Fleet 70 Meeting held Jan 8, 2022 at Patterson Marine World Headquarters.

Meeting called to order at 11:04 am by Marsha LaHaye the Fleet Captain for 2022. I am happy to take on this role for this coming year. I’ll be looking for lots of direction and advise from fleet members.

Members in attendance in person- Dave Roseman, Mike and Marsha LaHaye, Larry and Chris Conroy, Mike Bass, Doug and Julie Nelson and Dick and Sara Johnson.

In attendance via Zoom- Tim O’Conner, Brad Davis, Pete Zangara, Mike McKearnan, Beth Alderman, Michael Lindvall, Frode Maaseidvaag, Nick Stoyanoff, Curtis Voges.

Let me first thank Dave Roseman for setting up the Zoom meeting for me.

We have three new Fleet 70 members. Let's all make them feel welcome. Tim O’Conner, Pete Zangara and Mike Guercio.

Mike Bass update the fleet on the PYC building construction. They are working steadily on the building but may be a week or so behind. The building could open the end of June or the first of July. We will have to be flexible as to how we will start our races especially at the first of the season.

Fleet 70 dues are $30.00 per captain and should be paid to Mike LaHaye. Make the check payable to Fleet 70.

ECA dues are $25.00 for a regular member (captain) and $15.00 for an associate member (crew). You can pay these dues online on the ECA website for you can write a check and send to either Kay Snider the ECA treasurer or to me, Marsha Lahaye and I will send it on to Kay. Make the check payable to ECA.

I’m asking that each Captain send me your current phone number and email for communication about the races. Send to Marshalahaye@gmail.com.

Frode ask Mike Bass a question about if the expanded marine and wave extenuators had been discuss by the PYC board. Mike said it had not, but Frode should ask the question to Dave Bluhm to new Rear Commodore. Money is always in the forefront of this discission.

We spent time discussing the race schedule for the season. We will start with a couple tune-up races on May 21, May 28 and June 2. Some Wednesday tune-up races may be scheduled depending on the weather.

 We will start **Beer Can Races on Wednesday June 1, 2022.** Beer Can races can either be done with a main and jib only or with a spinnaker. We will ask the race committee to score it separately.

The **Championship Series will begin on June 11, 2022** **and run through August 13, 2022.**  That give us a 10-week race season. The time on those races will be 11:45 am. In case we miss a week because of bad weather, it was decided that we would race two races, back-to-back the following week to make it up.

The **Fall Series will run on August 20, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and hopefully Sept. 24.** We will NOT race on August 27, 2022 because of the Wooden Boat Show. The time on these races will be 11:45 am.

We are going to try to race on Lake Michigan as much as possible in preparation for the ECA Nationals. We will watch the weather and decide when we go out on the Big Water.

There will be **PREP DAY held at Patterson Marine on May 14, 2022** so that the boats can all be prepared, cleaned, rigged and ready to put in the water. It will be a day for sharing and caring about each other. If you need an extra pair of hands for something, people will be around to help. It will be a fun day with lunch being served to all that show up and work. Boats could start going in the water that day and during the week that follows.

We are asking each captain to have a VHF radio on their boat this year for Lake Michigan races. You also need an Air Horn. I will try to get a list of other essential items that you need on your boats for Nationals ahead of them being held here.

We will be giving out the Cross Fleet Award again this year, so maybe you will want to jump on another boat or have someone else on your boat. Don’t forget those Sunfish sailors on Sunday.

The PYC will be holding some classes this spring so watch for those opportunities to learn something new. They will offer the Sailing Academy again along with the Crew Development Class. Mike Bass will be teaching a class called Fundamentals of Racing.

I will be assigning PRO dates to everyone and if you can’t do it that week, you should find a substitute. I will put together a list of PRO (Principal Race Officer) responsibilities and I’ll get that to each of you soon.

I want to thank our Race Committee in advance of our season. You are an integral part of Fleet 70. Members include Joan Van Zile, Mary Sue Rischar, Beth Alderman, Sara Johnson, Lindsey Marriott and Jody McGahan.

Please mark **Feb. 5, 2022** on your calendar for the ECA Winter meeting. It is a chance to learn really what goes on at the National level. It will be on Zoom again this year and you should have all gotten a link from Bud Brown the ECA Commodore. If you didn’t, let me know and I will forward it to you.

The ECA 2023 National Regatta will be hosted by Fleet 70 and held at the PYC on **August 13-17, 2023.**  We will need lots of help to make this a success. We set the bar high when we hosted in 2014 and we can’t lower that bar this time. “All Hands On Deck” will be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:21.

Thanks to all that attended

Happy Sailing

Marsha LaHaye