

MINUTES SEPT 15, 2016 S2-7.9M CCR BOAT OWNERS'S MEETING RACINE, WI

All Officers Present (Pres. Spierling, Sec-Treas Latour, Web/Rules Craig)
Sixteen boat owners present.

PUBLISHED MINUTES of 2015 CCR were approved.
FINANCIAL REPORT for 2015 published and approved.

Old topics for discussion: none

New topics of discussion:

1. CCR DAYS-TO-RACE: of Thurs-Fri-Sat, or Fri-Sat-Sun schedules, six voted for each of these, and a greater number had no preference. A survey via web site will address this for 2018. As of this date, no definitive decision regarding days of CCRs.

2. REGARDING THE PREFERRED MONTH FOR THE CCR, it was unanimous that September was better than August, no matter where host.

3. It was announced that the 2018 CCR will be host by the FORD YACHT CLUB on Grosse Isle, MI. Specific dates pending.

4. The president, John Spierling, recommended strongly that regatta participants register as early as possible for each event, rather than hesitating, because there are competitors "holding-out" to register pending who will attend. Message: register for every event asap.

5. THE FIXED-FORESTAY (FS) ISSUE WAS AGAIN ADDRESSED.

Given that the CCR requires a fixed forestay length, and all class-sanctioned events require a fixed class-length forestay, and numerous handicap events require the same class-sanctioned FS length, yet there are no known accurate methods to measure the FS, and the "stock" FS include a turnbuckle, there is reason to consider an alternative which is a forestay of the recommended length fixed.

Al Wolczyk, PE reported accurate repeatability measurements using fixed-length FS made by Island Nautical, and stretch characteristics, such that a fixed FS will remain a fixed FS over the long term.

Resolution: the class will pay Island Nautical (approx \$65 each 2017) for thirty fixed FS available for CCR participants. CCR participants preferring non-fixed FS will have their FS measured (method per YC consistent with the rules).

6. A motion was presented to allow for continuously moveable genoa cars; the vote against was almost unanimous.

7. Tac Boston recommended that the measurement of spinnakers be modified. Specifically, rule 2.5G.11 relative to spinnaker maximum width (SMW), i.e., girth, be modified as follows: the head is folded to one clue and that mid-point marked, and the head to the other clue and the mid-point marked. The measure between the mid-point marks = the maximum girth. The prior rule was less specific relative to the luffs and not consistent with current measuring methods. **So, the new rule**, agreed to by the members, will be :

2.5.G.11B: SMW: Maximum girth: shall be the spinnaker maximum width which is a line drawn between the mid-points between the head and clews each side. (To be implemented in 2018)

8. The S2 class members of Louisville, KY were complemented for their aggressive purchase of and restoration of 7.9 boats.

Respectfully,
Paul Latour, Sec-Treas