



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

2017 REGATTA COMMITTEE INFORMATION

WELCOME TO OUR 2017 SEASON!

This letter is primarily directed to those working the “Green” Course.

As stated in our By-laws, the BBYRA was, “...organized exclusively to foster amateur sailboat racing competition...on Barnegat Bay...”. Now that the BBYRA officers and various committees have completed all of their off-season preparations, it is the responsibility of the Regatta Committee to see to it that the aforementioned charter is upheld out on the water; that is to provide the excellence in race management that our member sailors (our *customers*) expect and deserve. As your BBYRA Vice Commodore, I am the Chairperson of the Regatta Committee. BBYRA Rear Commodore (Allan Terhune) is the Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the Regatta Committee include the BBYRA Past Commodores, current BBYRA Officers, and Regatta Representatives from each member club.

As last year, the “Rose” Course will be fully staffed by a separate, dedicated committee that will gather elsewhere and receive separate instructions from these. Please note that I will again be serving as Principal Race Officer (“PRO”) on the Green Course this year. As Vice Commodore I am tasked with ensuring both the “Green” and “Rose” Courses are properly staffed. Commodore Ed Vienckowski has once again agreed to serve as PRO on the Rose Course this year, providing the stability and expertise needed there to ensure the highest level of race management. It is most important for our planning that you communicate with me well in advance as to whether you can or cannot participate as Regatta Representative on any given week. For those weeks that you cannot participate, you are urged to recruit and identify a replacement from your club’s other Regatta Representatives.

WHEN AND WHERE (for GREEN Course Committee):

Please take note of the following important times, and be prompt in support of them:

1. **0700 HOURS:** Arrival time at host club. (Coffee and Donuts provided!)
2. **0745 HOURS:** All equipment should be prepared and loaded on race committee boats ***no later than*** this time.
3. **0800 HOURS:** Race committee departure from host club (Harbor Gun).

The official Race Committee boats on the Green Course this year include: (1) Start Boat, (2) Line Boat, (3) Windward Finish Boat, (4) Late Entry Boat, (5) Mark Set Boat, (6) Gate/Pin Set Boat. It takes every member of our Regatta Committee to effectively staff these boats. Please notify me of any Saturday that you will not be able to participate, at least one week in advance, and identify your replacement if possible.

On arriving Race Day morning at the host club, please check in with the PRO for your course or any BBYRA officer working the course that day.

Each member of the race committee will receive an assignment either in advance (via email), or on race day morning. We will do our best to assign a job of your preference each week, however circumstances may occasionally require reassignment. We will strive to avoid someone from getting “bored” (with little to do) or “overtaxed” (with too much to do). We recognize each of you “volunteered”



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to join the race committee and did so because you enjoy the role and look forward to the day on the water. It is our intention to be as accommodating as possible with requests, but flexibility may also be asked of you from time to time. Your feedback from week to week on this topic are most welcome.

ATTIRE:

Traditional “whites” are commonly worn by many BBYRA RC members, though not required:

- White collared shirt (long or short sleeve) with shoulder tabs for epaulet insignia and epaulets.
- White shorts or long pants with white belt.
- White sneakers or boat shoes and optional white socks.
- Uniforms or navy blue or black blazer are appropriate to be worn over white slacks or skirt for the awards program at Seaside Park Yacht Club on Week 10.

It is important to look the part, but more important to be comfortably attired to perform your assigned task(s). Acceptable alternatives to the above listed attire are dress shorts or pants (white, khaki or navy) with a white polo shirt.

You are also urged to check the weather and its potential changes before leaving home. Be prepared with foul weather gear, hat, sun screen, sunglasses, insect repellent, etc.

FOOD AND DRINK:

The host clubs provide lunch, water and soft drinks each race day. They have been specifically asked NOT to provide alcoholic beverages. US SAILING and BBYRA do not permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages by race officials while in the conduct of race management.

I look forward to working with all of you in providing the highest quality race management to our fellow sailors. If you have any questions, observations or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any other BBYRA officer at any time during the season. On behalf of all BBYRA Sailors, I thank you for volunteering to serve on the Regatta Committee this year.

Sincerely,

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