



THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Zoom Call April 11, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: Fred Allerton, Commodore; Tom Kerr, Vice- Commodore; Lena Cantera, Secretary; Ray Crowley, Fleet Captain; Todd Steffes, Keith Carew

March Minutes: Tom motion to approve, Fred 2nd. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial:
 - Current balance \$8,385
- Insurance update
 - last reported as approx. \$3500 due June 1 – no update
- Membership update
 - No update

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Race Calendar:

- Ray reported on a successful, well run Gov's Cup. See great coverage in "The Happy Hour."
- No further updates to calendar

2023 Non-Race Events:

3/23-26 Sunnyland Boat Festival, FL

- Ray reported on a successful SBF, featuring CCR mock racing. The Cocktail Class booth had a lot of visitor traffic, information shared, and interest in the boats. Read great coverage in "The Happy Hour."

4/29 Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron Spring Boat Show Kilmarnock, VA

- Fred reported: 4 members still scheduled to attend w/ on-land boat display -Jack Pettigrew, Art Gilbert, Bill England, Jack Berry. Will issue a MailChimp NNSPS event reminder.

6/23-25 Wooden Boat Show Mystic, CT

- Fred reported: At least 14 members plan to attend. We will promote again in May and June Newsletter.

7/15 Mahogany and Steel Boat & Car Show Bristol, PA

- Fred reported: At least 4 members plan to attend with boats by land and sea. We will promote again in June Newsletter.

10/27-29 Downrigging Weekend Chestertown, MD

- No update

9/30-10/2 (NEWLY PROPOSED) NON-RACE EVENT: St. Michael's Small Craft Festival

- Keith is researching SMSCF for CCWRBA's participation in 2023.

Brochure:

- Approx. 1250 distributed so far at shows and to a member distribution list. Started w/ 2000. Approx. 750 remaining. Need 300-400 for remaining shows.

Newsletter

- May Issue was just released. June issue in progress.

AV Plates:

- US Anodize delivered AV Plates on 4/5/23.
- First batch (of 32) has sold out and 1 order has been shipped from second batch (of 36).
- AV Plates will be dropped from May Agenda

Boats/Motors "Classifieds" Website

- 2 Boats and 1 Kit in CCWBRA.com Classifieds. No sale to date.

Non-Racing Membership Category:

- There was discussion regarding a 2-tier membership description submitted by Tom Kerr and distributed in advance. The Supporting Membership descriptions were differentiated in "Non-Racing" and "Business" sub-categories, but had the same fee basis, \$40.
- Consensus was reached on details of benefits, Tom will revise the description, redistribute for comment, and then it will be shared with Connie Ranney for website changes.

Website:

- 2-tier Membership update - Fred to follow up with Connie Ranney
- Website tune up pending:
 - "Leadership" section of "About" is still in progress.
 - Directors emails to be activated. Jeff will contact Connie with that info.
 - Committee Chair group still needs to be added. Fred will coordinate that list w/ Connie
 - Regional Fleet Captains group still needs to be added. Fred will coordinate that list w/ Connie

Racing Equipment:

- Fred A. started a sign-out form for Association racing equipment.
- Rick Loewen handed off iStart starting horn to Fred A. Fred also has equipment from the Urbani trailer in Rock Hall, for the June 3rd Allentown race: digital countdown starter and 4 red buoys and 4 yellow buoys
- Racing Equipment will be dropped from May Agenda

Trophies/Awards:

- Fred A. reported that cork coaster awards are available from Hi-Def Embroidery (Terry Loewen), for \$2 each as was the cost for those provided in 2022. 2+ week lead time required.
- Trophies/Awards to be dropped from May Agenda

CLC Coordination:

- Follow up on 3/1/23 coordination mtg with Ed Wigglesworth and Jay Hockenberry of CLC. (Still pending)
- Fred and Ray reported on the Coordination mtg with Ed Wigglesworth and Jay Hockenberry of CLC. that occurred on 3/1/23. Topics included:
 - CLC Kit Design Coordination items
 - Coordination of exhibit material for shows:
 - Updating of royalty amount was discussed. Ed was to research and reply. We asked for information on overseas sales. Ed was to research and reply.

Preferred Tohatsu Dealer:

- No update since Scott's Cove notified us of their decision to not continue as CCWBRA's "Preferred Tohatsu Dealer"
- Steve VanDyke suggested: Caroline Boating in Ridgely, Kevin Barnes and Landon's Marine, Chestertown
- Fred A reported on un-announced visit to Landon's Marine, Chestertown – No action req'd.
- Preferred Tahatsu Dealer to be dropped from May Agenda

Racing Rules/Racing Handbook Issue:

- In March 14 meeting (and minutes) there was a point made about Racing Rule Book not including a time for the "Call to Attention". Item was skipped over in April. Can be discussed further for clarification with next Rules update. Re: Racing Handbook page 34.

NEW BUSINESS:**Visit to Low Country Maritime School, Charleston, SC.:**

- March 28 Visit – to Sam Gervais, Annaliesse C., F & S Allerton, Casey Bernard
- LCMS's boat used for school classes is a Bevin flat bottom skiff.
- The Cocktail Class Racer will be used as the next Volunteers project. The current project that is being completed is a round bottom skiff.

Takacat Safety Boat – MD Boat Registration

- Update 4/19/23: Keith C. obtained MDNR registration and title for the Takacat. Thank you Keith!

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Promotion/Marketing Committee:

Ray Crowley, Chair

- Post mtg update 4/17: Ray posted a message on Mailchimp for Mktg Cmte recruits
- Fred A. to ask Kaylie Jasinsky if she would like to be part of Mktg Cmte.

Engine Committee:

Charlie Iliff, Chair; Members: Curt Bluefeld, Sam Wearly, Russ Bowler

- Post mtg update 4/17: Engine Committee discussed by email the question regarding whether to open up the 6hp Tohatsu 4-stroke Class to re-labelled models under other manufacturers, i.e. Mercury. The topic had been raised by a member on the Forum. The entire Engine Cmte, consisting of C. Iliff, C. Bluefeld, S. Wearly, and R. Bowler offered their thoughts and came to a consensus, and recommended: The 6hp Tohatsu 4-stroke class should remain based exclusively on the single motor make: Tohatsu, with model updates as approved by CCWBRA at the proper time. (No re-labelled motors permitted).

Design Committee:

Keith Carew, Chair

- Issue to be discussed: Deviations in boat design/ construction, and the process for prior approval of proposed deviations. R. Crowley offered to participate in the issue.
- Update: pending.

Safety Committee:

Chris Norman, Chair (No updates)

Rules Committee:

Jim Schmicker, Chair (No updates)

Appeals Committee:

Capt Peter Urbani, Chair (No updates)

Ship Store:

Ray Crowley, Manager

- Will contact Sandra Matthews and other sources for options on hats, shirts, etc. Direct ship options will be explored.

