

***Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association
Hot Stove Committee Meeting Summary
North Star Sail Club
February 21, 2008***

PHRF Handicapping Report:

- *Handicap Review Board met with nine boat owners requesting a rating review.*
- *Bow Thrusters will be handled on a case-to-case basis.*
- *Feathering Props that do not fold as well as they should were reviewed.*
- *Otis B. Driftwood is appealing their review.*

One Design C Course:

- *The Automatic Horn System will be used.*

Handicap PHRF/IRC:

- *Carl Bihlmeyer and his committee has all their PHRF rating work done with only one appeal. You should now have your IRC renewal form. Some have their new 2008 certificate.*
- *The 2008 tentative regatta schedule is in print. Class splits will probably remain as they were last year. We have new interest in cruising PHRF and Jib & Main. We now should have a racing class to satisfy the needs of all sailors.*

Offshore One Design:

- *The Beneteau 36.7 Class is looking for a start during the first half of the season.*

Tentative Schedule:

- *The 2008 schedule was approved.*

Steps for Improved Participation:

- *Encourage Cruising Boats to come out and race.*
- *GPSC sponsors "Novices on the Water" in conjunction with the River Challenge Race.*
- *We need to target people who have never been sailing and encourage them to come out. It was noted that CSYC's Adult Learn to Sail Program has been very successful with this.*

Seminars:

- *The DRYA and Mount Gay Rum Event with Gary Jobson will be March 19, 2008. A special free Seminar is planned for Juniors before the Event at 5:00 – 6:00 PM.*

Communications/Publicity:

- *This year, DRYA will try to send many of the Club Regatta Programs via e-mail. It will also be posted on the DRYA website. A PDF file of the final program is requested in a timely manner. Hard copies will be sent out to those who request them.*
- *The 2008 Sailing Instructions will go out via e-mail in April.*
- *New contact information for Ed Theisen Jr. 4141 Ramblewood Dr. Troy, MI 48085
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Respectfully Submitted,

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