

2025 BYRA Annual Meeting Minutes: February 1, 2025

The annual meeting was held at the Contentment Island Clubhouse. The meeting commenced at 10:05am with 14 members present.

Welcome:

Commodore Des Runyan welcomed the attendees and gave an overview of the past year, thanking members for contributions and awarding the Commodore's Award to Secretary Courtenay Becerra.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** Glenn Cliborne moved that the minutes from the previous annual meeting be approved. Pete Phillip seconded the motion, and all approved the Secretary's minutes.
- **Treasurer:** Bob Toone presented his report as such: current membership included 28 full members, of which 19 were skippers and 9 were crew. The club collected \$7500 in dues and \$800 from 6 member donations. Regatta costs were covered by entry fees. No money was lost on the banquet; the club was ahead by \$16 over the cost. The club's major purchase was the new RC pontoon, which was sourced by Lee Arnold who also arranged to sell the old one for \$2000. Overall club expenses exceeded income by \$1300 due to extraordinary circumstances/expenses. Checking and savings accounts have funds. The Treasurer recommended keeping dues the same for the current year; a vote was taken: Des Runyan moved to accept the recommendation, John Scramm seconded the motion, and all approved. Caps and pennants were then offered for sale.
- **Quartermaster:** Lee Arnold presented his report as such: the canvas boat cover needs to be replaced, which might cost between \$300-\$500; this recommendation is the same one made in 2024. \$1k in gas expense for both RC boats for the year was estimated, and it was pointed out that both boats might have maintenance costs. Another issue brought up was that the VHF radio used on RC is sometimes spotty. Des Runyan offered a solution of using the handhelds so that no purchase would be necessary.
- **Fleet Captain:** Glenn Cliborne gave his report as such: he thanked Lee Arnold for finding and readying the new pontoon boat, and for all of the work he has done as Quartermaster. The races in 2024 overall were good, but the Ice Cream Race would not be repeated as there was no good way to keep the ice cream cold enough for the duration of the race. The informal sail around was good; boats went up to R16 and then

back down to Blackwater. Members enjoyed the sail around and wanted to repeat it; it was suggested that two such events would be put on the calendar for the current year. Glenn offered his appreciation for the crews who ran RC. All races went pretty well except for a race with no wind after the 1st start; the club was reminded that the second start can be postponed. No race should be started unless there is sufficient wind. A brief overview of the race schedule for the upcoming year was given; all dates listed were scheduled in an attempt to avoid conflict with other lake events.

- **Rear Commodore:** John Schramm gave his report as such: per after-race gatherings, he decided to step back from hosting so as to not cause any potential conflict with PPYC. He supports the idea of post-race gatherings as good for growing the club. Questions on pre- vs. post-race gatherings were discussed; a general feeling of support for post-race gatherings was felt, when coupled with an earlier race starting time, so that races were not finishing too late in the day.

Election of Officers:

Des Runyan named the open Officer positions; John Schramm was nominated for Rear Commodore, and Des moved that all existing Officer positions be extended by another year. Pete Phillip seconded, and all approved. The motion carried.

New Business:

- David Chapin gave a presentation addressing goals of improving BYRA's image and content on the club's website while being cost-effective. He suggested using SquareSpace. Jim Evans commented that the hosting fee for the website is currently \$85/yr. and \$20/yr. for the URL. SquareSpace is not that much more (maybe \$125 total). David suggesting simplifying the club's website by condensing the content. He proposed a sitemap with main tabs (Home, History, Interested in Sailing?, Photos, for example) and more to click on under each tab (submenu). Lee Arnold posed the question of whether having a published Member List on the website is a liability. John Schramm suggested members should be able to request that they not be included on the published website list. David next addressed the thousands of photos that the club currently has on the website, suggesting that while storage capacity isn't a concern, there is no need to have so many. John Schramm offered to archive photos until they're ready to use on the website. David's summary of action items: 1) we need some URL addresses that are unique, 2) how to get set up to pay for the website set-up, 3) make decisions about photos to use on the website, 4) refining copy (words) to be used on the website. Lee Arnold suggested a section on the website that members could post boat/sailing items for sale; David Chapin and Des Runyan both voiced support for the idea. The question of a "Members Only" section was proposed, where only members

would have access to a certain selection of items such as the member list, and the financial report. David supported that idea and said he would look into whether that would be possible.

- Glenn Cliborne asked that members look at the scheduled race dates and sign up for RC themselves in order to avoid being assigned a date by the Fleet Captain.
- Des Runyan gave an overview of his meeting with Marcie. She echoed the original agreement between BYRA and PPYC where a certain amount of BYRA members would be members of PPYC. However, she gave her consent to allow BYRA to have socials at the clubhouse at PPYC. Des reminded the members that Marcie is running a business with PPYC; to please recommend her marina whenever possible, and to be friendly and respectful when on PPYC property.
- Glenn Cliborne notified the members that our new entry form includes wording for the protection of PPYC; it must be submitted before the first day of racing. Jim Evans pointed out that Marcie requested copies of the new entry forms to show her Underwriter that there is a waiver of suit from anyone who attends BYRA races; he also clarified that races which are not part of the regular season, such as the Regatta, require their own entry form.
- Des Runyan reminded the members that club dues are payable by the first race of the Spring season.
- Glenn Cliborne said that there are new sailing rules for 2025-28, but that there are no significant changes to the previous rules. A discussion of various rules ensued. Mike Maloney pointed out that if an island is a mark (Rule 18), use Rule 19 and treat the island as an obstruction. Richard Brown pointed out that when the boat's stern goes by the mark is when the mark has been rounded.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.