

The Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association Minutes

February 3, 2009
2 Portland Square
Portland, ME

Present: Peter Price, Gail Rice, Sarah Helming, Ren Drews, Gretchen Sullivan, Gregg Carville, Dick Stevens, Carter White, Jon Randall, Peter Garcia

Peter Price presided.

1. January Minutes approved.

2. Growth Initiatives:

- A. SailMaine Win Wind Regatta: Sarah Helming, representative from SailMaine, attended the meeting to present some of the items she has put together for this event.
 - a. A preliminary NOR has been created.
 - b. There was a discussion of having boat owners select how many SailMaine sailors they can take on their boat on the registration form. Sarah will then do the pairing with her interested sailors and those with berths available.
 - c. A waiver will also be mandatory for the SailMaine sailors and skippers of the PHRF boats.
 - d. There were discussions on having a minimum percentage of SailMaine participants per boat. Hank Spencer Award uses a 30% minimum percentage.
 - e. Regatta theme ideas: Mardi Gras and Spring Prom were ideas.
 - f. Discussion of \$75 entry fee with the party as a separate cost to give options to those looking to cut costs.
 - g. Committee volunteers; Gail Rice, Peter Price, Ren Drews
 - h. Discussion of making up Tee Shirts to wear so that SailMaine kids are visible on the boats.
 - i. Budget should be finalized by March meeting.
- B. Rick Bleckman will be the new GMORA ambassador to the south for the Portsmouth Region.

3. Treasurers Report:

- A. A motion was made and passed for GMORA to close out the RBC account with a credit card attached to it.
- B. GMORA renewal membership forms will be sent out in March by Bud Hawley.
- C. Carter will talk to Bud about getting the GMORA membership applications online.
- D. There were 174 members last year. Motion made to keep the same membership fee as last year, \$50.

4. Educational Initiatives:

May 3rd, PYC will host a PRO Clinic. There are no costs firmed up, but should be between \$30 and \$50. The board has kept a slot of about \$100 per yacht club for sponsorship to attend, which would mean about 2 people per club. PYC will limit the attendance to 40 people.

5. Schedule:

- A. Camden Castine schedule has been finalized. Randy Whitney has put this regatta together. MMA will do moorings, dock space, and a hamburger dinner. Castine YC is also more than willing to help out.
- B. Monhegan Race will start on a Friday this year and be a three day event. The Monhegan Party will be on Thursday night and the race will start mid-day Friday.
- C. PYC is discussing a five race Fall Series this year.
- D. The Annual Banquet will be Oct 24th 2009.
- E. The Annual Meeting will be held Oct 22nd 2009, the Thursday before the Banquet.

6. YEARBOOK Update:

Sponsorship plan is in hands of Points East and Regatta Promotions. The due date for publication of yearbook is in April. The content for it should be completed between now and the boat show in mid-march. Gail and Carter will be working on the content together. The hope this year is to keep the yearbook GMORA focused and to make it more of a promotional tool as far as articles and less of a race report. Peter Price will be writing a presidents report and his picture will accompany the report.

7. Scoring:

- a. Dick Stevens recommends that we continue to use the Rinderle B system. The only change he thought of was to take away the tie breaker for individual races. There was much discussion on this and no motion to make a change.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Sullivan
GMORA Secretary