



THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Zoom Call May 9, 2023

Attendance: Fred Allerton, President Tom Kerr, Vice-President Jeff Weeber, Treasurer; Lena Cantera, Secretary; Ray Crowley, Fleet Captain; Chris Norman, Member at Large; Curt Bluefeld

April Minutes: Ray motion to approve, Tom 2nd . Approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial- no significant change from April
- Insurance Update- last report would cost approximately \$3500.00 due June 1, still in progress
- Membership Update- New members early on. No new members to report.

Old Business:

2023 Race Calendar:

- No new updates to race calendar

2024 Race Calendar:

5/18 Urbanna Cup

- Fred reported receiving a call from Lawrence Fuccella on 4/27/24 regarding mtgs w/ Urbanna town leaders. There is great support from the town leaders and businesses for the return of this event on May 18, 2024.

2023 Non-Race Events:

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

- Curt visited the NNSPS show and reported show was well-attended. There were many visitors and about 100 brochures were distributed. Jack Pettigrew, Art Gilbert, and Bill England, attended the on-land boat display.

6/23-25 Wooden Boat Show Mystic, CT

- Ray reminded us that 3-day passes are available on-line and only prior to the show opening.
- Curt mentioned that 2 boats can be at the display booth (CLC kit + Skua plan boat). 4-6 boats will be needed at the lighthouse dock. Ray Clark has a boat #3 and Mystic has a boat.
- We will promote WBS again in June Newsletter.

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

- Mid-Atlantic ACBS Chapter is looking forward to Cocktail Class attending, and photos of Cocktail Class boats were included in its promotional literature. We will promote the show in June Newsletter

10/27-29 Downrigging Weekend Chestertown, MD

- No update

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

- No update

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.
- Will monitor remaining brochure qty in case a second batch is needed.
- Newsletter Editor Lou Linden suggested to make brochures available to members to help in promotion. Lou is placing brochures at West Marine stores and other marine stores.

Newsletter:

- May newsletter running behind. Fred reported that Zach has stepped away from his Mailchimp and Website duties. Todd has volunteered to temporarily send Mailchimp communications
- Post mtg update: May newsletter was issued May 13th

Boats/Motors "Classifieds" Website

- No update

Non-Racing Membership Category:

- At the April Mtg the 2-tier membership description was submitted by Tom Kerr and discussed. Tom later revised the document per the comments.
- Fred relayed the Membership Category information to Connie Ranney she warned against over-complicating the membership structure and suggested consolidating the "Supporting" sub-categories. She plans to complete the website updates in May.

Website:

- Implementation of the 2-tier Membership has been discussed w/Connie
- "About" (Leadership) tune up work: has been discussed w/Connie. Connie plans to complete the website updates in May.

Racing Equipment:

- Racing equipment sign-out form has been started.
- Equipment that is currently in PA for June 3rd race will be delivered to Camp David: digital countdown starter, iStart starting horn, and 4 red buoys and 4 yellow buoys.

Racing and Promotional Supplies:

- 2023 Race stickers are in progress w/ Creative Designs of VA (Sandra Mathews).
- (5/11/23) Jack Pettigrew will be sending completed stickers directly to RD's.
- (5/11/23) Fred reported on promotional coasters (pulpboard) for boat shows (Optional) \$0.29 @ 1000 qty from the Waitz Co.

Merchandise:

- Ray Crowley checking sources for hats, shirts, "merch" (Ongoing)

CLC Coordination:

- No update on follow-up to the coordination mtg with Ed Wigglesworth and Jay Hockenberry of CLC, Ray and Fred. 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:

- Search for a new CCWBRA's "Preferred Tohatsu Dealer"
 - (5/11/23) Ray and Fred reported that perhaps it may be better to wait until our social media becomes more active and then work on demonstrating our fun and growing use of the Tohatsu in CCWBRA. Then we can approach Tohatsu of America sales accounts/marketing with a proposal for motors to be offered to members at cost with any dealer that will participate w/ Tohatsu's support program for CCWBRA.

Racing Rules/Racing Handbook Issue:

- In March 14 meeting (and minutes) there was a point made about Racing Rule Book not including a time duration 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.
 - (5/11/23) It was agreed that **10.3 Starting Sequence** should be referred to the Rules Committee for an update to clarify that there is no fixed time for the span of time from Call to Attention to One Minute blast. For guidance, the time is *typically* 15 seconds. But the *actual* time is at the discretion of the timing official, and it can vary depending on changing course conditions, such as readiness of drivers, officials, safety boat, or interfering boat traffic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Racing Rules/Racing Handbook Issues:

- Currently, racing number requirements for size and location are addressed in the Racing Handbook under **3.2 Boat Eligibility**, and only a drawing that is dimensioned and noted. There are no written rules to supplement or to reference the drawing, and the drawing is not very legible due to its size and print quality. With the proliferation of the creative graphics of many new boats, the basic requirements for racing numbers (size, location,

and legibility) in some instances, seem to get inadequate attention. The other challenge: it is difficult to make larger multi-digit numbering (now used on many boats) fit into the dimensional constraints indicated in the illustration. Curt offered to team up with Kim Granbery to propose an update to the rules, for referral to the Rules Cmte for the next Handbook update.

- Fred used a proposed graphic for a boat in the Florida Fleet as a recent example, which is very creative, but has compliance issues for the race numbering requirements.
- Chris reported a safety issue at Tenn Cup, with children wading in the water in or near the pit area with motors operating and boats maneuvering. Restrictions on people permitted to be wading in the Pit Area are addressed in Provision **7.11.8.2 People in Water**. There was concern that perhaps in addition to 7.11.8.2, there should be an age requirement, and, also a designation of the race official responsible for enforcement.
 - Referral of a recommendation/proposal to the Safety & Rules Committees needed.
- Chris also noted that **Pit Boss** is not a listed role in **9.4 The Race Committee**, and should be listed with responsibilities enumerated.
 - Referral of a recommendation/proposal to the Safety & Rules Committees needed

Takacat Safety Boat – MD Boat Registration

- Update 4/19/23: Keith C. obtained MDNR registration and title for the Takacat. Thank you Keith!
 - (5/11/23) Fred will order registration numbers and associated mounting boards suitable for the inflatable.

Open positions for: Website/Digital Content Manager/Director

- Sadly, Zach stepped away from several roles at CCWBRA. As a result, we are seeking:
 - Website /Digital talent, a person with interest and qualifications incl:
 - Blog posting, MailChimp composing & sending, Newsletter editing into MailChimp format & sending, posting race results and photos on website, etc.
 - Director position:
Ray and Curt suggested that we consider asking one of the new members from Northern Neck to serve as Interim Director. (Art Gilbert, Bill England, or Jack Berry). And Curt suggested we ask Jack Pettigrew for his input, being acquainted with all three

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Promotion/Marketing Committee:

Ray Crowley, Chair

- Post mtg update 4/17: Ray posted a message on Mailchimp for Mktg Cmte recruits
 - (5/11/23) No responses
- Fred A. to ask Kaylie Jasinsky if she would like to be part of Mktg Cmte.
 - (5/11/23) Kaylie declined.

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 as warranted. (No re-labelled motors permitted).
 - (5/11/23) Fred will add a forum posting, explaining that the 6HP 4-stroke Class will remain a class based exclusively on the single motor make, as it was originally established.

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.
 - (5/11/23) No update.

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

- (5/11/23) Ray updated regarding his contact with Sandra Matthews. Investigating other sources for options on hats, shirts, etc. Direct ship options will be explored.

