

Catamaran Fleet Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, March 3, 2018

Attendees: Karen Pauls (captain), Joe Kasperek, Dave Leimbach, Pat O'Donnell, Dave Waugh, Latham Souther, Charlie and Michelle Stauffer, Commodore Scott and Julie Stevenson, Mary and Tom Paoli, Shirley Allen (host), Della Field, and Selah Field (junior sailor and guest Issie Ross).

Karen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

- Review of February 3, 2018 meeting minutes. Question answered of where the rental yellow Hobie 18 is stored which is on CSA grounds. Dave L, Nathan D and Sebastian B had agreed to get it ready to sail which will involve primarily cosmetic issues.
- From minutes of Fleet Captain meeting:  
*"The pursuit race format was discussed, and there was agreement that the race could be longer on days with good wind. For 2018 a 10.5 mile course option will be included in addition to the 7.5 mile and 5.8 mile options. There was interest in starting the race ½ hour sooner, which will be considered. Pursuit race days will be 27 May, 1 Jul., 5 Aug., 2 Sept, and 7 Oct."*  
Tom P stated the Catamarans could simply agree to do multiple races.  
Tom P made a motion to score the Pursuit races as a separate series. Scott S seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave L opposed the motion citing this may affect encouraging new racers to sail competitively.
- Race Committee dates and sign-ups are on the CSA website. <https://tinyurl.com/bmguw26>. Race PRO needs to be from assigned fleet. Members are encouraged to sign up any race date, not necessarily from their fleet. However, swapping with other CSA members is a must. (i.e., cat fleet member swap with cabin fleet or flying scot, etc). Rational is to help integrate CSA members and not cripple the start line when a fleet is assigned race duty. Several people signed up at the meeting and Karen transferred names to CSA website.
- CSA calendar has been changed for Memorial Day Weekend May 26-27. The weekend is the combined regatta for Catamarans (Muddy Waters) and Lightnings. Sunday race changed to a Pursuit race. Scott S announced the new CSA policy for regattas; committee boat may remain in use by regatta past the previous 10am rule.
- Tom Paoli is race chair for Muddy Waters, Arthur Merdinian Lightning chair, Cal Guthrie race PRO, scoring John Folwell and Latham Souther. Expenses will be shared with Lightning fleet. Look for Notice of Race (NOR) and flyer on CSA website under "fleets", "events" <http://www.csa-sailing.org/fleets/hobie/events/>
- More regatta discussions:
  - Tom displayed trophies from previous years and suggested we consider donating old trophies to repurpose for 2018 awards.
  - Charlie S requested website improvements for NOR on CSA site.
  - Dave L promoted the CSA Tool Kit for setting up CSA events online.
  - Scott S mentioned "Regatta Network" provides an avenue for posting all regatta event materials including posting race results.
- Charlie S suggested it is time for repairs to some of the beach dollies; replacing endcaps and adding axle padding before Muddy Waters regatta.
- Joe Kasperek was welcomed back to the cat fleet.
- Dave L queried whether high vs low point scoring made an overall difference to 2017 scores. Latham S (fleet scorer) confirmed upon further review, both systems rendered the same results.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes by Della F and Karen P