

THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Zoom Call

July 11, 2023

Minutes

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

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

- **Treasurer's Report:**
- Financial:
 - Checking: \$3,429; PayPal: \$5,555
- Membership update
 - Fred will check with Connie if member enrollment on the website automatically adds members to the member directory section.

2023 Race Calendar – Upcoming:

- July 22 – Commodore's Cup Maryland Yacht Club, Pasadena, MD
 - Keith reported that Carl Treff agreed to a modified Release from Liability that includes MYC as a "Releasee" as an accommodation, if necessary, for a lapse in insurance coverage. (The application to the Burgee Program insurance is still pending at the time of the Commodore's Cup.) See New Business for update.

- Aug 19 – National Championship Rock Hall Yacht Club, Rock Hall, MD
- Sept 9 – Tennessee Cup Pickwick Landing State Park, Counce, TN
- Sept 16 – Kent Island Regatta Kent Island Yacht Club, Stevensville, MD
- Oct 14 – Oktoberfest Great Oak Landing, Chestertown, MD

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.) **Update 7/11/23: Ray will follow up w/ RD's**

2023 Non-Race Events:

- **6/23-25 Wooden Boat Show Mystic, CT**
 - Many interested WBS guests stopped at the CCWBRA booth, and the “Rumble” of the WB Magazine staff vs. MSM was a crowd pleaser. See July Newsletter for a follow-up reporting on WBS.
- **7/15 Mahogany and Steel Boat & Car Show Bristol, PA** Mid-Atlantic ACBS Chapter
 - The CCWBRA participation count is up. The Loewens & Lindens plan to join Fred, Capt. Pete, Ray, Jeff.
- **10/27-29 Downrigging Weekend Chestertown, MD**
- **9/30-10/2 (NEWLY PROPOSED) NON-RACE EVENT: St. Michael’s Small Craft Festival**
 - Keith will reconnect with the St. Michael’s contact

Happy Hour Newsletter:

- July Newsletter was issued on July 11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boats/Motors “Classifieds” Website

- 7/11/24: No update

Website:

- **Update 7/11/24:** “About” (Leadership) tune up work: has been discussed w/Connie Ranney.
- **Update 7/11/24:** Website revisions by Connie Ranney pending.

Website/Digital Content Management:

- **Update 7/11/24:** Rick and Terry Loewen have taken over MailChimp operations.

Merchandise:

- **Update 7/11/24:** Ray is taking bins of existing shirts, and other “merch” to events for sale.

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 contact: Denece Herrera.
- **Update at Mtg 7/11/23:** Denece Herrera reported on 7/10/23 that Chubb is working on our application.
- **Post Mtg Update: 7/14/23:** Burgee Program insurance proposal was received, under review by CCWBRA, pending consultation with Atty Peter Schuchman.
- **Post Mtg Update 7/21/23:** Exec Team approved via email to “Bind” the proposal terms. Gowrie Group sent the “Bound Proposal.” Effective dates: Aug 15, 2023 to Aug 15, 2024.

“Products” Removed from Website:

- On the advice of the Gowrie Group two products were removed from website sales due to product liability issues: the Building Manual & the AV Plates. It was suggested that a product liability risk exists that would cause prospective insurance carriers to decline coverage for the association.

Lingering Insurance questions – legal consultation:

- Previously in June the Exec Committee approved spending up to \$1,000 for legal advice regarding the association’s liability, insurance options and recommendations. No expense has occurred thus far for legal consultation, although Peter Schuchman has provided limited consultation gratis.
- Tom and Jeff recommended to the Executive Committee that we schedule a consultation with Peter Schuchman (spending up to the pre-approved amount of \$1,000). The appointment would be scheduled after sufficient information is available for the proposed Burgee policy. The Executive Committee concurred.
- Besides review of the Burgee Program insurance, the scope of the consultation may also include:
 - D&O Insurance

- Product liability exposure and options for selling or distributing building plans and AV Plates
- Possibly By-Laws.

Antique Motorboat Racing Trophy

- Keith reported that Russ Bowler purchased an antique motorboat trophy figure for the association for \$100. Russ requested to be reimbursed. The Committee approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Promotion/Marketing Committee:

Ray Crowley, Chair

Engine Committee:

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

Design Committee:

Keith Carew, Chair

Safety Committee:

Chris Norman, Chair (No updates)

Rules Committee:

Jim Schmicker, Racing Rules Chair (No updates)

Tara Carew, General Rules Director

Appeals Committee:

Capt. Peter Urbani, Chair (No updates)

Ship Store:

Ray Crowley, Manager

BACK BURNER ISSUES - FYI:

Boats/Motors “Classifieds” Website

- No update

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, incl. overseas sales.

Racing Rules/Racing Handbook - proposed for next Edition:

- The following items have been proposed for rule revisions for the next version of the Racing handbook. 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 Cmte 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 Safety & Rules Cmtes 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 Safety & Rules Cmtes. **Status 6/13/23: No Update**

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.

