

J105 Fleet 3 Annual Meeting
February 26, 2023
Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD

Who	What
Bill Carruth	Meeting called to order at 8:35 AM and welcomed everyone. 14 Fleet 3 boats were represented by owners or representatives at the start of the meeting. 1 boat participated by phone. 2 additional boats joined in-person later in the meeting.
All	Individual introductions were performed for everyone in attendance.
Dennis McCloud	Secretary's Report: The minutes of the previous annual meeting on February 27, 2022 were reviewed and accepted. Vote to accept minutes: Approved, no objections or corrections
John Kircher	Treasurer Report: We had an end of year balance of \$2,560, balance since then has increased to over \$4k with 2023 dues payments. 2022 Women's regatta was breakeven event with budget of ~\$5.6k National dues were increased last year to \$100. Fleet absorbed cost of increase. As of 2023 \$100 for National, \$100 for Local, and \$50 for co-owner/helmsman to be paid by fleet members. 15 boats paid for 2023 as of annual meeting, 34-35 boats likely this year. Last year we had 33 boats in Fleet 3. Steady increases over recent years. John Kircher will send the membership roster to the Fleet. Please contact him if you would like to see bank statement or expense details. Angelo encouraged everyone to also join CBYRA which is not included in Fleet 3 and National membership process. Scores do not count to high point if you are not a CBYRA member at time of the race.
Jon Slabaugh	Schedule Report: Jon Slabaugh reported on discussions at scheduling pre-meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommending adding EYC mid-summer one design as a highpoint race. The EYC one design was designated not 1A in 2022 to allow it to be used as a practice for women's regatta. It is no longer shortly before the 2023 Women's regatta. • Conflict between AYC one design and NASS light house race, recommendation to do AYC one design as 1A event. • Recommended alternating Solomon and Gov Cup as distance race. • Discussion on adding Screwpile to calendar in 2024. It was asked how much interest there would be in Screwpile in 2024. Fleet

	<p>would consider adding to calendar if at least 7 boats are interested in 2024. No action at this point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AYC 2-day Fall has been changed to 2 W/L days instead of 1 W/L and 1 Distance race • Ray Wulff volunteered to add a 1 day J-105 W/L event on August 5 since there is a long gap in the race calendar during the Summer. It was asked if there would be an OA for the event for insurance since the Fleet does not have insurance. Krissy Robinson volunteered EYC as the OA. • There was discussion on the AYC fall series conflicting with J105 NAs in 2023. It was suggested that next year we try to not have HP event on same weekend as national class events. 2024 J105 NAs is in Cleveland and looks like an open weekend on our Annapolis calendar. There was discussion on the challenging of moving weekends for established events and the goal of getting the ~27 Fleet 3 boats not going to NA to participate in AYC fall series this year. • It was suggested to give Fleet 3 boats competing in the 2023 NAs participation credit to meet the minimum threshold of 5 races that qualify for HP. No decision on this suggestion was made at the meeting. • It was also suggested that Block Island Race Week, which is East Coast Championship this year, also be included in an HP participation dispensation if approved. • A mid-year virtual meeting to consider changes that require votes was suggested. • Carl Gitchell will develop proposal for HP dispensation and circulate to the fleet for future consideration. <p>Motion to approve the 2023 Fleet 3 Schedule: Carl Gitchell made motion; Don Santa seconded. No opposed. Scheduled approved.</p>
Angelo Guarino	<p>Rules and Measurement Report:</p> <p>Angelo circulated the proposed rule changes prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on Proposal 4: the rule changes related to USNA Safety Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested to make it non-specific to Academy to mirror the national rule (rather than specify the USNA). - It was asked if each use of safety officer would require approval or by discretion of USNA - Jahn Tihansky explained the experience level of students at different times in the season. His goal is to not have adults aboard but the need for coverage when midshipmen experience is limited.

- It was suggested that the sentence outlining the examples of when a safety officer would be necessary be removed from the language and that it be at the discretion of the Academy. (“reasons for adding an SO are :predicted weather conditions; duration, distance, or time-of-day of the race; or the inexperience of the crew”)
- Jahn Tihansky thanked the fleet for supporting the accommodation of the USNA boats in Fleet 3.

Carl Gitchell made a motion for Proposal 4 (excluding the sentence covering specific examples), Don Santa seconded. All approved.

Discussion on Proposal 3 related to weigh ins, suggested by Angelo (not requested by USNA). Would be new weight category C. Any 6 crew member on academy boats. The logistical challenge of getting USNA students weighed in on a Fleet 3 approved scale was rationale for the rule change.

Motion was made and seconded.

For: 8

Opposed: 4

Motion carries.

Discussion on weight rule (Proposal 1) regarding opposite gender rule for Fleet 3.

- National class rule is now 3 women.
- Proposal is to use class rule language with the change of 2 instead of 3.
- There was discussion on origins of the fleet 3 rule, current perspectives on the rule, and implications of the existing rule.
- It was clarified that our rule as currently written does not limit the ability for a crew of 2 women/4 men; or 3 women/3 men; or 4 women/2 men from sailing without weighing in.
- View was expressed that crews of 6 women having to weigh in for the Women’s regatta was not an issue.
- Suggested that we use national rule for Chess Bays champions.

Proposal 1 was withdrawn.

Proposal 2, long term shipmate change to simplify process and have it last the season was discussed.

- It was suggested that we stick to National rules rather than allow for season long qualification.
- It was suggested that Fleet 3 Executive Committee could have discretion, but concern was raised about this approach and the

	<p>need to exercise discretion or burden the Executive Committee with this decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern with the Season Long approval was expressed and examples were given of variations of its implications. - Exceptions to National Rules have been made to encourage more boats participating and simplify the process. - Concern with the use of the word “qualified” was expressed. “Once the criteria has been met” or “meets the criteria of” was proposed. - Background of the rule, national language, and implications of the rule was discussed. <p>Motion for Proposal 2 (with criteria language rather than qualifications): Angelo Guarino moved, Don Santa seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote Opposed: 1 All other approved. Motion carried.</p>
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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Women’s Regatta (Molly Wilmer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday of Labor Day weekend in 2023 (Sept 3) - Same organizing committee, plus 2 additional women who participated last year. - 2 boats from out of town interested (Buffalo and NJ) - NOR has been posted. - Change in NOR: only 1 male aboard as owner’s representative - Asked Fleet 3 to consider what owners are looking for (i.e., sailing resume/qualifications) from female skippers looking for a boat to use so this can be shared with women interested in finding a boat. - Thursday April 13 meet and greet for owners and potential skippers to meet. At Quantum Sail Loft to match boats and skippers and crew. Will be a Fleet 3 event hosted by the Women’s regatta. - Suggested to work with SpinSheet for Crew Finder event to help Women’s regatta crew matching at that Spring event. - Goal of regatta is to integrate women more into the fleet. - Toronto had higher % of their fleet boats participating in their Women’s regatta than Annapolis did in 2022. <p>Will Keyworth print of J105s at 2021 Fall Series offered to Fleet 3 members for \$135 – order forms available at the meeting or by contact Will Keyworth.</p>
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	<p>Crew List Serve for Fleet 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Francisco uses one. - Communication channel for discussion amongst the crew, last minute crew finding, and tool to build comradery across broader fleet. - Looking for moderator /administrator for list serve to approve members to avoid trolls. - Would be J105 Crew list serve separate from J105 owners list serve. - Ray Wulff volunteered to help with the Fleet 3 website (not the crew listserv) <p>No actions or votes were taken related to new business.</p>
Officers for 2022	<p>Officer Slate</p> <p>President – Bill Carruth Secretary – Dennis McCloud Treasurer – John Kircher Measurer – Angelo Guarino</p> <p>Additional Positions Scorer – Carl Gitchell Scheduler – Dave Scheidt Member at large – Doug Stryker</p> <p>It was noted that the Scheduler, Scorer, and Member at Large are not defined in our by-laws. Suggested that we consider adding additional roles to the by-laws in the future as they are critical roles for the Fleet..</p> <p>Motion to approve the 4 proposed officers by Cedric Lewis, Carl Gitchell seconded. All in favor, No opposed. All 4 officers were approved.</p>
Carl Gitchell	<p>Annual Awards: (Draft 2022)</p> <p>Awards based on the number of boats beaten</p> <p>Chesapeake Cup (This is total beaten yachts over the entire season counting all HP and non HP races)</p> <p>1st Crescendo 123 2nd Smoke n' Oakum 129 3rd Mayhem 118 4th Bat IV 117 4th Patriot 117</p> <p>Spring Circuit (NASS Spring to Annapolis -Miles River (6 race days))</p> <p>1st Patriot 55 2nd Smoke n' Oakum 53 3rd Mirage 52</p>

	<p>Summer Circuit (Leukemia Cup to Hammond Memorial (6 race days)) 1st Crescendo 40 2nd Smoke n' Oakum 26 3rd Firebrand 20 3rd Chessie 20</p> <p>Fall Circuit (Hospice Cup to CBC (5 race days)) 1st Tenacious 67 2nd Patriot 62 3rd Bat IV 61</p> <p>Distance Series (SSC Annual, Annapolis to Miles River, Twilight, Boomerang, Oxford, Race to Solomon's) 1st Smoke n' Oakum 36 2nd Crescendo 30 3rd Mayhem 29</p> <p>White Trophy (The top HP scoring fleet member in the current year who received no other silver the current year (Daily top 3's)) Peregrine</p> <p>IronMan (Most racing days) Chessie 16</p> <p>Most improved in HP: Crescendo</p> <p>Top Newcomer: Patriot</p>
	<p>The following boats were represented at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peregrine 2. Velvet Hammer 3. Avenger/USNA 4. Crescendo 5. Chessie 6. Firebrand 7. Syndicate 8. Patriot 9. Santa's Reign Dear 10. Mayham 11. Breakaway 12. London Calling 13. Tenacious 14. Inigo 15. Mirage 16. War Bride 17. At-Tack via phone

Announcements	<p>Request for crew contact information to be included in yacht scoring so there is more accurate record of those participating in regattas.</p> <p>Request for jibs for 3-2-1 event at AYC.</p> <p>Thank you to Jon S for serving as Scheduler. And thank you to Krissy & Brian Robinson for organizing recent social events.</p>
Bill Carruth	Adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM