

**The Gulf of Maine Ocean Racing Association
Minutes**

March 3, 2009
2 Portland Square
Portland, ME

Present: Ren Drews, Carter White, Peter Price, Dick Stevens, Gretchen Sullivan, Gail Rice, Randy Rice

Peter Price Presided:

1. **February Minutes approved.**
2. **GMORA Website & Communications:**
 - a. GMORA emails will include the meeting minutes and dates for each regatta within the monthly email.
 - b. Take off WinWind Regatta off the scored regattas.
 - c. The Website should be up by Friday the 6th. There will be an online option for membership sign up, as well as an option via US postal service.
 - d. Offer GMORA sponsorship to attend the PRO seminar for member clubs. GMORA allotted 2 members per club paid slots to attend. The fee will be \$55 for US Sailing Members and \$85 for non-members. The sponsor dollars from GMORA will pay for a US Sailing Member, if non-member, attendee will have to pay the difference.
3. **Maine Boatbuilders Boatshow:**
 - a. GMORA agreed to pay \$350 towards a booth for the boatshow with Regatta Promotions, PYC, SYC and BHYC. There will be a slideshow playing with photos of events, a GMORA banner and sponsor information.
4. **GMORA Survey:**
 - a. There was a 25% response rate, 67 responses out of 300.
 - b. 58% of respondents were members, 40% were not.
 - c. 66% were satisfied with the schedule, 18% wanted the season longer.
 - d. Point to point racing was the favorite format for racing.
 - e. Safety at Sea was the favorite event.
 - f. Biggest reason for not participating was due to lack of time.
 - g. Satisfaction overall was good for GMORA.
 - h. The lowest rank was our website.
 - i. Perhaps do another survey at the end of the season to help with selecting the spirit awards for the banquet.
5. **Scoring:**
 - a. Proposal to change to Chips scoring method. It encourages sailors that may not be experienced to race and not get such low scores for a deep finishing place.
 - b. If we stay with the Rinderle B scoring system, we will add the table to the GMORA website along with a scoring explanation.
6. **Sponsorship:**
 - a. Carter reports by mid-march half of the sponsorship slots should be filled. Have commitments from Hallett, Smithwick, ECYS, Chase Leavitt and PYS so far.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Sullivan
GMORA Secretary