



THE COCKTAIL CLASS WOODEN BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION

Executive Team Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

7:30 pm

Attendance: Tara Carew, Commodore; Curt Bluefeld, Vice- Commodore; Lena Cantera, Secretary; Cameron Walker, Member at Large; Fred Allerton, Past Commodore; Lou Linden, Membership Committee; Al Barnes, Jim Schmicker

June Meeting Minute: Approved via email

Treasurer's Report: No report

2025 Race Recaps:

- Camp David Cup -Lena Cantera
 - 19 racers
 - Event was well attended; weather was good and had a smooth set-up.
 - New race display board and timer worked well.
 - There were 2 protests that were later dropped
 - Keith Carew received the first "Turtle Award" for the year
 - Camp David Cup awarded Tom Kerr

- Kent Island Race – Tara Carew
 - 10 Boats
 - Multiple engine classes
 - Race ran smoothly with ideal weather conditions
 - Race held during Kent Island Yacht Club's 70th Anniversary
 - Social gathering and awards ceremony held at the Tiki Bar
 - Placed a Kent Island Race Sticker on a beam at the Tiki Bar
 - Good community turnout and many showed interest in racing

- Mystic Race Planning – Jim Schmicker
 - Meeting with Mystic Seaport employees Sarah and Rosie
 - Have been accommodating and enthusiastic
 - Supplying canopies, sound systems, safety boats
 - Boat launching logistics have been arranged
 - Trailer access after 5pm on Friday and before 10am on Saturday

- Water depth concerns have been discussed and deemed manageable
 - Seaport is promoting in brochures and membership database
 - Finalizing participant count and logistics
 - Local school participants Forman School and CCSU have been contacted. Awaiting confirmation from school representatives
 - Looking at possible 4 to 5 engine classes
 - Jim will coordinate with Sarah at Seaport for possible donation options
- Nationals, Rock Hall, MD
 - Todd is set on trophies
 - Todd to open registration
 - Lena to get a contact list of last year's racers for Peter

Bylaws: Fred Allerton

- Zoom meeting with Fred, Tom and Curt
 - Revisions made and sent Fitzpatrick Lenta Bubba
 - Approximate cost pending to finish

Treasurer search: Tara Carew

- Potential modification to position – Treasurer and Resident Agent
- Jeff will be leaving after 8 years of being Treasurer
- Jim Schmicker has expressed interest in becoming Treasurer

Perpetual Award – Al Barnes

- Presentation of new point system for regional and national championships
- Purpose is to encourage and reward participation at CCWBRA sanctioned races
- Perpetual Awards period starts with TK Memorial Tennessee Cup and ends with Nationals
- System includes participation points and finals bonuses
- Supplementary awards include Last Word Trophy (High Points Award), Regional Constructors Trophy and Turtle Award
- Current standings shared with Committee
- Committee approved current system for 2025
- Will be formally announced at Nationals
- See explanation of awards at end of minutes

Tides Inn Regatta – Curt Bluefeld

- Curt and Art Gilbert have a meeting set with Mike the Marina manager to go over logistics and possible demonstration race later this year

Boat and Trailer Donation – Curt Bluefeld

- Trailer is being serviced for new bearings
- Fred to investigate registration transfers of boats and trailer and insurance
- Further discussion of whether CCWBRA will sell or keep boats for club use. Fred to investigate insurance implications if decided to use boats for potential racer use/rental or charter program
- Storage and maintenance responsibilities to be determined

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm

Next Meeting August 19, 2025 7:30pm

CCWBRA Points Championships

Purpose: To encourage and reward participation at CCWBRA (CC) sanctioned races.

Overview: As with most amateur motorsports, Regional and National class championships have been established for all CC competitors in good standing, starting with the 2025 season*. The formula deriving class standings emphasizes participation, it's not how many races you win, it's how many boats you beat. All data entered is the official race results received from the CCWBRA Secretary or Race Director.

Regional / National Schedule:

1	REGIONAL	May 31, 2025 - Skuas on the Lehigh - Allentown, PA
2	REGIONAL	June 21, 2025 - Camp David Cup - Kennedyville, MD
3	REGIONAL	July 12, 2025 - Kent Island Race - Stevensville, MD
4	REGIONAL	August 2, 2025 - Mystic River Race, Mystic, CT
5	REGIONAL	August 16, 2025 - National Championship Race - Rock Hall, MD
1	NATIONAL	October 12, 2024* - TK Walker Memorial Tennessee Cup - Counce, TN
2	NATIONAL	March 15, 2025 - Governor's Cup - New Smyrna Beach, FL
3	NATIONAL	August 16, 2025 - National Championship Race - Rock Hall, MD

Regional class championships:

1. For a class to qualify for awards, it must be raced at a minimum of three (3) events.
2. For a racer to be included in the final standings, he/she must race in that class a minimum of three (3) races.

National class championships:

1. For a class to qualify for awards, it must be raced at a minimum of two (2) events.
2. For a racer to be included in the final standings, he/she must race in that class a minimum of two (2) races.

Point accrual:

- Base points, 20, 19, 18.... (20 for first, 19 for second, 18 for third...)
- One (1) extra point for advancing to the finals
- One point for each competitor participating in the race
- $20+1+5=26$ points for winning a race with 5 racers □ $19+1+5=25$ Points for second place □ $18+1+5=24$ Points for third....
- All competitors not advancing to the finals tie for last place points.
- When a competitor crosses the start line one time, (heat or final), he/she qualifies for points in that race.

Supplementary awards

Last Word Trophy (High Points Award)

1. All points won in all classes at all National / Regional races totaled.
2. If a racer competes in more than one race per motor group, only the highest point value to be included.

Regional Constructors Trophy

1. All points won by a boat (regardless of who is driving it) at all Regional races
2. It is at the boat owner's discretion to keep the award or present it to whomever built the boat.

Turtle Award

1. We hand Lou a trophy

