

Cat Fleet Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Attendees: Karen Pauls, (Fleet Captain), Dave Leimbach, Della Field, Charlie and Michelle Stauffer, CSA Chairman Scott Stevenson, Tom Paoli, Shirley Allen, Brock Tuffli, Rick Bernstein, Ashley Enders, Mike Hill, Mark Hood, and Joe Coultrip.

Karen called the meeting to order about 7:00 p.m.

Fleet Captain Karen Pauls recapped 2021 Cat Fleet Activities and contribution to CSA including:

- Cat Fleet with 29 volunteers covered 6 Race Duties of which 2 were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Dave Leimbach completed much repair and maintenance to the Fleet Hobie 18 and Waves with the assistance of Brock Tuffli, Della Field and a few associate members
- Various services for Adult Sail Seminar instruction, 3-Hour Lessons, and checkouts were provided by Shirley Allen, Dave Leimbach, Sebastian Bautz, Brock Tuffli, Della Field, and Rick Bernstein.
- Mike Hill provided a very informative impromptu race clinic.
- Tom Paoli groomed the cat beach.
- Rick Bernstein chaired the A-Cat Nationals, the Whale of a Sail, and a June and September Adult Sail Seminar.

New member and Hobie 16 sailor, Joe Coultrip was introduced to the club.

Treasurer, Brock Tuffli reported that the Cat Fleet has about \$7k with 2021 having an approximate overall decrease of \$200; the most significant expense had been the repair of beach wheels. 2020 had been a fairly even operating year as well.

Rick Bernstein officially volunteered to become the next Cat Fleet Captain. Recognition and gratitude for Karen Paul's service as the Cat Fleet Captain for the past 5 year was made. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Rick Bernstein as the Cat Fleet Captain and to accept Karen Pauls' resignation as the Cat Fleet Captain.

Rick Bernstein announced that the 2022 Adult Sail Seminar would be held June 2, 3, 4, 2022; a second ASS in September is questionable at this point.

A discussion regarding Sunday Club Races for 2022 took place. The LPRF class previously switched to low point scoring. Mike Hill provided a historical recap of scoring practices. Jim Disano was not present for the scoring discussion. Also discussed was scoring for out-of-town regattas and race committee duty. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that HPRF would use low point scoring; for the purposes of scoring out-of-town regattas and race committee duty, the sailor's prior series average would be awarded for missed races; race

committee duty points will only be awarded in the event the sailor is signed up for race committee duty a week in advance.

2022 Cat Scramble was originally reserved for May 20, 21, and 22, 2022. Tom Paoli volunteered to be the co-chairman with Daniel Paoli. It was decided to change the date to May 27, 28, and 29, 2022, provided availability on the CSA calendar.

Latham Souther resigned as the fleet scorekeeper. Della Field volunteered to assume the responsibilities. There were no other volunteers.

Mike Hill reported that electrical service has been restored to the Cat Field.

Karen Pauls made a motion to gift Harbormaster Mary Bartman a \$100 cash gift. Mike Hill seconded. Motion passed.

Ashley Enders announced that she resigned as the National Multi-Hull Committee chair. John Nickus is now the chairman.

Charlie Stauffer presented a number of suggestions for growing the fleet and attracting out-of-town participants in CSA events.

- A more modern scoring system to consider would be the SCHRS system.
- Seek volunteers to promote CSA racing at out-of-town events. Make event info available to push out to other organizations/racers.
- Ideas to include CSA regatta registrations in annual membership dues.
- Prior years' monthly CSA photo contest helped create a social media presence.
- Waiving registration fee for out-of-town regatta participants
- Expanding CSA Fleet boats to include Hobie 16s as the most popular, new sailor friendly, and versatile 2-person catamaran. Dave Leimbach suggested CSA consider 5 additional new Hobie 16s. Like-new boats can be picked up after the World's competition at about half price for a final cost of about \$5-7k.

Motion by Mike Hill; second by Ashley Enders; vote passed to waive entry fee for all new competitors of the 2022 Cat Scramble.

During the 2022 year, CSA will offer Try Racing events throughout the season, two weeks after each Hare & Hounds event. This program will involve racing mentors to be teamed up with new racers. The intent of the program is to increase participation in CSA race programs.

Mark Hood shared that in years prior, socializing after races really helped to improve racing skills. Della asked for additional shade on the island nearest the cat field. Scott Stevenson agreed to ask the CSA Board for approval to set posts for sail shades that he will have Harbormaster Mary Bartman make.

In closing, Rick Bernstein assured the Cat Fleet that he was not looking to spearhead the breakup/separation of the Cat Fleet into separate HPRF and LPRF fleets. He announced that the A-Cat Nationals netted about \$500 and that the funds were being held in the A-Cat coffers.

The next Cat Fleet meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2022, the week after the CSA Commodore's Banquet to be held at Schaeffly's on February 5, 2022. Details and location of the next Cat Fleet meeting to be provided at a later date.

Karen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.