

Fleet 15 Conducts Annual General Meeting
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A quorum of Fleet 15 Active Members assembled in the home of Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott on Saturday, January 9, 2010, 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 2010. As was done during Fleet 15's campaigns in 2007, 2008 and 2009, the one-design racing program will be centered on three regional regattas in the Southern Chesapeake Bay:

- a. Southern Bay Race Week, Hampton, VA, 4-6 June 2010.
- b. Leukemia Cup Regatta, Deltaville, VA, 10-11 July 2010.
- c. Stingray Point Regatta, Deltaville, VA, 4-5 September 2010.

Strother Scott noted that for 2010, the social activities for Leukemia Cup would probably be moved to another location in Deltaville (rather than the FBYC Clubhouse), but that racing plans for that and the Stingray Point Regatta were basically unchanged from previous years. Rich Payne reported on recent discussions with the organizing authorities for Southern Bay Race Week and distributed to the meeting a three-page packet of information on the 2010 version of the event, which includes a customized entry form. Rich also reported that he had sent a copy of the packet to Carl Gitchell of Fleet 3 in Annapolis, and Carl told him that he would present the information at Fleet 3's Annual General Meeting, held the same day as the Fleet 15 meeting. As in the past, Class Association members should send their entry forms to Rich Payne, who will hold them until he has the necessary 5 entries for a one-design start, and then submit them as a bloc to the Organizing Authority. The three page packet of information will be posted immediately to the Fleet 15 website (see "Schedule" Page). Note that as of the end of the Annual General Meeting, two Fleet 15 skippers had already given Rich their completed entry forms.

The meeting also dealt with several administrative matters:

- a. The nominating committee reported that Brad Davis had asked to be replaced as Fleet Measurer, since he is in the process of selling his boat, and that Cyane Crump, principal owner of "She Crab Soup," had volunteered to serve in the vacated position. The other Fleet 15 officers had agreed to serve for an additional year, and there being no nominations from the floor, the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was approved unanimously.

b. Fleet Treasurer Strother Scott reported that since national Class Association dues had risen by \$5.00 for 2010, annual dues for Fleet 15 would be \$50 for Owners and first Co-owner, \$40 for additional Co-owners and Associate Members), and dues were collected from all Members and Associate Members present at the meeting. 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. Two technical issues were discussed:

(1) The meeting voted to delete paragraph 9.1.3 from the Fleet 15 Articles of Association. This provision was copied from Fleet 3's Articles in 2006, and required that boats competing in Fleet 15 events have bottom paint.

(2) After some discussion, it was agreed that Fleet 15 will retain the compromise 9 second per mile handicap for shoal-draft boats competing in Fleet 15 events.