

## **FLEET 15 CONDUCTS SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING “EMBARKED”**

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Following in the tradition of Admiral Nelson before Trafalgar, Fleet Captain David Clark convened the semi-annual meeting of Fleet 15 aboard his flagship “Corryvreckan” on Saturday, 7 July 2007. Although the meeting had been scheduled to convene immediately after the first days’ racing at the Leukemia Cup Regatta, David decided to take advantage of the one-hour postponement of Race 1 (waiting for the sea breeze to fill in) and conduct the meeting on the racecourse, transferring all the other skippers to “Corryvreckan.”

Although the meeting had been expected to be largely pro forma, two important rules changes were adopted.

1. First was a modification of the national J/105 crew limit rule for the three Southern Chesapeake Bay One-Design regattas. As adopted, the Fleet 15 crew limit rule is as follows: “Boats are limited to a total of six adult crew members. Children (under the age of 12) do not count against this limit, but in no case shall a boat’s total crew weight exceed 1100 pounds.”

2. Second was a change to the time adjustment allowed for shoal draft boats. As modified, Rule 9.1.1 of the Fleet 15 Articles of Association now reads: “In all one-design regattas sanctioned by Fleet 15, a twelve second per mile time adjustment will be given to shoal-draft boats.” Adoption of this change is for the 2007 Racing Season only (including the Leukemia Cup), and the issue will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in January 2008.

Several other issues were discussed, including procedures for insuring we get the five-boat minimum at the three Southern Bay regattas, but no formal action was taken. This issue will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting in January 2008. The meeting adjourned as the sea breeze was beginning to set in and the Race Committee prepared to set the course.