Minutes of Fleet 70 Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Newly elected Fleet Captain Andy Noble called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Members present: Bob Steen, Mike and Marsha LaHaye, Jack Patterson, Carol and Skip Barnes, Bill and Diane Bullard, Dick Johnson, Don and Joanie VanZile. Late arrivals: Joan Noble and Sara Johnson.

There was an animated discussion

Racing Schedule for 2013

There will be two series – eight races in each (with one throw out). First beginning on June 1. Second series in August through September. In addition, a Holiday Series was initiated to include 5/21,Memorial Day, 4th of July, Aug. 24 Wooden Boat Show, and Sept 2, Labor Day. These will be “fun” events. It was suggested that consideration be given to having races in Lake Michigan to prepare for the Nationals which will be held in Pentwater in 2014. A committee consisting of Skip Barnes, Dick Johnson, and Joanie VanZile, will assess weather conditions to determine the feasibility of racing in Lake Michigan on a given Saturday. The race committee will use the entrance of the channel as their base using an air horn and larger flags (longer poles). We will also need chairs, etc.

Bloomer Cup

Sailors were encouraged to participate in the Bloomer Cup race in conjunction with the Ludington Yacht Club. The event is being considered for a Friday race from Pentwater to Ludington, the Bloomer Cup on July 13, and race back to Pentwater on Sunday. The dates are not fixed at this time. Hopefully six boats will represent the PYC and the races on Friday and Sunday could be the Arnie Samuel regatta.

Little Point Sable Race

It was decided to eliminate this race because of lack of participation.

Chieftain Cup Race

The Chieftain Cup Race will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 for the offshore fleet. The ensigns are invited to participate.

Update on Ensign Nationals

Mike LaHaye reported that three committee chairs have been appointed: Andy Noble, logistics; Nick Stoyanoff, PR man (questions/answers); and Mike Bass, regulations and judges, for the Ensign Nationals in Pentwater in August 2014. Al Docter has agreed to serve as Treasurer. Mike LaHaye will be the overseer. Many volunteers will be needed. Could be as many as 50 boats registered. He also said that the winter meeting of the National Ensign Association will be held in Grand Rapids, at the Hampton Inn, on February 8-9, 2013. There will be a welcome cocktail party from 6 - 9 p.m. on Friday, February 8. The Board of Governors will meet on Saturday from 9 – noon. After a lunch break the annual meeting will be from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Pentwater sailors are encouraged to attend. Marsha reported that rooms have been reserved at a special rate. The 2013 National ensign races will take place in Toms River, New Jersey on August 12-16, 2013.

Sunfish Fleet

There was much discussion and suggestions on how to rebuild participation in sunfish sailing. Several ideas to get more people involved – holding a sunfish sail day once a month, work with the sailing school, having boats available at the PYC for use by interested members. Also, the problem of launching the sunfish was discussed. Liability and insurance issues would need to be explored. There have been articles in the PYC Newsletter encouraging members to become involved, but to no avail this year.

“Race Around the Dinner Table”

Marsha LaHaye consented to once again serve as chairperson of the monthly dinner get togethers. She passed out a schedule of the dates and locations.