**MINUTES OF THE FLEET 70 MEETING**

**June 22, 2013**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Boat captains and crew members present were: Bill and Kathy Ribbens, Jack Patterson, Eric Marshall, Dick Johnson, Michael Lindvall, Mike Bass, Joan Van Zile, Dan Conroy and crew, Bill Bluhm, Derek Bluhm, Dave Roseman, Phil Ceton, Bill and Diane Bullard, Skip Barnes, Andy and Joan Noble. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their boat name and sail number.**

**The race series and schedules were discussed. It was proposed that the summer race series to begin on June 29, and go through August 31, consisting of 8 races, with one throw out. In discussion, the fleet wanted 2 throw-outs to be fair with boats that had to miss a race. A motion was made, seconded and approved to,begin the Champion Series on 6/29 – 8/31 and includeone pre-announced Wednesday evening race, as determined by the fleet captain, for a total of 9 races with two throw-outs. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the fall race series will be September 7th through October 5th with one preannounced Wednesday race as determined by the fleet captain, for a total of 6 races with one throw-out. Fun races will be scheduled on holidays such as 4th of July and Labor Day and will not count as part of the summer and fall racing series.**

**The PRO schedule has been e-mailed out and posted on the Bulletin Board in the club. No revisions were requested. If the boat captain cannot make the assignment it is his responsibility to find a replacement or make a trade.**

**Off shore races: consensus of opinion is that it would behoove us to get off shore racing experience in preparation for the Nationals next year. A committee proposed at the October, 2012 meeting, composed of Skip Barnes, Dick Johnson and Joan Van Zile will make a determination when it is feasible for the fleet to race off shore as a scheduled race.The announcement will be made at the 10:00AM skippers meeting at the PYC deck. The Regatta Committee will set the course marks and design sailing courses to race. The Race Committee will start the race from the Pier Head with flags and horn. They will chart the boats by order of finish, and not by finish time. Each boat will report the boat finishing ahead and the boat behind them to the Committee at the PYC. It was suggested that an e-mail go out to PYC members to see if any power boaters might be interested in being a committee boat and helping to set marks.**

**The possibility of purchasing a PYC Race Committee boat was discussed and how it would be paid for. Up for discussion was the possibility of charging each boat a fee for racing. A committee of Dave Roseman, Bill Bullard, Eric Marshall, Andy Noble and Frode Maaseidvaag was formed to look into what other yacht clubs in the area are doing to pay for the purchase of a committee boat to be used by the Ensign and Offshore Fleets. We will need a boat for the Nationals next year.**

**The Chieftain Cup Race is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th. It was agreed the Ensign Fleet would stay with our own race schedule that day and ask the PRO that day to schedule a shorter race course to accommodate those Ensigns who might want to also race the Chieftain Cup.Offshore skippers meeting is at 12:30 PM.**

**Eric Marshall has agreed to Chair the fall“Race around the Dinner Table” if Marsha LaHaye would like to be relieved of that responsibility next fall. It was unanimously agreed that we are all too busy in the summer to start up the Friday Potlucks at Channel Lane Park.**

**Mike Bass gave a “heads up” that we all will be contacted for help with the various committees in promoting and executing the activities for the Ensign National Regatta PYC is hosting next summer.**

**Ensign Regional Regatta in New York is July 20-21 in Canandaigua, NY hosted by Fleet 23. For information 585-247-0955**

**Kathy Ribbens made a motion, was seconded and approved for adjournment at 11:20 a.m.**

**Joan Noble, Scrimshaw Scribe**