

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE J/105 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) FLEET 1, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Date: February 3, 2005

Location: St Francis Yacht Club Ward Room

Officers Present: Start Taylor, Tom Struttmann, Tom Kenneley, Paul Farr, Pat Benedict, Leslie Richter

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Treasurers Report: 42 members have paid. As of February 3, 2005 The Fleet has a balance of \$6,963.90. Paul Farr will investigate setting up Pay Pal for simplifying payment for social events and to encourage early sign up. Paul will also take the lead on consolidating the data base for fleet one correspondence.

Rules: Pat Benedict presented the Committees recommendation to the Excom for the proposed changes to the Fleet One Articles. The Officers debated the issues and merits of the proposed changes.

The most significant issue was the timing of the use of Aramid fiber jibs. The Excom discussed the merits of starting the use on either September 1, 2005 the approved national rule, October 1, 2005, January 31, 2006. Each time frame had specific merits as follows:

September 1, 2005 Complies with the National Rules and also times with some members who purchase new sails for Big Boat Series.

October 1, 2005 Provides for consistent materials for the entire championship season but also allows members to test the new jibs before the 2006 Championship season.

January 1, 2006 Provides for sail purchase incentives offered by sail makers for orders placed in December and keeps the class consistent for the 2005 season

After a significant debate all officers present agreed to adopt the September 1, 2005 date.

Other Changes debated at length and ultimately unanimously agreed to include:

- "Driver" shall be either a 100% owner or a Category 1 competitor and minimum of a one-third partner.
- Race and Competition Chair is also responsible for Scoring.
- A quorum is defined as 50 percent of the number of active members who raced in any Fleet race in the current year.
- A rule was added for non championship races.
- The two turns and one turn penalty are included in the fleet rules.
- No Liability indemnity rule is included.
- Technical definitions in existing Articles are now included in the National Rule Definitions.
- A membership provision from the fleet one constitution is included.

Fleet Business:

If the new proposed articles are adopted then boats with partners who are also Category 2 or 3 will be "grandfathered" as of February 3, 2005.

Measurement:

Pat Benedict will provide a fleet notice of measurement compliance and schedule a measurement day on February 26th. Location to be determined

Fleet One Articles:

Proposed Fleet 1 Articles will be distributed to the membership by e-mail by February 23rd for a vote by March 10th by e-mail. The Excom will provide the opportunity for an on line forum through March 10th. Members will be asked to vote yes, no or abstain by March 10th, 2005.

New Owner Mentor Program:

Leslie Richter and Tom Kenneley continue to work this effort and will be announcing details by the March 15th Rules Seminar.

Rules Seminar March 15th with Dave Perry:

Peter Lane will be announcing details shortly. The excom will provide a list of specific issues for Dave to concentrate on Stuart to consolidate input.

Sponsorship:

Fleet Sponsorship is being pursued through space on the scoring page of the Fleet One website. The intent is to provide exposure to suppliers in exchange for fleet special promotions for Fleet 1 owners.

Logo Wear: Details to be announced at the Rules Seminar.

Social:

Heather Flick will take the lead on a mid season party.

Svendsens dock party will be held at the SFYC summer Regatta.

Awards Dinner: Venue to be finalized and announced shortly Stuart and Leslie are coordinating.

Next Meeting February 26th

Adjourn 10:30 PM

Tom Struttmann
Fleet One Secretary