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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – July 19, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: President Dan Haile called the 2017 Y-Flyer Class General Meeting to order at 9:15 am. On a motion by David Irons, seconded by Carlin Hodges, the Roll Call of the members not be made. Motion Passed. Secretary White declared that there was a quorum of members present. Ed Bigus motioned, seconded by Kevin Black, that the minutes of the General Meeting of 2016, as published in the FLYER, be approved as printed. Motion Passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Area 1 . IL, KS, MO, WI . Bill Totten. Fred White from Kansas City, MO has rejoined the Class after many years away. He built Y-1238, Y-1310, and Y-1350. Ed and Ellyn Bigus are active sailors. Fleet 39 held a sailing Open House and 29 people came with sailing interest.

Area 2 . KY, TN - Angel Crowe. Fleet 12 at the Louisville Sailing Club is hosting the 2017 National Regatta with 3 Junior and 22 Senior boats

Area 3 . NC, SC . Bob Turner. There is a resurgence of Y activity on the east coast . Charleston, Fleet 10, Hobcaw, and Savanna, Fleet 5 with 5 . 7 local Y-Flyers in local regattas.

Area 4 . IN, MI, OH, PA . Kevin Black. Fleet 8 at Indianapolis has 8 Ys, 3 which travel. Class Secretary White travels as race PRO. There are 2 Ys at Bloomington, IN, Fleet 13, and about 10 Ys at both Fleet 4 at Chippewa and Fleet 25 at Hueston Woods.

Area 5 . AR, LA, OK, TX . Drew Daugherty. Fleet 30 at Little Rock is very active with 10 . 12 Ys competing at home. Cajun Greg Bradley from Baton Rouge, LA travels with his cooking gear in his Y. Fleet 30 will try again to get Dallas, TX sailors more interested in the Y. The previous time there was a lot of interest in the Y but 4 sailboats of another One Design Class were given to the TX fleet and interest in the Y waned.

Area 7 AL, FL, GA . Amanda Hodges. Alabama is regaining strength. The Animal Cracker Regatta at Guntersville has been a success the last two years. Fleet 1 at Atlanta is very strong at home but with only a few travelers. Fleet 1 has been the host of the Mid Winter Regatta the last few years. There are people at Atlanta that are interested in the Y and are looking for used Ys.

Secretary/Treasurer - Paul White. Total Class membership in 2017 of 147 is less than the average of 157 for years 2011 . 2016. At the time of the National Regatta, 2017 Dues income is \$200 less than Class Expenses. Income from Class members joining at the National Regatta and from the sale of sail royalty tags, are not in these numbers and will make the Income more than Expenses. Class members have donated \$1,755 that is not included in the Income . Expense number. Class expenses are mostly usual and are needed to support the Class and can not be reduced. During the pre regatta Executive Conference Call, the Class Executives discussed this issue and have prepared a recommended solution (presented as New Business by President Dan Haile).

NEW BUSINESS President Dan Haile related that if the Dues for the Active (boat) members is increased from \$35 to \$40 and the Dues for the Junior members is increased from \$15 to \$20, the Class Income with the present count of members would be increased sufficiently to make the Class Income more than the Expenses. Drew Daugherty motioned that these Dues increases be made. Motion seconded by Mike Stewart. A lot of discussion then followed, primarily related to what do Class members get for their Dues, of any amount. Primarily, Class members get the organization that supports the continuation of the Y-Flyer Class sailboat. Without the Class supporting our Y, Y fleets and the Class would then disappear along with our enjoyment of ALL Class supported activities. The motion to increase Active and Junior Dues passed...President Haile also related that the Class Executives recommended that local Invitational Y-Flyer Regattas budget their regatta cost to include a \$5 discount for currently paid Y Class members.

Kevin Black related that he is a member of the MC Scow Class and that the MC Class authorizes the use of VHF radios in the sailboat while racing. John Bright and Paul Abdullah both related knowledge that the use of a VHF radio by the competitive sailor has saved a life. The use of the VHF radio by the competitor is also a means of RC communication to the competitor when wind noise, distance, or something else, prevents understandable communication from the RC speaker system. Many One Design Classes are now permitting VHF radio use. Paul Abdullah read from Thistle Class documents the requirements related to the use of a VHF radio in Thistle Class racing. Kevin Black moved, seconded by John Bright, that the Y Class change the Class By Laws to allow the use of a VHF radio by the racing competitor, similar to that as delineated by the Thistle Class. Motion Passed. The revision of Article 19 of the Y Class By Laws and the inclusion of Appendix B to the By Laws is included at the end of these minutes.

Kevin further related that the MC Scow Class website is more appealing and seemingly more modern than our Y Class website. Their website has the ability for a paid MC Class member to view a list of MC Class members. Such shows email, phone numbers, and addresses to permit communication between members. The MC site also allows members to register on line for certain regattas. Kevin suggested that our Y website be modified to allow such member actions. Jan Irons suggested that various social media also need to be used to show pictures of our Y Class activities on the water and on shore.

Amanda Hodges related that there are many life jackets that are used around the world, are capable devices, but do not have a US Coast Guard approval tag. The manufactures of these other jackets cannot afford to pay for the US testing that then grants the USCG tag. US States really have no choice but to require life jackets with the USCG tag. Our Y Class also has no choice but to require the use of a life jacket with a USCG tag.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Bill read the list of those nominated to be the Y Class Officers in Fiscal Year 2017.

President Doug Kinzer

Secretary/Treasure Paul White

Area 1 Vice President IL, KS, MO, WI Bill Totten

Area 2 Vice President KY, TN Angel Crowe

Area 3 Vice President NC, SC Bob Turner

Area 4 Vice President IN, MI, OH, PA Kevin Black

Area 5 Vice President AR, LA, OK, TX Drew Daugherty

Area 6 Vice President MA, NY, VA John Smith

Area 7 Vice President AL, FL, GA Amanda Hodges

Area 8 Vice President CA, OR, WA Kevin Black

Bill Totten motioned, seconded by Carlin Hodges, the stated nominees be elected. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned

Paul White, Secretary

VHF RADIO CHANGE TO THE CLASS BY-LAWS

Existing BL Art 19

11. No electronic devices other than a timer and/or the functional equivalent of an analog compass may be used.

Revised

11. No electronic devices other than a VHF radio, timer, and/or the functional equivalent of an analog compass may be used. See Appendix B

APPENDIX B VHF RADIOS

From the time a boat leaves the dock until she has finished the last race of the day, returned to shore, or been instructed to return to shore by the Race Committee, no electronic or electric device shall be used to gather information about conditions, monitor performance, communicate between boats, communicate sailing related information, or in any other way benefit or influence a boat's racing.

Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency.

When so permitted in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee, on a designated competitor's channel, concerning safety, notice of On Course Side (OCS) starting, and general information to assist in the management of the event.