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Subject: Race committee meeting minutes and invite to the March 4 meeting

Attached are the minutes from the first 2009 race committee meeting of Feb 25, 2009. The next meeting will be March 4, 2009, Wednesday, 1900 hours at the KYC clubhouse. You will get a gmail reminder of the meeting the day before. The agenda for the second meeting will be to discuss KORC dates, weekend races/date/tides, PHRF ratings and scoring system, web site access and race instructions.

MINUTES: FIRST MEETING KYC 2009 SAILBOAT RACING

Feb 25, 2009 , Wednesday, 1900 hours, KYC clubhouse

Present: Sally Hansen, 2008 Chairperson, Tom Thompson, Jim Dahl, Mary Lynne Dahl, Lou Bartos, Dwight Lindemann.

Meeting called to order by Sally Hansen, requesting volunteers or nominations for a new race committee chair to head the 2009 season. All declined to chair except Dwight Lindemann, who said he would do it if no one else would and if others would assist. All present offered to assist. Upon a unanimous vote of those present, Dwight Lindemann was chosen to chair the race committee for the 2009 season.

Dwight suggested that we get all forms from the KYC website and make them available to skippers wishing to participate, by the time of the next meeting.

ML Dahl mentioned that as KYC newsletter editor, she is familiar with the web site, which has all of the 2008 forms. She offered to download and email the forms to Dwight from the KYC website. They will have to be changed to reflect the new dates. She also informed the members present that the new KYC commodore, Marvin Davis, is moving the KYC website to a new web address. The new address is: www.ketchikanyachtclub.com. (The old address is www.ketchikanyachtclub.org) This may present some problems to the sailors, as the new website is not yet fully functional. It may prevent the race committee from posting scores to the new website when racing begins. ML said that she would talk to the commodore about this issue.

Jim Dahl said that he could get a CD or download of the scoring used by Brian Lieb for prior years racing program scoring and either input it to the website or

use it to independently score the races and email the results to sailors (if the website is not functional by the time races begin to be scored.) Jim said he would talk to Brian about this soon. Dwight offered his opinion that he preference would be for the scores to get posted to a KYC race website so that sailors could simply access it and see results weekly. The group present agreed with that.

Practice races will begin April 22 and 29. Weekend races will be scheduled at another meeting, with a discussion of the tides for each weekend race.

KORC will be either July 22-27 or Aug 5-10, depending on when Blueberry Festival is scheduled. Lou Bartos will find out the exact date of Blueberry Festival and report back to the group by the next meeting so that an exact KORC date can be set.

Sally Hansen has contacted the 2 new sailors who participated a few times in the 2008 season. Those are Eric Abele, owner of *Addie Mae*, a Coronado 25 (she thinks) and Jacob Hofman, the owner of a *Richochet*, a Coronado 27 (she thinks). She will obtain email addresses for them and let them know of the next meeting. A discussion of ways to encourage them to participate in 2009 was interesting and included reassuring them both that they did not have to mix it up with the other boats at the start of each race, if they preferred. In addition, it was suggested that each skipper let each of the new boats know that the rest of the fleet would watch out for them, not run into them, give them room when it got tight or scary, and generally give them a chance to try to learn how to race their boats. Lou made a good point that the starts are often terrifying to new skippers, enough so that some don't want to try to race at all. There was a lot of agreement to encourage the new sailors as a result of this discussion.

There was a discussion of the type of scoring to use for the 2009 season. Those present expressed a desire to return to the PHRF rating and scoring system. In order to allow input from those not present, and to encourage more to attend the next meeting, the issue will again be discussed at the next meeting in hopes of deciding on a rating/scoring system. Ratings in the latest PHRF book are available. Dwight will have copies of the range of PHRF ratings on all of the boats in the KYC racing fleet at the next meeting, for discussion.

ML Dahl volunteered to email all 33 racing sailors on the KYC website email list notice of the next meeting, scheduled for March 4, Wednesday, 1900 hours, KYC clubhouse. New sailors will be added to that list as soon as their email addresses are known.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Minutes recorded by ML Dahl