

NESSA Annual Meeting  
Sunday November 2, 2008  
Tabor Academy – Lyndon South Auditorium  
66 Spring Street. Marion, MA 02738  
AGENDA

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### Members in Attendance

(Bold Indicates voting members in attendance)

1. Tabor Academy – Rob Hurd
2. East Greenwich HS – Carson Turowski
3. Rocky Hill School – Erica Bartos; Rob Lee
4. Manchester-Essex – Cherulanne Kirschenheiter
5. Westerly HS – Rebecca Wesley
6. Duxbury HS – Hans Jensen; Zach Runci; Rob Kuecht
7. Mount Saint Charles – Mary Pad Bary; Beth Mongeon
8. Barnstable HS – Andrew Nugnes
9. Portsmouth HS – Phil Young
10. Providence Country Day – Steve Robinson
11. Dartmouth HS – Warren Hathaway
12. East Lyme High School – Neal O'Connell; Steve Botwick
13. Bishop-Hendricksen – Deb Weber; Charlie Weber
14. Hingham HS – Kim Doble
15. Portsmouth Abbey – Suzi Duncan
16. Bishop Stang HS – D. Murphy
17. Branford HS – Augusta Ferretti
18. North Kingston HS – Alexa Schuler; Nancy Josh
19. Greenwich HS – Evan Olmstead

20. Williams School – Clemmie Everett
21. Falmouth HS – Cynthia Rankin
22. Belmont Hill – Chris Zamote
23. Rogers Hill School – Ross Wheene
24. Sharon HS – Gary Werden
25. Hotchkiss – Roger Rawlings
26. Sandwich HS – Melissa Meara
27. St. John's Prep – Bill Mackinson
28. St. George's School - Roy Williams
29. Cambridge R&L – Tom Suisson
30. Sound School – John Buell; Joel Zachrin
31. Nauset RHS – Warren Silva
32. Providence Country Day School - ???
33. Moses Brown – Leo Constantino
34. BC High – Mary Ferrell
35. Martha's Vineyard RHS – Andrew Berg
36. Cheverus HS – Sarah Helming
37. Nantucket HS – Nick Judson
38. Manchester-Essex RHS – Cherylanne Kirschenheiter
39. Greenwich Academy – Chris Conley
40. BB&N – Tom Moscarillo

### Others in Attendance

1. Doug Heil – NESSA President
2. Carl Zimba – Mass Bay

## 2. REPORTS:

### a. Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Evan Olmstead

#### Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from the November 2007 NESSA Annual Meeting were posted on the NESSA website in December 2007. Are there any questions, comments, or corrections at this time? Move that we waive the reading of the minutes and that the minutes from November 2007 be accepted:
- b. Based upon by-laws (amended in November 2004), any regular member who has paid 2007-2008 dues and is in attendance has voting privilege for this meeting. That number stands at 49 as of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

A New Member School may request a change of status from New to Regular Member if they meet the requirements as listed in Section I; Article C: Membership of the By-Laws. Providence

Country Day School requested such a change, and has met the requirements necessary for that change.

MEMBERSHIP VOTED AND APPROVED UPGRADING PCD FROM NEW MEMBER TO REGULAR MEMBER STATUS.

- c. Attendance was taken when you registered. Please make sure you signed-in so that you are on the official list.
- d. As of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 NESSA has 49 member schools. There were 81 paid members for the 2007-2008 season. I expect our final membership numbers for 2008-2009 to be comparable. Per NESSA by-laws Section I, Article C, sub-section 3, schools that do not pay their dues by the annual meeting “may not appear in the annual official NESSA active Membership List and may not be eligible for all NESSA sponsored regattas.” Schools that cannot abide by the organizations rules and regulation cannot expect to share in the benefits. All members from 2007-2008 will be offered an extension past the date of the annual meeting, and must have checks postmarked by December 20, 2008 or they will be declared ineligible for NESSA championship regattas. The Secretary/Treasurer is offering this 6-week extension for those who have not paid their dues yet. Members are being notified of this policy now. There will also be an email to the membership notifying all member schools of this decision.
- e. Probations:
  - 1. The following schools have violated Article L of the By-Laws and are presently on probation.
    - a. **Brewster Academy** until 04-19-2009 – O’Day qualifier
    - b. **Pingree HS** until 9-26-2010 –Healy Trophy (no show)
  - 2. Two schools have been removed from probation having served two years without further incident.
    - a. **St Mary’s Academy** until 04-21-2008 – O’Day qualifier (late cancellation)
    - b. **George Stevens Academy** until 04-21-2008 – O’Day qualifier (late cancellation)
  - 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation.

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

- f. The NESSA e-mail list will continue to be our main source of information. Every school must have a contact on the list. Be sure to alert your school’s IT people about the list as some people have experienced problems with their spam filters/junk mail blockers  
To send a message to the list: [NESSA@topica.com](mailto:NESSA@topica.com)  
To subscribe, send a blank email to: [NESSA-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:NESSA-subscribe@topica.com)  
To unsubscribe, send a blank email to: [NESSA-unsubscribe@topica.com](mailto:NESSA-unsubscribe@topica.com)  
NESSA will no longer conduct any mailings.
- g. The Website ([www.NESSA-Sailing.org](http://www.NESSA-Sailing.org)) is working well. Please use it. Ensure that your team roster and information on the NESSA site is accurate.

SECRETARY’S REPORT PASSED

**Treasurer’s Report**

- a. Balance in the account as of 1 July 2008 = \$8,784.64

- b. Last Year – income exceeded expenses by - \$1,468.11
- c. In December of 2005 NESSA opened a new bank account with Bank of America. Many bills are being paid online.
- d. The Treasurer recommends that NESSA continue to collect small regatta fees to cover website expenses, trophies, and other expenses. However, the following recommendations deviate from past years in some aspects.
  - o Charge \$15 for consideration for the NESSA Team-Racing championship and have that money collected by NESSA (same as prior years).
  - o Charge \$10 per school for O'Day qualifiers. Have this money go directly to the host school and not to NESSA (change from previous years).
  - o Charge \$5 regatta fee for the Healy Trophy. Have this money go directly to the host school and not to NESSA (change from previous years).

In the case of the recommended changes to the regatta fees for the O'Day and the Healy, the dues will continue to be mandated in the NESSA notice of race, and the host school must collect those dues. The host school has the option of forwarding those dues to NESSA if they do not have a need for them.

- e. Schools that host NESSA regattas and experience breakdowns are encouraged to contact the NESSA secretary/treasurer about availability of NESSA funds to assist with breakdown costs. Available funds will be used to assist host schools with those repairs.

FY2008 Budget is projected as balanced. Those wanting copies may e-mail the Secretary/Treasurer

HERESHOFF TROPHY – Develop a trophy and a plaque that shows previous winning schools.

DUES – What if a school has to pay with a check? The host will have to deposit and re-write a check. Is this the best choice? Perhaps NESSA should continue to collect the money, and then send check to hosts. We will consider and then publish how the accounting will be done.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Should there be an endowment fund that makes use of the surplus funds in NESSA?

## TREASURER'S REPORT PASSED

### **b. Vice-Presidents Report – Andrew Nugnes**

#### **A. 2008 Review**

#### **1. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)**

**April 26-27, May 4, 2008**

5 Qualifying Sites and Chairs:

1. Hyannis Yacht Club (MA)	Barnstable HS/ <i>Andrew Nugnes</i>	11 races/div, E 5-15kts
2. Brewster Academy (NH)	Brewster Academy/ <i>Peter Colcord</i>	8 races/div, NE 0-6kts
3. Courageous Sailing Center	BBN/ <i>Tom Moscarillo</i>	10 races/div, SW 5-12kts
4. Ida Lewis YC (RI)	St. Georges/ <i>Roy Williams</i>	10 races/div, SW 5-15kts
5. The Hotchkiss School (CT)	Hotchkiss School/ <i>Roger Rawlings</i>	6 races/div, NW 0-8kts

#### **Qualifying Round, April 26, 2008**

5 sites with 8-11 teams per site, a total of 52 teams sailed a qualifying round across New England in varied conditions with winds from 0-15knots. 3 schools from each site advanced to the Championship. Thank you to each of our hosts for running quality races to qualify 15 schools in 1 day, allowing the finals to be run the following day at Bristol Yacht Club. Not so fast ☺, ultimately they were run at Tabor Academy.

#### **Advanced to Championship:**

Barnstable Qualifier: Dartmouth HS (MA), Tabor Academy (MA), Milton Academy (MA).

Courageous Qualifier; Duxbury HS (MA), Moses Brown (RI), Portsmouth Abbey (RI). Brewster Academy Qualifier; Cheverus (ME), Nantucket (MA), St. John's Prep (MA). St. Georges Qualifier; St. Georges (RI),

North Kingston HS (RI), BC High (MS). Hotchkiss Qualifier; The Hotchkiss School (CT), Greenwich HS (CT), Staples HS (CT).  
SEE CHANGES FROM

### ***Championship Regatta, April 27, May 4, 2008***

Bristol (RI)                      Portsmouth Abbey/*Eammon O'Brien*

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: The day started in Bristol, RI with no wind and ended in Marion, MA with a good Northerly (5-7 kts). It was a challenge to get in the necessary number of races to make this meet legitimate, but the Race Committee worked hard to adjust the course and keep the racing fair throughout the day. There were three protests leading to 2 DSQs. Also there were many boats OCS as everyone fought for position on the short course.

Many thanks to Eammon O'Brien and his crew from Portsmouth Abbey, for running the event. Also thanks to the Tabor sailors who set up the venue on 30-minutes notice when the decision was made to switch sites at 9 am in a search for breeze. Thanks as well to Anna Jones, Oakley Jones, Kirsten Barton, and Alexa Schuler for judging.

Finally, congratulations to St George's for winning the 2008 O'Day Trophy and to the Hotchkiss School, Duxbury HS, and Milton Academy for also qualifying for the ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory trophy) sailed at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD.

### **2. NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)**

**May 17-18, 2008**

Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Bourne, MA      MMA/*Andrew Nugnes*

38 schools were ranked first through last using the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee) set forth by the NESSA officers. The top 8 schools were determined by awarding automatic bids to schools ranked 1-4 (1-St. Georges, 2-Duxbury, 3-Tabor, and 4-Dartmouth). Schools ranked 5-8, who had not qualified for the Mallory, 6. Hotchkiss and 8. Milton, qualified for the Mallory and were awarded an automatic berths to the Mark (5-Sharon, 7-North Kingston) sailed 1 of 2 "Wild Card" regional regattas on May 10, 2008, against schools ranked 9-14 ( 9-Moses Brown, 10-BC High, 11-Williams, 12- East Greenwich, 13- Darian HS, 14. – Greenwich HS) for the remaining 2 berths.

### **Wild Card Regional Regattas – May 10, 2008**

Moses Brown beat out BC High (host), East Greenwich HS, and Greenwich High School to grab control of the 7<sup>th</sup> berth to the Mark Trophy. North Kingstown (Host) took control of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wild Card playoff against Darien HS, Sharon HS, and Manchester Essex RHS earning the 8<sup>th</sup> and final spot. Williams had qualified, but chose not to compete.

Ian McLeod (Event Chair) and the Mass Maritime team hosted the Mark Trophy at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, sailed this year with on the water umpiring. The Rotation Dock was located right off of the Starting line which allowed for quick and efficient boat rotations. Fran Charles, Chief Umpire, lead a team of on the water umpires that kept the races clean. NESSA VP, Andrew Nugnes, as PRO, NESSA Pres. Doug Heil and MMA volunteers provided race management to crown a champion in two days. Milton was crowned champion, however a computer mistake forced a 3-way tie. Milton, St. Georges, and Tabor all returned Sunday for two final races.

*Qualifying Round:* Herring Pond provided each sailor with exactly what we were looking for. We saw it all, winds shift from all directions, anywhere from 5-20 knots. 28 races were sailed in the qualifying round using a

Digital N course to complete a full round robin before 2pm. Tabor Academy led (6-1), Milton just behind (5-2), then St. Georges (4-3), and Hotchkiss (4-3), all advanced to the Championship Round.

*Championship Round:* Racing resumed shortly after the completion of the Qualifying Round allowing the RC to complete 12 races for a double round robin on day 1. After the scoring error was seen and figured out, the RC headed back out onto the water to try and decide the NE champs in one day. The wind soon died thereafter forcing the three teams to return and resume competition the following morning. The playoff was finished on Sunday. A big thanks to Tom Duggan for filling in for Fran Charles on Sunday morning as our chief umpire. St. Georges and Tabor both had a 1-0 record entering the final race of the Championship after both beating Milton in the single round robin playoff. The race would go back and forth the entire course with St. Georges pulling off the victory with in 20 yards of the finish line. St. George's was crowned NE Team Racing Champs winning the 2008 Mark Trophy. St. Georges and Tabor earned the right to represent NESSA at the Baker the following weekend. Congratulations to St. Georges for bringing the Baker Trophy back to NESSA, being crowned ISSA Team Race Champions, as well as Tabor who came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)**

**May 10, 2008**

Sail Maine

Maine High School Sailing Coordinator/Sarah Helming

SailMaine hosted 11 teams for the 21st annual Herreshoff Trophy on Saturday, May 10th.

After all the worry about rain, we didn't see a drop here in Portland, ME. The conditions were tough, especially for some of our smaller teams, but the breeze was steady and sun shone for most of the day. In the morning the breeze was a N/NE at 10 mph and it built to around 15mph by the afternoon. There was quite a bit of chop but the girls mostly used it to their advantage :) Other than an oil tanker forcing us to move our starting line at the beginning of the day, things went pretty smoothly.

A special thanks to the extremely qualified group of people who helped make the regatta a success. Sherry Fowler (Bowdoin College Head Coach), Elissa Leonard, Jeff Cumming, Molly White, Andrew Stern, and Brent Sullivan.

St. George's kept up their winning ways scoring only 44 points in 12 races in each division and took the women's crown followed by Tabor and Cheverus respectively.

Judges for this event were Carter White and Gretchen Kinsey Sullivan — I wish we had them on the water for every regatta we host!

Thanks, as well, to Cheverus High School for providing water and snacks to all sailors.

### **FALL 2008**

#### **4. 2009 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)**

**September 23, 2008**

Wickford Yacht Club (RI) Skip Whyte

North Kingstown HS, North Kingstown RI

30 Radial and 15 full sailors sailed Narragansett Bay outside of Wickford Yacht Club in North Kingstown, RI with a tropical storm on the horizon, and immanent rain threatening. Wind was light in the morning yet built to a grand 10 knots in the afternoon. The Wickford Yacht Club provided excellent race management, sailing both divisions at the same time on separate courses to hold five races in both the Full and Radial Division.

Winning the Radial Division and the Healy Trophy was Eliza Richarz (St. Georges – RI) followed by Nathan Fast (Williams - CT), Max Lopes (Tabor), and O.J. O’Connell (East Lyme). All qualified to represent NESSA and their school in the Cressy Trophy.

Qualifying for the Cressy Trophy in the Full Division were Dan Nickerson (Williams - CT), who also won the Healy Trophy, Matthew Growell (East Greenwich- CT), William Hutchings (Milton Academy- MA) and Gabriel Salk (PCD -RI).

### **5. Polar Bear Open**

(Great Oaks Regatta Qualifier-1)

**September 7, 2008**

Bowdoin College

Bowdoin Sailing/Brunswick, ME

Cancelled twice due to weather (NESSA allowed the Casco Bay Open to provide the last to berths to the Great Oaks.)

### **6. Casco Bay Fall Open**

(Great Oaks Qualifier- 3 and 4)

**October 25, 2008**

Sail Maine

Portland Maine

The Casco Bay Fall Open consisted of 12 teams from across the region who embarked on Casco Bay in Portland, Maine. 6 races were sailed in each division. A special thanks to all of the programs from Sail Maine that made this event finally possible after being rescheduled due to inclement weather. With NESSA running out of time to reschedule the Polar Bear Open, our 4<sup>th</sup> qualifying event for the Great Oaks, NESSA decided to have its 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> berths come out of this event.

A division = 6 Races

B division = 6 Races

	A	B	TOT
1. Marblehead (congl.)	14	28	42
2. Southern Maine(congl.)	24	21	45
3. East Lyme	20	25	45
4. Falmouth	49	16	65

Marblehead won the day with 42 total points and earned a right to the Great Oaks, however competed as a conglomerate as did Southern Maine, who finish 2<sup>nd</sup> with 45 points. Eligible for the GOR and not competing under any penalties, was East Lyme who took the 3<sup>rd</sup> berth and Falmouth (ME) who took the 4<sup>th</sup> and final berth.

### **7. Arnold Brown Regatta**

(Great Oaks Qualifier -1)

**October 4, 2008**

A picture perfect, sun drenched day met sailors on the lagoon on Martha’s Vineyard. Sailors could not have scripted a more perfect day, with perfect conditions, and a perfect breeze. 6 teams took the boat ride over with Martha’s Vineyard Regional supporting two of its own teams to round out the competition. 12 races were sailed in each division. Martha’s Vineyard 1 took full advantage of their home waters and earned the first NESSA berth to the Great Oaks with 57 total points between the two divisions. Xavier took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 75 points, East Lyme right behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 79 total Points.

Special thanks to Andrew Burr and the crew from Sail Martha’s Vineyard for a job well done.

### **8. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)**

(Great Oaks Qualifier – 2)

**October 12, 2008**

Community Boating Inc.

Mass Bay League/Carl Zimba

The day was a great fall day, bright and sunny, with the foliage in bright color on the Boston shore. After a 2-hour delay, a 4-knot breeze filled in from the southwest for the first race. The second race got off after a short delay when the wind dissipated. The rest of the racing went well until a sea breeze built in under the Longfellow Bridge, pushing the SW breeze up river to the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge, causing another short delay. Although the wind was light and variable, we managed to get 8 races in fair conditions, 4 in each division, before the wind finally gave up.

It should be noted that MIT celebrated the 50th anniversary this month of the invention of the international unit of length, the smoot. The Massachusetts Avenue Bridge was determined to be 364.4 smoots plus or minus one ear in length, and is marked every 10 smoots on the downriver sidewalk. Thanks go to

Jeff Hodess (PRO) and the many coaches that helped out on RC. Perryn McLaughlin, Mark Harrington, and others from Community Boating pitched in to prep the boats and sails.

A division = 4 Races B division = 4 Races

	A	B	TOT
1. Duxbury HS	20	4	24
2. Stonington HS	14	24	38
3. North Yarmouth Acad	24	20	44

Since Duxbury HS had qualified for the Mallory the last two seasons, they passed their berth to Stonington HS. Stonington was deemed ineligible for an ISSA qualifying infraction. North Yarmouth Academy was eligible, however decided not to go on the trip to Southern YC and passed their berth to Cambridge.

## **B. 2009 Season**

### **2009 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)**

**April 25-26, 2009**

***Qualifying Regatta's*** - Saturday, April 25, 2009

Venues with 10+ boats needed. **Sites are confirmed.** NOR's out in January, 2009

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Barnstable, MA | 4. Brewster Academy, NH |
| 2. Greenwich, CT  | 5. Mass Bay League, MA  |
| 3. Newport, RI    |                         |

***Championship Regatta*** – Sunday, April 26, 2009  
Sail Maine, Portland, ME

### **2009 Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)**

Saturday and Sunday – May 16-17, 2009

Site needed for 8 teams. 18 boats

Final rankings will be published May 4<sup>th</sup>. Only events through May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be considered.

### **2009 Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)**

Saturday – May 9th or 10th, 2009

Site to be determined

### **2009 Arnold Brown Regatta** (tentative)

Saturday September 26, 2009

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard

### **2010 Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)**

Sunday – September 20, 2009

Need a site that can accommodate 50+ Lasers

### **2009 Polar Bear Open** (tentative)

Sunday September 10, 2009

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

### **2009 Casco Bay Fall Open** (tentative)

Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Sail Maine – Portland ME

### **2009 Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)**

Sunday – October 11, 2009  
Community Boating, Boston  
Regatta Chair- Carl Zimba

NO DISCUSSION ON V-P REPORT. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT PASSED.

#### **c. President's Report – Doug Heil**

NESSA had 81 member schools competing in the spring 2008 racing season. Fair, clean and fun competition in both team and fleet racing remains the focus. While the top teams remain strong and represent NESSA at the national level, the new and building teams are improving and helping to increase the level of competition in the district.

A program to educate and provide the resources for new teams to get started in NESSA is a work in progress that has been spearheaded by St. Georges coach Beth Holland. This info can be found at <http://newsailingteams.blogspot.com/>

More schools are hosting NESSA Championships, Invite regattas, State/League Championships, Fleet regattas and JV events, giving teams more racing opportunities at all levels across New England.

Team racing was strong this spring in NESSA with St. Georges School and Tabor Academy taking the 1, 2 spots in NESSA's Team Racing Championship and then at Baker Trophy. Congratulations to the SG's team and coach, Roy Williams, for keeping the Baker in NE, joining past NESSA Baker winners, Milton (2002) and Tabor (2007), and to the Tabor sailors and coach, Rob Hurd, for placing in the top 2, 2 years in a row.

#### **NESSA FLEET RACING District Qualifier – The O'DAY TROPHY**

On Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 52 schools sailed at 5 qualifying sites across New England in NESSA's fleet racing district qualifier for the O'Day Trophy. Qualifier and Championship are usually sailed in 1 weekend, but this year we were hit with no air on Sunday April 27th which caused a postponement to the following weekend.

After the same conditions plagued the race committee on the back up day (May 4th) at Bristol YC (RI), led by Eamonn O'Brien, Head Coach of Portsmouth Abbey School, the event was moved to Tabor Academy where a light breeze allowed for 4 races in each division. St. Georges School (RI) won the B division which helped their A division sailors beat out The Hotchkiss School by 2 points in 4 races to be crowned NESSA Fleet Champions.

#### **NESSA TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP– THE MARK TROPHY**

38 schools were considered for the 8 berths to the 2008 Mark Trophy. Each school received a NESSA ranking based on their season standings using a model that combines a detailed "Plan K" computer program plus rankings from the NESSA Selection Committee.

St Georges (RI), Duxbury HS (MA), Tabor Academy (MA), Dartmouth HS (MA), The Hotchkiss School (CT), and Milton Academy (MA) were ranked 1 to 6 and received automatic berths to the Mark. Teams ranked 7 through 14 raced a "Wild Card Regatta", which was adopted in 2006, the weekend before the Mark for the remaining 2 berths, which went to Moses Brown School (RI) and North Kingston (RI).

It was a fabulous day and a half of great racing on Herring Pond at Mass Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay



Mass for the championship. We saw every condition from rain to sunshine, light breeze to moderately heavy, big lulls / big puffs, and flat water to light chop making it a great test of ability and a true championship. After a 3 way tie, a sail off ensued with St. Georges School winning, Tabor Academy in 2nd and Milton Academy in 3rd.

Several NEISA and NESSA coaches volunteered to umpire allowing NESSA to run the Mark Trophy, for the 2nd year, with limited umpiring.

### **HERRESHOFF TROPHY**

The NESSA Women's Championship for the 21st Rebecca Herrshoff Trophy was held at Sail Maine in Portland, ME, May 10th, with a steady 10-15 knot breeze with little chop. This popular all women event brings out the best of the NESSA women sailors.

Competition was at a high level and very close. The young St. Georges' team, consisted of freshman and sophomores, won A&B division to claim the trophy for the 2nd year in a row. Tabor Academy came in 2nd, with host school, Cheverus HS (ME), in 3rd and Hotchkiss in 4th.

### **MALLORY 2010 in NESSA**

**NESSA selects the Charles River in Boston, MA for the 2010 Mallory.**

3 bids were accepted, and then reviewed by a NESSA Selection Committee, from Indian Harbor YC (CT), Barnstable YC (MA), and a collaboration of Mass. Institute of Technology/Mass. Bay League/Community Boating Boston.

Since the Charles River Basin is an excellent sailing venue that has a wide range of conditions with a lay out that is perfect for both sailors and spectators, MIT/MBL/CBI was selected. Located in downtown Boston, the venue has easy access to Logan airport, hotels, restaurants, and evening fun.

MIT, MBL and CBI have a long history of hosting quality high school, college and open events and will provide two fleets (FJ & 420) for the Mallory.

Rob Hurd (past president) will serve as the NESSA-ISSA Liaison and Carl Zimba (MBL and NESSA Officer) will be the event chair. A NOR has been drafted and is expected to be finalized in early 2009.

### **FALL 2008**

With warm weather and water, schools use the fall time to build their teams. Many Invite regattas have popped up over the past few years giving teams the option to race somewhere in NE every weekend after Labor Day, including 4 regattas serving as district qualifiers for the Great Oakes Regatta. This September, storms hit the region and many weekend events were rescheduled later in the fall.

NESSA sponsors 2 regattas in the fall including the Fall Fun Fest at Community Boating Boston and the Single-handed District qualifier for the Healy Trophy, this year held at Wickford YC, RI with Skip White as PRO.

The NESSA website continues to play an active and important role in the organization. NESSA info, including NOR's, team race rankings and results can be found at <http://www.nessa-sailing.org/>.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT PASSED**

### 3. BY-LAW CHANGES

#### **Proposal #1. Submitted by Rob Hurd**

**Article K: NESSA Regattas** Change: Add section 3

**Section 3. Qualification.** Schools shall be eligible for NESSA Invitational Regattas in the following way.

- a. All NESSA dues must be paid
- b. Each NESSA Member school is entitled to one entry on a first come, first served basis until the regatta is filled.
- c. Non-NESSA teams (conglomerate teams or out of district school teams) are entitled to sign up when the registration opens for a NESSA Invitational Regatta. Entry in the said regatta will be granted to a Non-NESSA team after 10 days from when registration opens, only if space is available, at a first come first serve basis.

ROB HURD INTRODUCED THIS PROPOSAL

Moved to adopt Article K, Section 3

Discussion: Sarah Helming – This would impact only the NESSA-sponsored events. (Healy, O’Day, Mark, Hereshoff, and Gleekman). Any other event is not impacted by NESSA bylaws.

BY LAW CHANGE PASSED

#### **Proposal #2. Submitted by Doug Heil**

**Change Article K: NESSA Regattas, Section 2(d)** to read:

Change: added words in ***bold italics***

“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 prior to the championship between two or more schools in the season that the championship is being held (fall or spring). A meet is ***at least a best of three*** team race with three or more boats per school. 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; or any regular scheduled NESSA event.”

BY LAW CHANGE PASSED

#### **Proposal #3. Submitted by Doug Heil**

**Article L- Penalty for Failure to Compete.**

Change: added words in ***bold italics***

Section 1:

- a. A school, which fails to attend a NESSA Regatta or an ISSA Regatta for which it has registered, fails to register for an ISSA Regatta for which it has qualified, attends with less than a full team, or departs before the conclusion of the regatta without the consent of the Event Chair, shall be placed on probation for 2 years, effective from the date of the incident. If a school fails to meet the above criteria while on probation, the school shall not be permitted to schedule or compete in any NESSA regattas for the next year.

Section 2:

- a. This penalty shall not be imposed for a NESSA Regatta if the NESSA Vice-president or the Event Chair is notified at least 48 hours prior to the report time of the regatta.
- b. This penalty shall not be imposed for an ISSA Regatta if the NESSA Vice-President and the Event Chair are notified at least 72 hours prior to the report time of the regatta.

BY LAW CHANGE PASSED

#### **Proposal #4. Submitted by Rob Hurd**

##### **Article N – ISSA Proxy votes**

**Section 1:** For the purpose of the Annual Meeting of ISSA, the proxies of all members of NESSA shall be assigned to the NESSA President no more than one month prior to said meeting and shall expire after the final adjournment of said meeting.

**Section 2:** Any NESSA member may withdraw their proxy or a portion of their proxy by written or email notification to the NESSA President no later than 24 hours prior to the ISSA Annual Meeting.

**Section 3:** The NESSA President may assign the proxies of NESSA members to another ISSA Board member from NESSA by sending written notification to the NESSA e-mail list at least 72 hours prior to the ISSA Annual Meeting.

BY LAW CHANGE PASSED

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Report from ISSA Annual Meeting, Conference call, Sept 27, 2008 – Rob Hurd**
- b. **Report on 2010 Mallory**
  - i. Fran Charles-PRO, New 420 sail (CBI), new mylar sails (FJ-MIT), Harvard/MIT addtl launches
- c. **Purchase Advance Tickets to Baker (Palo Alto, CA)**
- d. **Executive Committee:** In accordance with the By-laws. The NESSA President appoints the following members to the Executive committee until further notice. Doug Heil (NESSA President), Andrew Nugnes (NESSA VP), Evan Olmstead (NESSA Secretary/Treasurer), Rob Hurd (Past President), Roger Rawlings (Past President/Past ISSA VP), Carl Zimba (MBL Prersident), Roy Willaims (Past ISSA VP), Nick Judson (Nantucket HS Head Coach).
- e. **Umpires at the Mark**
  - i. Coaches who are not involved in the wildcard weekend, but do not qualify for the Mark, must come to the mark.

Coaches must come and help umpire the Mark trophy. How can we help out the college events who help us out at the high school level?

- ii. Umpire clinic??

#### **5. MARK TROPHY FEE STRUCTURE Proposal for discussion**

**Submitted by: Carl Zimba**

##### **a. Explanation of new fee structure-Carl Zimba**

Propose that we alter the fee that we charge for the NESSA Team Racing Championship such that the fee is paid by teams that participate in the event and that there is no fee just to be a candidate team. In doing this, we would shift the fee to those teams that actually benefit from it by competing in the Mark and the Wild Card weekend.

Teams that do not make the cut should not have to pay any fee since consideration for the event is really part of their NESSA dues already. This would be similar to what we already do with the NESSA Fleet Racing Championship.

If the new fee were set at \$35 per team, we would generate nearly the same amount of funds as we have charging each team that applies to be considered, as illustrated in the table below.

Year	# Teams Entered	Revenue (\$15/team)	# Teams in Mark and Sailoffs	Revenue (\$35/team)
2008	38	\$570	16	\$560
2007	29	\$435	13	\$455
2006	28	\$420	14	\$490

With the recent discussion regarding delivering better value to the teams in NESSA, this is a small step in that direction. All teams that submit a schedule, electronically as we did last year, would be considered and ranked for the Mark. Only those teams that actually participate in the Mark or Wild Card Weekend would pay a an entry fee. I feel that this is a more equitable method for all the teams involved.

PASSED. The proposal passed. \$35 per school who attend wildcard/MARK

## **b. Vote on New Fee Structure**

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. New Procedural Rules-**

- i. A Committee formed to look into the new ISSA PRs that will report back to the ISSA boards in November with recommendation to either (a) adopt new ISSA PRs in January or (b) postpone the new rules until June 2009. 8 changes, having to do with new RR.

NEED new representation on the ISSA board. New PRs will start January 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **b. New RRS – 2009-2012**

New RRS are predicted to start in January. We will know for sure on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. RRS of sailing are available online. **(NB: ISSA board approved moving to the 2008-2012 RRS and the 2008-2012 ISSA PR starting on January 1, 2009 in a conference call on November 6, 2008 – RSH)**

#### **c. New Teams Info Blog- Beth Holland, St. Georges (chair)**

- i. How to run a meet, NESSA Champs, tools you'll need

Rob Hurd will add a link to the new blog from the NESSA website  
newsailingteams.blogspot.com

#### **d. Kattack tracking software- Mark Fortin, E.Coast Sales**

Kattack will track the Mark Trophy and O'Day Championship for free. This will also occur at the national level at the Mallory.

#### **e. Baker in NESSA 2012 – Start the selection process 2009 Annual Meeting**

Start looking at logistics for the 2012 Baker in NESSA

#### **f. Terk Invite**

Barnstable HS. March 27-29 will be Barnstable HS sailing clinic. Terk invite will be for teams who did not make the Mark Trophy. This will be run the same weekend as the Mark Trophy. Make it like the NIT tournament of March Madness. There will be a perpetual trophy for this event. It would include those invited to Wild Card weekend plus those others who don't make the mark trophy (9-16).

#### **g. Rules Seminar**

- i. US Sailing/North U Rules Seminar. January 31

David Dellenbaugh will run this rules seminar

ii. MBL Clinic??

Check the NESSA site for more information. It will probably be late February early March.

h. **Swap Baker and Mallory dates in ISSA?**

There has been discussion about prolonging the season. Perhaps swapping the Baker and Mallory. Make Baker 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend; Mallory 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. There would be a longer fleet racing season. We will likely need support of the Northern districts at the National level. All those who commented indicated that they would NOT like to see this change.

There is a new website with lots of great teamrace info (Introduced by Roy Williams). The url is [Sailgroove.org](http://Sailgroove.org)

Clemmie Everett: Is there any interest in having a keelboat event? Those interested should contact Clemmie Everett

NESSA will purchase advanced tickets to the Baker. Teams must bring a check to Mark to buy their tickets if need be.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15PM.