



BARNEGAT BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

May 20, 2017

Subject: 2017 Championship Series

Dear Regatta Committee Representative:

The 2017 BBYRA Championship Series is just a couple weeks away. I trust this letter finds you well, and eagerly awaiting the start of the season. The BBYRA officers and committee members have again worked tirelessly this past off-season in preparation for this year. It is now turned over to the Regatta Committee to deliver the good, fair sailing that all BBYRA sailors (our *customers*) are so looking forward to now that summer has finally arrived.

The 2017 Championship Series will be another busy year with most fleets scheduled for two races each Saturday that they are scheduled to sail. This year, the E Scow fleet will once again sail on their own on the "Rose" Course, separate from all the other fleets that will be sailing on the "Green" course. The Rose Course will operate with a fully separate committee from the Green Course. As last year, the Rose Course racing area will be located on the opposite side of the Mathis (Rt. 37) bridge from the host club and Green Course. In other words, on weeks that the host club and Green Course are "up bay" north of the bridge, the Rose Course will sail "down bay", south of the bridge. This will ensure all fleets will enjoy generous, unencumbered racing areas with deeper water for all. Please note that Ed Vienckowski will again be serving as PRO on the Rose Course this year and I will again be serving as PRO for the Green Course. As I'm sure you can appreciate, there are considerable logistics involved in managing two such widely separate race areas, making communication among all parties of the utmost importance. I am grateful that Commodore Ed Vienckowski has accepted the role of PRO for the Rose Course again this year.

To make this season a success we need to staff several committee boats along with numerous associated support boats. With your participation and dedicated efforts I am certain we will have a great year, offering good, fun, competitive and fair sailing. The schedule of races for this season is attached here, along with detailed instructions for Regatta Committee members, the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. The 2017 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions can be also be found on the web site (www.bbyra.org) as well as in the BBYRA Yearbook. I encourage you to read and familiarize yourself with all of this information in order that you can best prepare for the coming season.



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Your attendance on a weekly basis is vitally important to our success, and is very much appreciated. Of course it is entirely understandable that not everyone can make it every week, for a variety of reasons. For this reason, in recent years we have increased the number of Regatta Representatives to be provided by each member club. If you cannot attend any particular race day during the season, please try to arrange for a replacement for you, and notify me as far in advance as possible, so we can plan accordingly. Please bear in mind that it takes a large staff of trained, competent and experienced personnel to provide the level of race management to which BBYRA sailors are accustomed. Your presence and participation each Saturday is an invaluable asset to our Regatta Committee team.

Please let me know if there is anyone else from your club that would like to join us on any given Saturday. Our committee will be happy to welcome them and provide them an assignment that will enable them to enjoy a day on the water with us.

I am excited for another year of championship sailing on Barnegat Bay and I look forward to seeing everyone again. Our first race of the 2017 BBYRA Championship Series is on June 24th, co-hosted by Bay Head Yacht Club and Metedeconk River Yacht Club, using the facilities of the Mantoloking Yacht Club.

Sincerely,

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