sept. 9, tentatively at sandspit in Fire Island inlet.
4. Regatta - Merritt Smith, absent. Commodore Paterson reported that a set of signal flags is to be bought to be used by the current commodore on festive occasions, and also that the club had gone on record with the GSBYRA in favor of 1-day invitation regattas, which was adopted.
5. Measurement - Ed Poore, absent. No report.

6. Cruising - Harry Klesick. Cruise plans reviewed. Harry has registered 25 yachts at Mystic for docking, and read a tentative list of yachts expected to cruise.
7. Handicap - Win Palmer. Commodore first reviewed history of development of measurement, selection of rule, experience %, Etc. Win Palmer explained actual formulating of handicap:
- (a) basic rule giving a handicap - "off-sounding".
 - (b) Seconds-per-mile records used in races for last four years.
 - (c) deviations of each boat from average of each race taken.
 - (d) Figured average deviation for each boat.
 - (e) 70% average deviation plus 30% rule handicap.
 - (f) 10% increments for up to seven races
 - (g) The obviously unrealistic performances (running aground, etc.) thrown out.
 - (h) Handicaps of nine boats arbitrarily changed after final computation.

A motion was made by Frank Miles and seconded to accept present system of handicaps, with the following discussion:

John Beinert objected to Off-Soundings rule used.

Julien Davies commented that all should be aware that previous formulas brought the fleet together and felt that this one spread it, and encouraged more thinking on it.

Commodore Paterson briefly reviewed the history of rule and formula development.

Bob Wissman was in favor of high experience factor.

Win Palmer said that at 70%-30% the rule was not too important, that the effect of large differences in individual measurements is small in seconds-per-mile.

Stuart Baldwin commented that new boats will soon have considerable experience factor if skipper is interested in getting out to race.

Win Palmer stated that the club purpose was to get alot of racing and alot of fun - not to improve the breed but to get the fleet out. The rule is used to give a basic order to boats entering the racing fleet.

Julien Davies asked if a boat that is not measured by a race could enter with a sister ship's measurements used for figuring handicap.

Further general discussion ensued pro and con on whether owners could measure boats, and the motion on the floor was called to be voted, and was accepted.

A motion was made by John Beinert that the first three races each year were to count until the third year, when the first year's races would be dropped, and so on, so that six races would always count, with the following discussion:

Stuart Baldwin said that the above penalizes the established skipper, that it would be too big a correction to the advantage of new boats.

Julien Davies recommended that owners be permitted to submit their own measurements for temporary use till the boat can be measured - don't want to discourage new boats.

General discussion followed on the fairness of slow attaining of proper handicap for new boats at 10% increments, and the above motion was withdrawn by John Beinert.

A motion was made by Clay Bernichon that in lieu of official measurement, an owner can submit his own figures.

An amendment was made to the above motion by Everett Seidenberg that no prize be awarded to a boat with tentative measurements until official measurements confirm the submitted ones, with the following discussion:

Stuart Baldwin said to forget official measurements.

Everett Seidenberg said that Stuart's idea would be unfair to the 60 or so skippers who had gone to the trouble of obtaining official measurements, and would be to the detriment of accurate handicapping for our fleet; and also recommended that additional official measurers be

appointed.

Commodore Paterson then appointed Clay Bernichon for the western bay and Ray Davis for the eastern bay.

The above amendment was accepted, and the above amended motion was voted upon and accepted.

and seconded

A motion was made by Everett Seidenberg that for the great amount of work and thoughtfulness put into the job, Win Palmer should be given proper appreciation by the assembled members, which was accepted, and Win received a fine hand.

A motion was made, and seconded, by Stuart Baldwin to adjourn, and was voted affirmatively.

Commodore Paterson declared the meeting closed.