

Venice Women's Sailing Squadron
Bitter Ends 2020-2021 Board Meeting
August 5, 2020

Captain Marge Whiteman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. in her home. In attendance were: Marge Whiteman, Captain; Lois Steketee, Vice Captain; Pam Miller, Interclub Chair; Ann Carroll, Treasurer; Jill Joos, Dockmaster/Boatmaster, Acting as Secretary; Karen Williams, Scheduling: VIA ZOOM ;Anne Chotkowski, Past Captain; Jane Gallagher, Secretary.

Marge welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Budget: Ann Carroll presented the proposed budget for the year. There are 17 Full Members (\$2550.00) and possibly 8 Anchor Members (\$280). There will be outside social events to encourage Anchors to continue their membership in the club. There may be a change to Chase bank for our account to save on bank charges (\$60). The rental fee for use of VYBA committee boats will be \$75.00 per use, payable on the day used. When a Freedom Boat Club is used, drivers will receive \$10.00 for gas and tip.

Policies Changes: Pam Miller matched wording to the bylaws and reviewed revisions. There was discussion about the **fiscal year**, which will now be **September 1st – August 31st**. That will be added to the title. **Membership, Storage and rental fees to be paid by September 1st**. The club will no longer pay for Rainbow Entry fees/ lunches or delegates' fees/lunches at FWSA meetings. The wording for Learn to Sail was removed as VYBA will be conducting Adult Learn to Sail. Student Member language regarding fees was simplified.

COVID-19: Captain Marge share a VWSS Covid-19 Mitigation Practices handout. Sailors will not be asked to sign the handout. When VYBA whalers are in use as committee boats, VYBA rules specify only 2 persons in the boat.

VYBA Update: Captain Marge mentioned storage rates will stay the same. VYBA has agreed to committee boat rental of \$75 if approved by VYBA Board. The boatyard gate system installation behind Higel will begin in September. 420's will probably be moved once the fencing is in place. Committee boat training will be Thursday, August 20th. Ann, Marge, Pam, Lois and Jill will be trained. Another training will be scheduled later in the year.

Schedule: Captain Marge has planned a "Get Underway" breakfast meeting at 9:00 A.M. at Higel Park on Wednesday, August 26th. September sailing may include team sailing. Captain wants this to be fun style with coaching for our newest sailors. The plan will be shared before each sail day. Race Series 1 begins October 7 and ends January 19. There will be 13 races in this series (12 if there is an overnight event for Davis Island).

October 14th is our scheduled Open House with lunch at Higel.

To increase participation from other clubs, our Home Interclub is now in the fall on October 21st. There will be no overnight accommodations due to COVID-19. There may be a beach day at Marge's after the races.

The Halloween theme will be "Wild Things".

Women at the Helm sail will include lunch at Crow's Nest. Marge will look outside dining and 4 choices of entrees for sailors to choose from in advance.

The Thanksgiving sail will be a fun sail on November 25th to be planned by Pam and Ann.

Series 2 begins January 27th. There is no date for Rainbow, yet.

May 12th will be the Memorial Regatta. The Barbara Dean Award will be used for this event.

This is also the last race day for the series.

May 19th- Relay racing and series 2 awards

May 20th is the FWSA annual meeting to be held at Venice Yacht Club.

There will be 28 racing days in total. Pam will score races until Tina returns.

Membership and Recruitment: Lois shared Open House details. This event is scheduled from 11:00-2:00 with lunch at Higel Park. Pam will revise an article for the Gondolier. Flyers will be distributed to Venice Avenue shops. Lois will check with Nancy to see if this information can be added to the City of Venice website, to our website, to the Venice Yacht Club October Magazine and to the Yacht Club website.

Captain Marge will develop a form to put on our website for preliminary screening of sailors interested in joining our group.

Education: Marge and Ann did webinars over the summer related to Dave Perry racing rules. This will be the educational focus for the racing season. Ann would like us to have a protest practice in March to prepare us for interclubs. Meeting before racing each week will include Janet 's "Tip of the Day" and a monthly health topic (heat stroke, signs of heart attack, etc.). Captain is looking into fall coaching.

Social: Captain Marge will add easy outdoor Friday activities to promote inclusion of Anchor members. This will occur the 2nd Friday of each month.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Joos

Acting as Secretary