

Valcour Sailing Club

March 9, 2009 Minutes

I. In attendance:

J.P. Turgeon, Andy Sajor, Dee Surber, Chuck Surber, Don Duley, Brian Dowling, Tim McCormick, and guest James Leopold.

Approval of April meeting minutes.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Don Duley has informed members that the VSC presently has \$3018.00 on hand. Glens Falls National Bank still has available a line of credit in the amount of \$10,000.00 towards new motors for the committee boat. The insurance renewal policy is due March 30th, 2009 for the VSC. The cost is up approximately \$140.00 from last year, with boat coverage for \$12,000.00 agreed value. Motion to add extra fee of \$270.00/\$20,000.00 coverage, raising the total boat value with new motors to \$32,000.00. Approved 6/0. VSC did not file a tax return for last year. Don will ask Brian White when the last time one was filed. Tim M. has suggested we check into changing VSC status to a corporation. The benefit of this would possibly allow "monetary gifts and donations" as tax-deductions.

III. Race Committee Report:

Committee Boat: Boat is still on trailer at Kjell Dahlen's house. The boat will need to be motored from Plattsburgh to Canada for motor installation, but due to Lake Champlain still iced over, VSC needs to wait for a thaw for safe journey to Canada. Another option

is to check with PBB for use of the travel lift to place the committee boat on a trailer from Gonyo Marina for transport to Canada. Andy has offered to speak with Jim from PBB on this matter. J.P. informed members that new motors are 30% less in price since they are not the motors originally slated for the boat. We're hoping to have the committee boat back in town for the first race in May.

IV. Rear Commodore's Report:

Tim invited James Leopold from Burlington, VT to talk about the Lake Champlain Regatta, and how we could integrate our clubs to bring families, friends, and new sailors together. He suggested we begin with this race, and attempt to bring 10 boats to the starting line. The regatta is on July 25th in Burlington. Moorings on the eve of the 24th are free with a party at Echo on the waterfront. The race is on Saturday, and James offered to set a start line for a race "home" for interested sailors. More information can be found on the web in the next few weeks.

Tim is checking into various venues for the Spring Banquet.

Tim has suggested to have an area on the VSC website for "Commodore of VSC" for mail to be sent to instead of having mail sent to one member, than forwarded to 30 other emails for example.

V. Rater's Report:

Ratings have been changed for J-boats at LCYC. Brian Dowling is still accepting any sailors who need revisions or new ratings for a nominal fee. No new changes have been made for VSC.

VI. Current Business:

Memberships for VSC 2009 season are due. Andy has proposed to skippers who pay on time, the opportunity to sign up for their O.D. duties at that time.

VII. New Business:

Motion made by Tim to add onto VSC website an ad for new members. Class will be a cruising, non- spinnaker with races on Wednesdays and weekends with other PHRF boats. Fee for this year will be \$150.00. Approved 6/0. Tim will draft the ad for Andy's approval.

J.P. will try to contact Sonny Speigel from the Naked Turtle to discuss having a possible meeting place following races.

VIII. Next Meeting:

April 6th-Monday. J.P. will contact Kjell Dahlen for use of the meeting room at Eye Care.