

THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Zoom Call

June 13, 2023

Minutes

Attendance: Fred Allerton, Commodore; Tom Kerr, Vice- Commodore; Lena Cantera, Secretary; Ray Crowley, Fleet Captain; Jeff Weeber, Treasurer; Curt Bluefeld, Keith Carew, Tara Carew, David Cantera

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial:
 - Same as last month
- Membership update
 - No update

2023 Race Calendar:

- Skuas on the Lehigh race was cancelled. CCWBRA allowed GL insurance with GMG/Associated Industries Insurance Co to lapse due to unacceptable changes in coverage. ("Absolute Watercraft Exclusion")
- Camp David Cup remained on schedule (as of 6/13/23). Refer to New Business for further insurance developments.

2024 Race Calendar:

- **2024 Dates verified:**
 - **3/21-24 Sunnyland Boat Festival (Ray reported)**
 - **5/18 Urbanna Cup (confirmed by L Fucella)**
- **RD's to verify dates on schedule of anticipated 2024 events (as submitted as part of Burgee Program insurance application.)**

2023 Non-Race Events:

- **6/23-25 Wooden Boat Show Mystic, CT**
 - 18 members are on the CCWBRA Exhibitor Team
 - Details of the exhibitor credential/passes were reviewed
 - See WBS promotion in upcoming June Newsletter
- **7/15 Mahogany and Steel Boat & Car Show Bristol, PA** Mid-Atlantic ACBS Chapter
 - Fred reported that boat Liability Insurance is req'd for exhibitors
- **10/27-29 Downrigging Weekend Chestertown, MD**
- **9/30-10/2 (NEWLY PROPOSED) NON-RACE EVENT: St. Michael's Small Craft Festival** Keith will try to reconnect with someone

Happy Hour Newsletter

- June Issue was released 6/14/23

OLD BUSINESS:

Brochure:

- Fred reported 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.
- The association will monitor remaining quantity of brochures in case a second batch is needed.
- Side note: in the May issue of HH Newsletter Editor Lou reported he placed brochures at West Marine stores and several other marine stores. In the upcoming June issue Lou reports of further distribution. Lou suggested that other members request additional brochures and devise their own distribution plan if so inclined. **(Closed item.)**

Boats/Motors “Classifieds” Website

- 6/13/24: No update

Website:

- “About” (Leadership) tune up work: has been discussed w/Connie Ranney.
- Website revisions by Connie Ranney pending.

Racing and Promotional Supplies:

- 2023 Race stickers – Fred reported Creative Designs has distributed. (Closed item).
- Turtle award stickers – Fred reported Creative Designs printed and distributed a batch. **(Closed item.)**

Merchandise:

- Ray is taking bins of existing shirts, and other “merch” to events for sale.

CLC Coordination:

- No update

Racing Rules/Racing Handbook Issues – proposed for next Edition:

- The following items have been proposed for rule revisions for the next version of the Racing handbook. **Update 6/13/23: Tara Carew expressed interest in coordinating the rules proposal effort.**
 1. Racing numbers display rule update:
(From May mtg:) Currently, racing number requirements for size and location are addressed in the Racing Handbook under **3.2 Boat Eligibility** by a drawing only. The drawing is dimensioned and noted. But, 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), seem to get inadequate attention in some instances. 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. **Action to be taken:** Curt offered to team up with Kim Granbery to propose an update to the rules, for referral to the Rules Committee for the next Handbook update

Status 6/13/23: No Update

2. People in the Water - Pit Area Restrictions:
(From May mtg:) 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. **Action to be taken:** Referral of a recommendation/proposal to the Safety & Rules Committees needed.

Status 6/13/23: No Update

3. Pit Boss Role & Responsibilities:
(From May mtg:) Chris also noted that **Pit Boss** is not a listed role in **9.4 The Race Committee**, and should be listed with responsibilities enumerated **Action to be taken:** Referral of a recommendation/proposal to the Safety & Rules Committees needed.

Status 6/13/23: No Update

Takacat Safety Boat – MD Boat Registration

Update: 6/17/23: Registration numbers and mounting boards are in the Takacat equipment bags. **(Closed item)**

Forum Posting regarding Tohatsu 4-stroke Class re-labelled motors:

- Fred posted response. See Engine Committee. **(Closed item).**

Open positions for: Website/Digital Content Mgr and Director

- Website/Digital Mgr(s), incl:
 - Blog posting, MailChimp composing & sending, Newsletter editing into MailChimp format & sending, posting race results and photos on website, etc.
 - **Update: 6/17/23:** Ray approached Rick and Terry Loewen about the role(s), and they agreed to fill the position(s). Todd will schedule a session w/ Rick and Terry for orientation on MailChimp Newsletter/Announcement templates and other WordPress operations.
- Director position:
 - **Update: 6/13/23:** Fred invited Art Gilbert to fill the open position on the Board of Directors, for the remainder of the term recently vacated by Zach Ditmars. Art agreed. There was concurrence among the Execs to appoint Art as a Director to fill the vacated position.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Update – Post Mtg Notes Added: Burgee Program

- **At the time of the 6/13/23 meeting**, the association was in the process of becoming an OAF Affiliated Club; the association announced that OAF Affiliated plans to membership on 6/5/23; and it was waiting for a certificate of insurance for Camp David Cup.
- **Post Mtg Update: 6/15:** the OAF Affiliated plan was abandoned. This was prompted by Evanston Insurance, the carrier, unexpectedly requiring the association to be an “additional insured” party. That increased the per event premium drastically from \$450 to \$1,200.
- **Post Mtg Update: 6/24:** Maritime Insurance International’s rep at WBS suggested checking out the Burgee Program via Gowrie Group/Chubb as carrier. **An application for Burgee Program was submitted to the Gowrie Group on 6/30/23.** Our contacts: Denece Herrera & Sara Diaz.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Promotion/Marketing Committee:

Ray Crowley, Chair

Engine Committee:

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

- In April Execs discussed Engine Committee comments made via email regarding the question of 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).
 - **Update 6/6/23:** Fred posted forum response. explaining that the 6HP 4-stroke Class will remain a class based exclusively on the single motor make, Tohatsu, as it was originally established. **(Closed Item.)**

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.
 - **(6/13/23) 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