

Fleet 15 Conducts Annual General Meeting
By
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A quorum of Fleet 15 Active Members assembled in the home of Fleet Captain David Clark on Saturday, January 12, 2008, and business for the Annual General Meeting of the Fleet was conducted in accordance with the published agenda.

The highlight of the meeting was discussion of the one-design racing program for 2008. As was done during Fleet 15's inaugural campaign in 2007, the one-design racing program will be centered on three regional regattas in the Southern Chesapeake Bay:

- a. Southern Bay Race Week, Hampton, VA, 30 May-1 June 2008.
- b. Leukemia Cup Regatta, Deltaville, VA, 12-13 July 2008.
- c. Stingray Point Regatta, Deltaville, VA, 30-31 August 2008.

Discussion centered on ways to enhance participation in the Southern Bay Race Week event. For 2008, J/105 one-design entries will be sent to Rich Payne, not the regatta organizers. Rich will coordinate closely with the regatta organizers and submit all entries as a block once he has collected the requisite five entries for a one-design start. In addition, the Secretary has corresponded with Fleet 3 in Annapolis, seeking their participation and offering the inducement of a J/105 Chesapeake Bay Challenge, pitting the top two boats of Fleet 15 against the top two boat of Fleet 3 at Southern Bay Race Week and the Screwpile Light Challenge. Two Fleet 3 boats have indicated that they are strongly considering coming down to Hampton for the regatta. The Secretary distributed copies of the 2008 Sailing Instructions for the three-regatta, 15-race series, which will also be posted on the Fleet 15 web site.

The meeting also dealt with several administrative matters:

- a. The nominating committee reported that the current slate of Fleet 15 officers had agreed to serve for an additional year, and there being no nominations from the floor, the current slate of officers was re-elected unanimously.

- b. Reporting on behalf of the Fleet Treasurer, Fleet Captain David Clark noted that the national Class Association had raised its annual dues from \$25 to \$35, and it was therefore necessary to raise Fleet 15 dues for Active and Associate Members from \$35 to \$45. This recommendation was adopted by the voting members present, who also paid their dues on the spot. The Fleet 15 Treasurer will pay the national dues for national Class Association members out of the funds collected. Because there were few local expenses, the Treasurer reported a modest end of year balance, so dues for local members will remain at \$10 annually.

c. Fleet Measurer Brad Davis led a discussion of the new requirement for 2008 that all J/105s participating in one-design events must obtain a weight certificate in accordance with procedures outlined in Exhibit 7.3C of the Class Association Rules. After some discussion, it was agreed that Brad will coordinate with individual Fleet 15 members to document compliance with the national requirement. It was also agreed that Fleet 15 will retain its provision to allow a 12 seconds per mile time adjustment to any shoal draft boats racing in our one-design events.