

Agenda for NESSA Annual Meeting *3 November 2002*

Call to Order – 10:41 am by President Roger Rawlings

Attendance (39 Schools):

Regular Members (23 Schools):

Barnstable HS – Jim Terkelsen
BB&N - Tom Moscarillo
Branford HS - Margie Murray & Peter Brown
Brewster Academy – Courtney Ulmer
Brunswick School – Liz Baker & Linda Lovelace
Daniel Hand HS – Nancy Siedleck
East Lyme HS - Jim Anderson
Fairfield Prep – Kevin Baker
Greenwich Academy – Susan Bonney & Linda Lovelace
Greenwich HS – Dave Heyman
Hotchkiss School - Roger Rawlings
Lincoln-Sudbury RHS – Mark Sobkowicz
Martha's Vineyard RHS – Doug Heil
Milton Academy - Dennis Glynn & Anna Jones
Moses Brown – Jamie Ramsdell
North Kingston HS – Matt Largess
Portsmouth Abbey - Aroline Seibert
Sandwich HS – David O'Hara
St George's - Roy Williams
St. John's Prep - Bill Mackinson
Tabor Academy - Rob Hurd & Chris Conley
Williams School - Prescott Littlefield
Xavier HS – Paul Hayes

New Members (19):

Barrington HS – Sam Sylvester
Bishop Stang – Heather Sanford & Erin Burke
Champlain Valley Union HS – Erik Rexford
Chatham HS – Greg Kelly
Dartmouth HS – Warren Hathaway
Duxbury HS – Chad Demarest
East Greenwich HS – Gary Sunderland
Fairfield HS – Kevin Baker
Falmouth HS – Kathleen Burke
Hingham HS – Kim Doble & Alex Randall
Lauralton Hall – Kevin & Jennie Massey
Manchester- Essex RHS – Marty Stephan
Nauset HS – Warren Silver
Prout School – Hank Malkowski
Rocky Hill – Victoria Guck & Amy Guccione
Stonington HS – Ann Haag
Sound School – Joe Manganello
South Burlington HS – Erik Rexford
St. Thomas Moore – Jason Naylor

Others (3):

Mass Bay League – Carl Zimba (President)
Valley Reg HS (Dist #4) – Sandy Sanstrom
ISSA Publications – JP Fasano

1. Secretary's Report (Rob Hurd)

- a. There are 24 regular members who meet the voting requirements as stated in the by-laws. They are: Belmont Hill School, BB&N, Branford HS, Brewster Academy, Brunswick School, Darien HS, East Lyme HS, Fairfield College Prep, Greenwich HS, Hotchkiss School, Lincoln-Sudbury RHS, Long Trail School, Martha's Vineyard RHS, Milton Academy, Moses Brown School, Portsmouth Abbey, Rogers HS, Sandwich HS, St George's School, St John's Prep, Tabor Academy, Wellesley HS, Williams School, Xavier HS.
- b. There were 7 schools are eligible to be upgrade from New Member status to Regular member status. The schools that fulfilled the requirements as stated in the by-laws are: Greenwich Academy (CT), North Kingstown HS (RI). The Secretary/Treasurer puts forward these schools for consideration with a full endorsement. **Approved by voice vote without objection.**
- c. Attendance sheet is being passed around the room. Please make sure you sign-in.
- d. As of 1 November 2002, NESSA has 66 paid members. There were 64 paid members one year ago. There are roughly 10 schools from past years that are now inactive member. I expect we will see some re-enrollment, which should bring our projected 2003 membership to ~ 75 schools.
- e. The following schools have violated Article L of the By-Laws and are presently on probation.
 - a. Deerfield Academy (until 4-20-04) – No show at O'Day Qualifier
 - b. Notre Dame Academy (until 4-20-04) – No Show at O'Day Qualifier
 - c. Brooks School (Until 10-13-04) – Showed without a full team to Fall Funfest
 - d. George Stevens Academy (Until 10-13-04) – No Show at Fall Funfest
- f. The NESSA e-mail list has been successful. Every school must have a contact on the list.
To send a message to the list: NESSA@topica.com
To subscribe, send a blank email to: NESSA-subscribe@topica.com
To unsubscribe, send a blank email to: NESSA-unsubscribe@topica.com
- g. **Approved without question**

2. Treasurer's Report (Rob Hurd)

- a. Balance in the account as of 1 July 2002 = \$4648.24
- b. Last Year - income exceeded expenses by + \$ 27.86
- c. The Treasurer recommends continuing the policy of charging a small regatta fee for the O'Day regatta.

- d. 2003 Budget (Income: \$17,720.00 Expenses: \$17,695.00. Profit: \$25.00). A detailed copy can be obtained by e-mailing a request to the Treasurer.
- e. Expect that the Mallory and the Baker pre-purchase of tickets will break even again.
- f. **Approved without questions**

3. Vice-President's Report (Jim Terkelsen)

a. 2002 Review

I arrived on the scene of high school sailing in 1995 as an Assistant Coach with Bamstable High School and a few short years later, found myself thrust into a position I never imagined would turn into such a satisfying experience. Coaching and working with young athletes is a very rewarding experience. But, working with other coaches, other teams, volunteers and the many other contacts I have made over the years, is simply satisfying when it all comes together for the sailors. Over time, the ability to do my job and provide NESSA sailors with quality regattas has become easier and more manageable. Why? Simple. It is the collective effort of all those involved with this organization, from coaches to volunteers, to judges and to sailors. To all of you, I thank you for your patience, your help and your spirit. It is this membership, and supporters, which help to deliver quality at each of our regattas year after year.

Once again 2002 was no exception, to what has now become the norm. All of our Championships came off without a hitch, people from across New England were involved and a great deal of sailing was done throughout the spring. The forecast for the 2003 season has already started on a positive note. The ISSA Mallory Trophy is scheduled to be held in our backyard (Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.) and several spring venues have already been secured. In addition, the fall has become a more active time for younger sailors and newer programs to experience high school sailing. NESSA will continue to work with local leagues to coordinate regattas with the premise to maximize participation at any event. As you prepare for the spring season, recall the feeling of accomplishment you experience when coaching your team, but don't forget the satisfaction you feel when helping our organization.

b. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)-2002:

1. Qualifying Round

With the continuation of utilizing 5 qualifying sites, NESSA has been able to accommodate every team that has registered for this Championship. All of the qualifying sites were member schools spread throughout New England and were very gracious in allowing the use of their facility. The O'Day Trophy format of qualifying on Saturday, followed by the Championship on Sunday has worked very well. It has allowed teams to have an extra weekend free for scheduling in April. Thankfully, Mother Nature has cooperated with us each year and given us great conditions for qualifying at each venue. Thank you to all of the Regatta Chairs, volunteers and support people at the qualifying sites. Your time, effort and energy do not go unappreciated. This year, NESSA anticipates running the O'Day under the same format and the same number of qualifying sites. Any schools interested in hosting a qualifier on Saturday, April 26, 2003, should contact Jim Terkelsen. Selections will be made in December/January.

2. Championship Round

The 2002 O'Day was hosted by the Coast Guard Academy and chaired by Prescott Littlefield. The event was well managed and the sailing was outstanding for the entire day. Both A and B Division were able to sail at the same time in Collegiate FJ's. By allowing both divisions on the water, a total of 9 races in each division were sailed on the day. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for winning the 2002 O'Day Trophy. Thank you to Prescott Littlefield, Julie Hanke, Lincoln White (USCGA), the USCGA Cadets and Prescott's Race Committee for running an excellent regatta.

c. NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)-2002

The 2002 Mark Trophy was carted off to the not so far out woods of Brunswick, ME and sailed at a unique site at Bowdoin College. The bitter weather and fickle winds did not dampen the spirits of the 8 teams competing for the 2002 title. The combination of rainy weather and unfamiliar boats (Larks), left the door open to all of the teams and tested the sailors resolve. The Day 1 rotation was lightening quick and cold bones forced teams to retreat to warmer surroundings. But, the sun and crisp air gave way to a beautiful Day 2 of racing. Sailors proved once again, that even in tight racing, sportsmanship is an important part of the racing. A credit not only to the sailors, but also their coaches. Congratulations to Tabor Academy for their 2002 Team Racing Championship. Thanks to Tom Sitzmann, Rob Hurd, the Bowdoin College Sailing Team, Brock Callen and Julie Hanke for surviving the weather and making this a successful event.

d. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)- 2002

In an effort to bring sailors and teams to different regions of New England, the 2002 Women's Invite was held at Mount Desert Isle in the great state of Maine. Twelve teams made the trip north of the border and were treated to a spectacular event. An enthusiastic Joe Robinson, coordinated and chaired the event. Although the timing and location of the event presented teams with some logistical troubles, great sailing and positive feedback from the sailors once again confirmed that sailing anywhere in New England is an opportunity one should not miss. Congratulations to The Hotchkiss School for capturing top honors at the 2002 Spring Herreshoff Trophy. Thanks to Joe Robinson, the Mount Desert Isle Sailing Team and the volunteers for running the Women's Invite.

e. NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)- 2003

Each year this event seems to grow larger and larger. It is no surprise that sailors would find a way to get themselves to New Bedford Yacht Club for this year's Healy Trophy. Registration for this event was very slow at the start, but as the closing date approached, registrations flooded the email bank. Over 40 sailors competed in Radial and Full rig divisions and this large number can be attributed to the BYOB format. Warren Hathaway put together a great Race Committee to head this event and the NBYC crew did not disappoint the sailors. Congratulations to Woodstock Union HS for winning the Full Rig Division and to Greenwich HS for finishing first in the Radial Division. Thanks to Warren

Hathaway, who worked very hard to secure NBYC for this event, the NBYC Race Committee and all of the support people on hand the day of the event. The next Healy Regatta is set for late September of 2003 and any schools interested in hosting this event should contact Jim Terkelsen.

f. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)- 2003

High School sailing is making resurgence at Community Boating in Boston. After a year away from the scene, CBI in conjunction with Carl Zimba and the Mass. Bay League welcomed a huge number of schools to the shores of the Charles River. As always, young and old teams battled in the strange conditions of the Charles in this popular fall event. For a second straight year, the Funfest also doubled as the qualifier for the ISSA Great Oaks Regatta. The beauty of this event is a new team can get their feet wet with a regional regatta and then test their skills and get a taste of the National scene. Congratulations to Portsmouth Abbey, who competed in A and B Division and was named the overall winner. Thanks to Carl Zimba for coordinating and chairing this event. His efforts, along with the many volunteers and coaches, make it possible for High School sailing to work at CBI. Thank you also is due to CBI for their continued support of sailing and the opportunity they provide to the many high school teams.

g. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)- 2003

During the spring season, a conversation led to the idea of trying to hold the Women's Invite in the fall as opposed to the spring. The thought process was based on two points. One, it would allow teams another open weekend in the spring and allow teams who were competing elsewhere to be able to send a female team to this event. Two, by sailing in the fall, more females and more teams may enter the event. With those thoughts in mind the Officers decided to try a Fall Women's Invite to gauge the response and viability of another Fall event. Just a couple of weeks ago, 8 teams traveled to Mass Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, MA to compete in the 2003 Herreshoff Trophy. Although attendance was lower than expected, teams were excited to sail the event and the regatta results were very close. In the end, Hingham HS won a tiebreak to win the Herreshoff Trophy. More discussion will follow on the feasibility, logistics and the necessity of hosting the Women's Invite in the fall vs. the spring. Thank you to Ian MacLeod and Mass Maritime Academy for running the event and providing the ladies with a tight day of racing.

h. Hosting Events

Each year NESSA works hard to move the Championships around New England to provide a variety of sailing conditions and to keep the burden of running an event evenly distributed. At any time during the year, any school, which has the resources to host event, can contact the NESSA Officers to express their interest in hosting an event. There appears to be a number of schools that are willing to host events, but need to meet with Yacht Club boards or outside organizations in order to secure a venue for a particular event. If your school or YC is interested, it is best to submit your intentions to NESSA as soon as possible in order to allow for lead-time discussions with your facility. Our goal is to begin a list of interested venues for future events and start the ball rolling well ahead of the November Annual meeting.

i. 2003 Season

Any school wishing to host events still in need of venues should contact Jim Terkelsen. A decision will be made in December/January.

O'Day Qualifiers – Saturday, April 26, 2003 (Fleet Race Qualifiers)

*5 venues needed. Schools must have a minimum of 10 equal boats in good condition, a rotation area nearby and support boats on the water

*Venues will appoint their own regatta chair and be responsible for running the event with the direction of NESSA

O'Day Championship – Sunday, April 27, 2003 (Fleet Racing Championship)

The O'Day Championship will be held at The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT. Top 14 schools from the qualifying regattas

Mark Trophy – Saturday/Sunday, May 17 + 18, 2003 (Team Racing Championship)

The Mark Trophy may be held at Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. A decision on the venue will not be made until January 1, 2003.

Healy Trophy – Late September 2003 (Single-handed Championship)

Venue needed. Venue needs to have launching area for 40+ boats, on the water coaching access and support boats.

Fall Funfest – Early to Mid October 2003 (Fleet Racing)

Venue need for this event.

j. Registrations for 2003 Events

All NOR information and registration info will come via the NESSA@topic.com site and teams are responsible for having a person registered to this email site to obtain this information. Additionally, registration for all NESSA sponsored events will go directly to Jim Terkelsen at coachterk@hotmail.com

1. All notification and registrations for events will be done by e-mail **ONLY**.

2. Schools may not register for events until the official NOR is posted to the topica list.

3. Schools should make certain, all requested information is provided when registering for an event.

k. There are some spring events that are run by specific schools and not NESSA. NESSA will do what we can to help promote your events.

m. Discussion about running the NESSA Women's Invite in the fall vs. the spring.

- Fall events are difficult for school that has varsity sailing programs that are limited to one season.

- Event was moved to the fall in order to encourage more women sail. Usually this event has conflicted with the Mallory and prevented some of the best women to compete.
- Consensus of the room is to try to run a women's event in the spring, which is not the Herreshoff b/c that was already run and already won by Hingham HS. Carl Zimba, representing the Mass Bay League offered to host a Women's Invite in the spring of 2003 at CBI.
- Consensus of the room is to try to run the 2004 Herreshoff in the spring of 2004.

n. Discussion: Why is the NESSA Women's Invite not a championship?

- A championship leads to another level. The Women's invite does not lead anywhere.
- NESSA is the only region in the country that currently holds a women's event.
- If the event were a championship, then we would have to run qualifiers to ensure that everyone where included. Presently, that is not possible or practical.

4. President's Report (Roger Rawlings)

As I mentioned in my spring letter to ISSA, NESSA is going strong and in good standing both financially and in terms of membership. This fall we have hosted our Single Handed Championship for the Healy Trophy and the Fall Funfest for the Wally Gleekman Trophy. NESSA also made the decision this year to move another event into the fall season in order to allow more opportunities for our members to sail and to help free up some time in the spring. We hosted our Women's Invitational for the Rebecca Herreshoff trophy the third weekend in October.

In other news, Jim Terkelsen has stepped down from the ISSA board but he will still serve NESSA as our Vice President. We are very lucky to have Jim in charge of our regattas. As part of our by-laws we drew up job descriptions for the President, the Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer. The President is responsible for the overall management of the organization. The best thing I have done in my term of office is to continue to convince Jim to return as VP and to have asked Rob Hurd to be our Secretary/Treasurer. Both make the organization run smoothly. We have moved all communication to the membership to email. Our regatta entries are handled on-line, as are results. We have not yet moved our membership form on-line but are anxious to see how it works in the PCISA

I was disappointed not to be able to attend the ISSA annual meeting because it conflicted with the Healy Trophy. At that meeting, two important issues were discussed. The first is the yellow flag rule at the Cressy and the second is the on-going issue of ISSA's future. As far as the yellow flag, I do not think it a good idea. Perhaps I am still sailing with rose colored glasses but the sport should be about following the rules and enforcing the rules, not about playing with referees. As far as the future of ISSA, well, while I know that the organization will continue to flourish I wish we could all agree on a plan of action for the future and an organizational structure that can be put in place to help spread the workload among the many instead of the few.

Thank you to all the coaches, athletic directors and parent advisors for your efforts in promoting High School sailing in New England.

5. By-Law Changes.

Proposal #1 To reword section 2 of Article K: NESSA Regattas in order to clarify requirements.
(*Changes are listed in bold-italics below*)

Section 2. Qualification. Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Championship regattas in the following way.

- All NESSA Dues must be paid.
- NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy): Each NESSA member is entitled to one entry. Extra slots may be filled by resume to be submitted to the NESSA Vice-President. Decisions will be made by NESSA Officers.
- NESSA Double-handed Championship (O'Day): Schools, which are NESSA Members, are eligible. If more schools register than the number of available slots, qualifying regatta(s) may be sailed. ***Schools must sail at least three scheduled meets or regattas between two or more schools in the season that the championship is being held (fall or spring). Results of those meets must be presented at registration. For the purposes of qualification, the following meets count: A second meet with the same school provided it is a regular second meet planned for a different date than the first. Any regular scheduled NESSA event.***
- NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark): By resume which is due to the NESSA Vice-President by a date established by the NESSA officers and published in the NOR. Such a date shall be no later than 10 days prior to the regatta. Decisions will be made by the NESSA Officers. ***Schools must sail at least seven scheduled meets or regattas between two or more schools in the season that the championship is being held (fall or spring). Results of those meets must be presented at registration. For the purposes of qualification, the following meets count: A second meet with the same school***

provided it is a regular second meet planned for a different date than the first. Any regular scheduled NESSA event.

- e. Teams must be accompanied by a coach or faculty advisor/adult advisor for all events.

Discussion/Question:

- We need to define what a meet is. "Meet is a team race with three more boats per school."
- Question: Should these meets and regattas happen before the regatta? Yes, that is the intent.
- Add: "Prior to that championship" to the change in section c and d.
- Change "Results of those meets must be presented at registration." To "Results of those meets must be presented at the championship."
- What happens if your schedule meets and they are cancelled b/c of weather? The intent is that you would schedule enough events in order to make sure that does not affect your schedule.
- Proposal passed: 17-2.

8. New Business:

- a. **2003 Mallory.** NESSA will be hosting the 2003 ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory Trophy) at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH on 10-11 May 2003. Roy Williams will be the event Chair and Brock Callen will be the PRO. Roy made a plea for people to help out with race management. He will send out an e-mail next week. Trying to get everything set up before the end of the year.
- b. **Damage Deposits and Borrowed Boat Insurance.** Carl Zimba (President of the Mass Bay League) wanted to bring this issue up for discussion. Those who host events in the past have had concerns about damage. What do other schools do?
- USCGA requires school present a certificate of insurance.
 - Damage deposits are used at the national level.
 - Could NESSA purchase a boat damage deposit for our regattas?
 - Should NESSA require each school to pony up a \$100 damage deposit at the beginning of the season from every school? That fund would then be used to pay-off any damage.
 - Most schools have a policy that covers their home facilities and kids.
 - With the exception of MIT and the O'Day two years ago, we have not had problems securing venues.
 - Discussion was closed with the idea that R Rawling will look into the issue more and open a discussion on the E-mail list.
- c. **Contact information on the Website.** The Secretary/Treasurer would like to put contact information on the NESSA website and do away with that information in the yearbook. Advantages: (1) it is more current information. My goal is to get to a stage where the posting of information about your school will be self-selecting. (2) All information about a school's team can be posted on the site. (3) Reduced paperwork and printing of annual Membership forms. Disadvantages: Lack of privacy. Thoughts?
- Discussion:**
- School information, contact's name, e-mail address
 - R Hurd will post the directory early in 2003 after sending an e-mail to the list allowing contact's to opt out of the directory.
- d. **Home Schooling.** The officers have been asked to make a ruling on the issue of home schooling. Based upon the previous ISSA ruling on this question, NESSA will take up the issue of home schooling on a case-by-case basis. This is the gist of the policy. For single-handed championships, the home schooler needs to join NESSA and ISSA and is therefore eligible to sail. For the double-handed championships, if the public high school that the home schooler would have gone too will allow the home schooler to sail with them, then it is allowed by NESSA. If this is not the case, then NESSA's hands are tied.

Discussion/Questions:

- If she is legally allowed to study at home, can't she form her own team?
- Isn't this a school issue and not a NESSA issue?
- What are the policies for the individual states? Each state is probable different and in some states each district is different,
- Conclusion: We will encourage this person to speak with the school that she would normal have attended.

e. Nominations for ISSA Board.

NESSA gets 2 seats on the ISSA board. According to our By-Laws, the President serves as one of the reps. for the past few years, Jim Terkelsen has been on the board as an at-large member. With Jim's term expiring this year, NESSA has an opportunity to appoint another representative.

Nominations: Doug Heil (Martha's Vineyard RHS). **Approved without objection**

- f. Is there any interest in a 420 frostbite series run out of Sail Newport? Roy Williams will send out an e-mail and try to coordinate this.

- g. **Stephen B Leslie Sportsmanship Award.** Present to Henry Maxwell (Williams School). Accepted by Prescott Littlefield (Williams coach).

9. Old Business:

- a. **Baker Tickets:** NESSA plans to purchase advanced tickets for the Baker Trophy (to be held in San Diego, CA in May) as it did last year. Departure will be from Providence, RI on Friday 23 May 2003 with return either on late Sunday 25 May 2003 or very early Monday 26 May 2003 depending on the availability of flights. All schools attending the NESSA team Racing championship will be required to bring a check in the amount necessary to purchase 10 tickets to San Diego, CA. More information will follow with the NOR.

10. Meeting adjourned – 11:50 PM