**Harbor 20 Fleet 4 Meeting**

**February 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39pm in SBYC’s Fleet Room.

In attendance:

Cardremian: Rich Miller and Tom Kelleway

Firefly: Caroline Kavanagh and Karyn Walsh

Fleur de Lis: Bill Bench

Fling: Briggs Deardorff, CJ Amparan and Leslie Deardorff

Lisianthus: Helene Webb

Ohana: Dan Vordale

Plieone: Geoff Slaff

Shah: Karen Cahill and Kevin Cahill

Team Tachy: Jane Watkins

Caroline apologized for the loss of last meeting’s minutes. We therefore have no minutes to approve.

**East/West Challenge**

All Harbor 20 fleets have confirmed their participation in the East/West Challenge hosted by SBYC and Fleet 4 over Labor Day weekend. With 3 boats each there will be 12 boats total and spinnakers will be used. We still need to determine if the East Coast teams can bring 3 people for each boat. Additional owner’s reps will be solicited from our fleet in the event of a shortfall of out-of-town sailors. Alexander from Schock has ensured extra boats if needed.

Karen Cahill will be the Regatta Chair and Kathleen Baushke will be the PRO.

We should establish chairs for the following committees: Trophies, T-Shirts, Entertainment, Food & Beverage, and Housing.

After a brief discussion, it was suggested that teams representing Fleet 4 be determined from race results for Fleet Championship regattas sailed through Labor Day: Spring, Cinco de Mayo, Summer and Guacamole. Tom Kelleway moved that we use these four regattas as qualifiers for the East/West challenge with no throw outs and ties broken in favor of firsts, seconds, etc. In the event that a tie still exists, then Wet Wednesday results will be considered. This will encourage and reward participation. Motion seconded by Geoff Slaff. Ayes carry.

**2014 Fleet Championship Series**

Final NOR’s must be approved before the start of the Spring Regatta. Discussion ensued regarding SBYC’s change to their 2014 Championship Series in order to accommodate additional throw-outs for events not sailed due to lack of participation or bad weather. Karen Cahill motioned that we accept the NOR’s as worded for 2013 for 2014. Motion seconded by Rich Miller. Ayes carry.

**Fleet 4 Board Elections**

Karen circulated ballots to elect three Directors from the slate last posted by email for the 2014 term. Officers also need to be elected. Leslie Deardorff agreed to be Secretary, but not a director. Geoff Slaff indicated his interest in the Treasurership, with Rich Miller seconding. Ayes carry.

We were reminded that voting is limited to one ballot per boat. After Karen’s tally, elected Directors for 2014 are Caroline Kavanagh, Geoff Slaff and Rich Miller, with Karen Cahill continuing as Staff Fleet Captain.

Karen distributed the Treasurer’s report through 2013. 2014 Fleet 4 dues will remain at $100.00. Although no notice has yet been mailed by the National Harbor 20 Fleet, it is the registered owner’s responsibility to be current with the National Fleet to be considered eligible for racing. Fleet 4 dues were due February 2. Checks should be made out to Geoff Slaff and must be paid prior to the start of the start of the Championship Series.

**Awards Party**

The 2013 Awards Dinner will be held March 8 at the Kavanaghs. Caroline indicated that we should come as we are and bring a dish to share and something to drink.

**Other Business**

Karen reported that bow bumpers are being made. Each boat owner will take possession of a set of bumpers and will be responsible for maintaining them and fitting them to their boat prior to events requiring their usage.

Rich Miller wants to get Harbor 20’s PHRF rating changed. He will talk to Dirk Freeland. Jane Watkins reports that Dirk is willing to consider a PHRF rating change for our fleet.

Rich and Karen encouraged everyone to think of ways to promote the class and fleet participation. Following discussion concluded that we should all try to take potential new members racing or sailing when possible. We should also look into what other fleets are doing to promote the class.

**Next Meeting Date**

Set for April 10, 2014 at 5:45pm.

It was motioned to adjourn at 6:41pm and unanimously approved.