



MAST Breeze

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A message from the Commodore

Well it's December and the final boats are out of the water. It has been an amazing fall with some MAST members sailing late into November. Once again, we had a great year of MAST racing. Congratulations to the winners of the divisions, the Fall Regatta and Gordy and the crew of YIPPEE-KI-YAY as this year's MAST cup recipients.

We had some good racing in some weird weather conditions (what year didn't we)! I cannot believe we have had 3 years of Fall regatta's without it being so windy we can't set a line. Instead, we have had some the most amusing racing seen in the bay (courtesy of the TiBateau crew). It's also great to see some boats from other fleets coming over to join the races.

Mast was well represented in the other fleets around the bay during the season and got some good results. Tumultuous Uproar, Hullabaloo, Eclipse and even the Goose placed in non-mast races and I am sure there were others I didn't know about.

I must take this opportunity to thank the new officers we voted in this year, Rick, Micki, Ken and especially Tom who took over the race committee chair this year. All are demonstrating why we all picked them to help take this club to newer levels of fun.

Sailstice was a great success; we had around 25 boats enter in very strong winds and more prizes than boats! Overwhelmingly the group would like to do this again. This time we must ensure someone knows how to score a poker hand though ☺

Mast is an organization based on volunteers and without all those volunteers we could not run all the events we do so a big thank you to everyone (you know who you are).

We had many boats again in Louie's. Some of us tested out painted spinnakers and even smoke bombs in order to make it a unique event. Ken and Missy's bloody Mary bar on the north section brought in a lot of money for a good cause.

As we move into the New Year, I believe we are on a good course, growing, financially sound and hopefully meeting our aim to bring a safe, social racing circuit to the Milwaukee area. I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to seeing you at the many events we have planned through the winter.

Glyn Livermore
Commodore

2010/11 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAST CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DEC 18 AT 6:00 PM

MAST ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JAN 12 AT 6:00 PM

MAST RACE BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEB 19 AT 6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you know of a member or family member who we should recognize or get a card to, please drop me (Micki, your friendly Yeoman) an email Reinardy@wi.rr.com or call at 414 332 6717

MAST Christmas Party
Saturday, December 18
RSVP by Dec 8th to Livermores



MEETING MINUTES

Fall 2010 Wrap Up Meeting

Date: November 9, 2010
Time: 6:30PM – 8:00PM
Location: Glyn & Laura Livermore Residence

At commencement of the meeting, it was explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the overall performance of MAST over the course of the 2010 season (i.e. what worked well and what did not work well). Any official action or changes to MAST bylaws, rules, etc. based on comments from this meeting may or may not occur at a later date.

Included in the meeting were comments sent in by Jim Kerlin and Gordy King.

General Discussion

1. A MAST group facebook account has been created. The goal was that we could allow all members to post pictures there. Presently the Maintenance of the existing site (not to mention the disc space) means the updates are sporadic at best. The link to the MAST facebook page is

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=141440252564942>

Anybody wishing to post pictures there please contact Glyn if you don't have access. We will put a link from the MAST website if can get this populated.

2. Cruises – The White Lake cruise to Sheboygan was much enjoyed. No one was around to comment on the Racine cruise. Russ and Lisa will not be able to organize the cruise next year. 6 boats belonging to MAST members went to the Port Washington Rendezvous. This has become a large meeting of sailors/racers over the Labor Day weekend. MYC, SSYC, Port Washington, Sheboygan, and Racine yacht clubs were involved. They put on a race and a party afterwards. MAST was invited by SSYC. It has been suggested that we would like to become part of the event next year. The general input from the group was that this was a good idea to investigate further.
3. Sailstice – General comment was that MAST was a driving force behind Sailstice. A point was also made that MCSC was also a driving force. The general feeling was that MAST would participate in the event next year providing there is a relatively strong interest from other participants on Milwaukee Bay (i.e. MCSC, SSYC, MYC).
4. Awards banquet – Booked for Saturday, February 19th

5. Finances – Rick could not make the meeting however we talked afterwards. Having reduced the number of pizza parties to two and cutting out our printing and postage costs we have brought balance to our finances. The discussion at the meeting was that we increase the dues to be able to provide better service to our members including items such as re-instating an extra pizza party, upgrading our race flags, potential participation in Sailstice and/or the Port Washington Rendezvous, improving the dock box, and other racing equipment improvements. More financial details are included in the notes of the officers meeting
6. Membership directory – It was suggested that we close the membership list in May and distribute the directory at the skippers meeting.
7. Chuck offered to do the MAST Brunch (thanks Chuck).
8. Rip volunteered Marybeth and himself to do the CPR certification again (thanks Rip).
9. The Annual General Meeting will be at West Marine in January – Date January 12th.
10. The Milwaukee Community Sailing Center Sailor's Ball will be Saturday, February 26th. Volunteers are needed to build decorations. Contact Laura to volunteer.
11. The Christmas Party will be held at SSYC on December 18th. Invitations have been sent out. Please respond so we can get a count.

Racing Discussion

1. Check-in with the committee boat by sail-by prior to races was discussed. The general feeling was that this worked better than racers calling in by VHF radio and that a push should be made to encourage check in by sail-by whenever possible.
2. Changes made to the MAST Cup Scoring for the season were discussed. The general consensus was that the changes worked well.
3. The change of race start location for the distance races to be closer to SSYC was discussed. The general consensus was that the change worked well.
4. It was noted that the 'racing rules seminar' that was to be conducted at the first pizza party did not occur. The general feeling of the group was that a racing rules discussion is a good thing and should occur within the first few weeks of the season. Suggestions were made to have the discussion at the first race cancellation or first pizza party and to conduct the discussion at a venue such as the McKinley Pavilion. A suggestion was also presented to have racing rules discussions over e-mail.
5. Concerns were raised around how to deal with boats that are repeatedly violating racing rules. It was discussed that for an official action to be taken by the Race Chairman, a protest must be filed. It was also discussed that, while protesting in MAST is not a preferred method of resolving an infraction in the racing rules, it is acceptable to protest. It was also discussed that the Race Chairman provides the final ruling in a protest situation (i.e. MAST does not have an official Protest Committee). A general discussion ensued around how to handle repeat racing rule violators. The general consensus was that if there is a repeat offender of the rules and they are protested and found to be violating the racing

- rules (3) times during the course of the season, the Race Chairman has the option to bar the boat and skipper from participating in MAST racing. Protests would need to be filed within 24-hours of the racing rule infraction in writing (email).
6. It was discussed that boats violating the racing rules are often not completing their penalty turns. An emphasis should be put on this item for next season. The Race Chairman will confirm MAST racing rules are clear on the penalty turn requirements.
 7. Additional variation in the types of race courses was discussed. It was discussed that there are currently (3) different courses. The general consensus was that additional race courses may add confusion to the fleet. However, an option to have a 'reverse course' was discussed.
 8. Options to change PHRF adjustments were discussed including having PHRF ratings carry over from year to year or having an adjustment made to ratings mid-way through the season. The general consensus was that the current system, while not necessarily perfect, works relatively well, penalizing boats heavily for performing well and providing incentive for boats that are not performing as well. It was also discussed that was it possible to use non-spinnaker ratings for the regular races and spinnaker ratings for those using spinnakers.
 9. An option to add divisions was discussed. There are an increasing number of boats and an increasing amount of larger boats on the starting line. It was discussed that the fleet could be broken up into (4) divisions. If the fleet is redistributed across (4) divisions, starts would need to be reviewed to see if adding starts would be required. An addition in quantity of starts may also necessitate a 5-minute time duration between starts in lieu of 10-minutes as 10-minutes between starts would place the last start 30-minutes after the first start and too late into the evening. The quantity of boats racing next season will be a major factor in any changes that might be made.
 10. A point was raised that it may be helpful for the committee boat if racers call in when they are approaching the finish line, particularly in late finishing races where visibility is limited due to a lack of sunlight.
 11. Concern was raised regarding boats being at the start line during the previous division start. It was discussed that division flags could be added to race boats to distinguish which boats are in their starting sequence. Flags would be kept simple (i.e. a piece of colored sail cloth). The general consensus was that this would be a good idea.
 12. A general discussion occurred related to committee boats. It was discussed that some committee boats are not setting up a square line/course and that starting signals were not always correct. Suggestions were provided to have 'Race Start Training' at the Spring Skipper's Meeting and to create a CD recording of a start sequence for use by the race committee boats. It was also discussed that we should not be afraid to delay the start rather than have a lop-sided course.
 13. An option to add a spinnaker division or additional spinnaker races was discussed. Varying opinions were discussed on this matter with no consensus of the entire group prevailing.



M.A.S.T.

APPLICATION FOR 2011 MEMBERSHIP & FRIDAY NIGHT RACING

Skipper: _____

First Mate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (B) _____

E-mail: _____ PHRF Rating (if known): _____

Boat Name: _____ Class/Mfg: _____

Model: _____ Length: _____ Sail No.: _____

Radio: Yes: _____ No: _____

(Optional) Location: McKinley: _____ South Shore: _____

Slip No.: _____ Mooring: _____ Dry Sail: _____

Trailer: _____ Other: _____

Yes, I would like to join MAST (\$30/year) _____

Yes, I want to join and race (\$60/year) _____

AGREEMENT

In consideration of MAST Yacht Club granting me membership and/or racing privileges, I hereby agree to hold MAST, its directors, officers, committeemen, and agents harmless from any and all claims arising from personal injury to myself or injury to property, in anyway resulting from MAST activities. I further agree to act in accordance with the Bylaws of MAST activity and understand that failure to abide by the same may result in suspension of my membership and/or racing privileges.

I have read the THE BASIC SAILBOAT RACING RULES ALL RACERS SHOULD KNOW as posted on the website WWW.mastracing.org.

Signature _____ (Required to race) Date _____

Mail to: Jim & Micki Reinardy 2508 E. Newberry Blvd. Milwaukee, WI 53211

*If you do not have a PHRF Certificate please complete the information on the following page so that we can assign you the correct value

Questionnaire for calculating a suitable PHRF value

Name of Boat _____

Length _____

Manufacturer _____

Type/Series/Model _____

Year _____

Keel Type * _____

Inboard/outboard _____

Mast type* _____

Folding Prop _____

Roller furling added post Mfg _____

Will you use a jib larger than 155% Yes/No _____?

Any other information that would be pertinent to your rating?

* Examples of different types of features

BS - Bow Sprit

CB - Centerboard

DK - Deep Keel

FK - Fin Keel

SD - Shoal Draft

SK - Swing Keel

WK - Wing Keel

SM - Short Mast

MH - Masthead Rig

TM - Tall Mast

VTM - Very Tall Mast

FR - Fractional Rig

Note: MAST assigns a spinnaker rating to all boats. We use a "time on time" handicap process.

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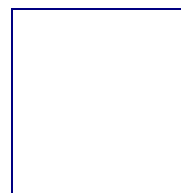
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