

HARBOR 20, FLEET FOUR
BOARD MEETING, JULY 13, 2015

Call to order: Endless Summer Cafe. Fred Rice, Fleet Captain, presiding; 4:37 p.m. Present, Bill Bench, Thomas Wright, Geoff Slaff and Morgan Green, Executive Committee; fleet members present, Sandra Denton, Helene Webb, Rich Miller, John Jeffries, Ann Hutchins.

1. North South Invitational Regatta, 2015; Fred, briefing - Sept. 4 is registration. Online registration is available. Races are Sept. 5 and 6, Labor Day weekend. We may have up to 8 boats, with a minimum of 5 boats participating. Crews will be one skipper, one crew and one boat owners' representative. Members of the Newport hosting fleet will provide housing, on first come basis. Fleet four members who are not racing may qualify for guest housing and may attend all events. The registration fee covers racing and social events with meals. Suggestion: create a list of who wants to go. Action: Fred is to put out a notification to all skippers.

2. East-West Challenge Regatta, 2015; Fred, briefing - Oct 22-25 are the event dates. Scores of boats sailing in H2O championship series events should be tallied after the Fiesta Cup to determine which boats will go to the East-West Challenge. **Geoff suggests one throwout for the first four championship series regattas already held this year, with the number of boats registered in each regatta plus one to comprise the penalty scores (points) assigned to DNS boats. Agreed by consensus.**

3. The Goblin Regatta, part of the H2O Championship Series occurs simultaneous to the East-West Challenge. Question: should sailors at the East West event be allowed to throw out the Goblin Regatta rather than take the DNS penalty in overall Championship Series scoring. Noted: From the Yacht Club Website, The separate Centennial Cup Qualifying Guidelines show that 6 to 7 qualifying events are scored (low point method), with the two worst regatta scores per boat to be thrown out. Discussion: two throw-outs could be used as the template for H2O fleet Championship Series, which is 7 events. **Consensus approval of two throw-outs (out of seven regattas) for the Fleet Championship series.**

3. Boom sheave placement issue: Fred, briefing - The Harbor 20 Class

Association leadership has indicated that the Fleet Four proposed policy appears to be welcomed. They will take it to a vote very soon to see if it can be adopted for the whole class. If they do not approve, the recently adopted Fleet Four policy will nonetheless apply in Santa Barbara.

4. Ullman Mainsails: Fred, update and requests decision. Should Fleet Four allow Ullman mainsails, which required a change in Fleet Four bylaws. Fred notes Ullmans are stronger, Elliott/Pattisons are made for the lighter air in Newport, and H2O fleets on the East Coast have chosen to use local mainsail makers instead of Elliott/Pattison to suit their local conditions.

Note, any mainsail maker must still must meet class specifications.

Discussion. **Motion by Geoff Slaff, second by Morgan Green: All new or replacement mainsails shall be Ullman mainsails (as made to meet current class specifications) after the Holiday Regatta of 2015.**

Approval: Unanimous.

5. Santa Cruz 27 Fleet Visit: That fleet is considering starting a Harbor 20 fleet. Fred asks for volunteers to take visiting racers out for a sail before the weekend regatta to demonstrate how Harbor 20s perform. Skippers of Pleione, Fleur de Lis, Cardremian, Sirocco and Tachyon volunteer.

Ex Agenda: Replacement of Spinnakers: Noted that the earliest spinnakers produced for Fleet Four use were very flat. Ullman Spinnakers since then are better, although they meet the same technical specifications. Currently, Fleet Four bylaws say spinnakers may be either Ullman or Elliott/Pattison so long as they comply with class specifications. Question; Should the feet consider only Ullman spinnakers, or a sail by any other maker, using the same specifications. Suggestion: a poll of skippers.

Separate suggestion: Make sure the specifications for the Fleet Four spinnakers are published in the Fleet Four bylaws.

Adjournment 5:30 p.m.