

The Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association Minutes

January 6, 2009
2 Portland Square
Portland, ME

Present: Ren Drews, Gretchen Sullivan, Peter Price, Greg Carville, Dick Stevens, Randy Whitney

Peter Price presided.

1. Treasurers Report:

- a. Received copies of the treasurers report, awaiting explanation from John Randall

2. Budget, By-Laws and Tax Issues:

- a. Decided that a committee should be formed regarding a formation of a Budget for GMORA, work on the By-Laws and get our tax situation straightened out.

3. Open GMORA Owners Meeting:

- a. Board approved spending \$300.00 in food at Rivalries for the gathering.
- b. There will be whiteboards and board members will chat with those in attendance to see what is on the minds of GMORA membership and what they are looking for.

4. Schedule:

- a. June 6th SailMaine Event. There is a scheduled meeting tomorrow for the planning of the SailMaine Regatta. The thought was to have it become a one day event fundraiser for SailMaine, giving kids an opportunity to race on GMORA boats for the day and perhaps for the entire season. More to come on this event.
- b. Smuttynose Regatta is Aug 14th, 15th, 16th. Add to the GMORA calendar.
- c. Racing Schedule for CYC:
 - i. Camden race will be the weekend of Aug 1st & 2nd CYC race. Randy said he has some work to do between now and the February meeting. The intent is to use CYC on Sunday afternoon for the awards après sailing. MMA, Castine YC or third venue are being considered for an event on Saturday in Castine. Russell Vest was volunteered to do the scoring for the regatta. Greg Carville offered to help on RC boat.

5. Educational Items:

- a. Race Officer training date has not been firmed up.

6. Scoring:

- a. There was a discussion of firming up the policy of GMORA membership in terms of the race schedule and points scored. In the past there has been a grace date and you didn't have to have the membership prior to the race day. There were no motions made on this subject.
- b. Discussion of changing from the Rinderle B scoring system. A high point + 2 system was introduced at the meeting. Dick Stevens will redo the scores from last year using the high point system to see how the results change.
- c. It was mentioned that GMORA should not break a tie for individual regattas in terms of scoring. At the end of the GMORA season, it makes sense to use the tie break rule, but it does affect the outcome for many of the racers individually breaking the tie.
- d. There was discussion of what counts for a season long of racing? How will the board define that in the schedule? Some boats will race in both cruising and racing class. Also, what happens if a boat was signed up for a race that didn't happen, versus a boat that was never signed up to race it in the first place? Second, should GMORA send out information to the individual yacht clubs in terms of what we are looking for in scoring? Have defined definitions of DNS, DNF, etc. There was also talk of putting these guidelines on the GMORA website. More discussion on this to follow at next meeting.

7. Other:

- a. Gail Rice has agreed to be the PR matron for GMORA.
- b. A release form has been sent to the IRS asking for a copy of the GMORA by-laws.
- c. Membership to GMORA should be done through an online system. Look into this further to see if this is possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Sullivan
GMORA Secretary