

**S2 7.9 Class Association**  
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## **2021 Annual Class Meeting Minutes**

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**Meeting was held at MBYC and online via webex.**

**Call to order 5:40pm 9/17/2021**

- 1.) John Spierling - Welcome & Thank you to MBYC for hosting the 2021 CCR
- 2.) Minutes 2020 CCR meeting – Will be posted online. Approved by general membership
- 3.) Financial Summary 2021 – Approved by general membership
  - a. 24 new members for 2021!
  - b. No CCR expense for 2020
- 4.) Election of Class Officers:
  - a. President - John Spierling
  - b. Secretary – Cary Diehl
  - c. Rules – Chris Craig
  - d. Treasurer\* - Rob Jossart (*\*new position under new business*)
- 5.) Regatta Summary for 2021/2022
  - a. Equalizer Regatta October 16-17,2021
  - b. St. Pete NOOD Regatta February 14-17, 2022
  - c. Annapolis NOOD Regatta May 13-15, 2022
  - d. Lake Erie Championship Regatta June 4-5, 2022
  - e. Lake Huron Championship Regatta August 2022
  - f. Class Championship Regatta September 15-18, 2022 Port Huron Yacht Club
- 6.) Old Business
  - a. We have 2 forestays in stock, they are costing the class around \$90 each and are free to class members who need one until this run is gone. Moving forward, the class will split the cost of the forestay with class members, costing a paid member \$45 for a forestay.
    - i. Question was raised about forestays not fitting over the stainless halyard guard, Chris suggested that this is a known issue and the guard must be modified/sanded to make the forestay fit properly.
    - ii. Question on who to contact for a forestay, please contact John. His email is on the class website.
  - b. Mast Dies –John is storing the mast dies for the time being. Offshore is storing and building masts for the class. Currently there are 20 mast blanks left. Offshore appears to be building the masts to spec. At some point, we will need to find another extruder.
    - i. Question was raised about spreader brackets and the angle/ sweep back of the spreaders and what is class legal. Original brackets supplied by the OEM are legal, there is some variance in the OEM parts. Offshore will make new spreader brackets to the S2 7.9 class specification for those who believe their spreaders are not swept back far enough.
  - c. John has completed spreader replacements in stock. Cost are \$500
  - d. Rudder replacement- Blade is approximately \$950 with shipping. There is a parting line on the front and back edge of the rudder that saves great cost, otherwise the rudder is fair from the factory.
  - e. Boat of the Year Trophy – Awarded to the top boat from CCR to Huron Championship using Cox Sprague

## 7.) New Business

- a. Future hosts of the Class Championship Regatta
  - i. 2023 will be hosted by Racine
  - ii. 2024 will be hosted by Holland
  - iii. 2025 will be hosted by Grosse Ile
- b. Rules Update - 1.8. OFFICERS AND DUTIES: The Association shall be governed by ~~six~~ a minimum of three officers, each having one vote, who shall be elected at an Annual Meeting for a two-year term or until their successors are elected at a special meeting; Motion made to allow a minimum of 3 class officers; All in Favor- Motion Carries.
- c. Discussion to split the job of the "Secretary/Treasurer" into a Secretary and Treasurer job. Rational: Now that the class has not for profit status, it seems appropriate to dedicate a volunteer to the Treasurer duties of the class. Motion to create a new Treasurer position as a class officer position; All in Favor- Motion Carries
- d. Discussion about removing the requirement for having reef points on the mainsail. Rational: With the upper wind limit in the rules, is this needed? Motion made to remove the requirement for reef points in the mainsail; All in Favor- Motion Carries
- e. Discussion about towable cars and what is allowed by the class. Discussion led to a maximum of 1:1 purchase on towable cars be allowed for class sanctioned events. Rational: The high load would not be easily adjustable and comparable to pin stop cars. Motion made to allow maximum of 1:1 purchase on towable cars during class sanctioned events; All in Favor – Motion Carries
- f. Discussion about Sail Measurements and checking sails at future Class Championship Regattas. Rational: World Sailing/ ORC Certificates have all needed measurements to show compliance with the class rules and could save a lot of time during the check in process. Motion made to use World Sailing/ORC Certificates to check in all sails and require sailmakers to have their sails measured as well as randomly selected "spot checks" instead of requiring all sails be measured before the CCR; All in Favor – Motion Carries

Meeting Adjourned 6:42pm

## 2021 Financial Summary

### OVERALL TREASURER COMMENT:

<b>CLASS BALANCE:</b>	<b>9/15/2021</b>	<b>\$24,221.62</b>	(2020=\$21070; 2019=\$21,018; 2018=\$22,000)
<b>INCOME: TOTAL CCR to CCR</b>		<b>\$5,408</b>	(2020=\$5644; 2019=\$5452; 2018=\$3875;)
New Members		\$960 (24)	(2020=\$320(8); 2019=\$308(11);2018=\$230(8))
Renewed Members		\$2880 (72)	(2020=2720(68); 2019=\$2744(90); 2018=\$2390(83))
Mast Replacement		\$900 (1)	(2020=0; 2019=1; 2018=1; 2017=1; 2016=0)
<b>EXPENSES: TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,042</b>	(2020=\$5,644; 2019=\$6,930 2018=\$7056)
CCR Support 2020		\$0	(2019=\$200; 2018=\$1500; 2017=\$1500)
FIXED Forestays		\$498	(2020=\$270; 2019=\$0; 2017=\$2100)
RUDDER Project		\$700	(2020=\$1694; 2019=\$260; 2018=\$3314)
US Sailing Membership		\$225	(2020=\$350; 2019=\$300)
Mailings, Tax Prep & Forms, etc.		\$502	
Website Costs		\$0	
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party		\$0	(2019=\$700)
Other		\$117	(2020=\$445)
<b>2021 FORECAST:</b>		<b>\$4,500</b>	
CCR 2021 Holland		\$1500	
Fixed Forestays		\$500	
Spare Rudder		\$900	
Mailings, Tax prep, etc.		\$900	
St Pete/ Midwinter Class Party		\$700	

## **Proposals for Rule updates:**

### **3.6 CREWS:**

#### **Current Rule:**

3.6.1. Crews may consist of any number. However, those which have six or more onboard (including the contestant) shall in their normal sailing clothing, weigh less than 1100 pounds. Changes in the number of crew and crew substitutions shall be regulated by the regatta organizing authority. NOTE: It is strongly recommended that the organizing authority require contestants to disclose all changes in the crew personnel prior to the beginning of the regatta

#### **Clarified definitions –**

**Normal Sailing Clothing** – Normal sailing clothing can be swimwear

**1100 pounds weighed** – Due to variances in scales, we will allow for a 2.5% error in weight.

This would allow for people who in an honest attempt weighed in at 1100 at home to be up to 1127.5 pounds on our class scale. It is not the intent of this definition to allow up to 1127.5 lbs. of crew weight but allow for scale error and normal fluctuation in body weight as the day goes on.

#### **Clarified method-**

The total number of crew must be specified by the skipper upon check in. Boats that sail with 6 or more crew members shall be weighed in as part of their check in. Weighing will use the class provided scale. Total crew weight for the 6 crew shall be verified to be under 1100 as defined above. There should be no weighing after the regatta, only before. Total weight shall be written on the competitor's check in documents held by the organizing authority.

It is highly recommended that the number of crew and crew substitutions shall be regulated by the regatta organizing authority to keep competition as fair as possible, especially with regards to maintaining the original weigh in crew weight. Any changes in crew as the regatta goes on should require approval by the organizing authority and be a case by case basis.

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## **1.8 OFFICERS**

#### **Current Rule:**

1.8. OFFICERS AND DUTIES: The Association shall be governed by six officers, each having one vote, who shall be elected at an Annual Meeting for a two-year term or until their successors are elected at a special meeting; and by the immediate Past President who shall have one vote. All must be owners or co-owners and members in good standing. Except for the post of Past President, if an officer can no longer serve as an officer due to loss of ownership, resignation or other reasons, the governing committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until his or her successor can be elected at a Special or Annual Meeting.

#### **Recommended changes:**

1.8. OFFICERS AND DUTIES: The Association shall be governed by ~~six~~ a minimum of three officers, each having one vote, who shall be elected at an Annual Meeting for a two-year term or until their successors are elected at a special meeting;

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## **1.8 OFFICERS**

### **Current Rule:**

1.8.A.7. SECRETARY/TREASURER: The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all membership and governing committee meetings and shall maintain a master file of committee minutes and other class business. The Secretary/Treasurer shall also deposit all funds, keep financial records, make necessary disbursements and maintain the membership and mailing lists

### **Recommended Changes:**

1.8.A.7 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and governing committee meetings and shall maintain a master file of committee minutes and other class business. The Secretary shall be in charge maintaining official class documents and records including technical drawings, membership databases, and mailing lists.

1.8.A.8 TREASURER: The Treasurer shall deposit all funds, keep financial records, prepare reports for the annual class meeting and tax purposes, make necessary disbursements, and assist in maintaining the membership database.