

## **Thursday, Jan 13, 2022**

January planning meeting by Zoom; 7:00 PM: Matthias calls meeting to order.

- Vacant positions: Social activity chairs, and Social media chair. The search is open!
- Calendar discussions. All details are captured in the draft 2022 calendar, included below.
- New and most recent boats – Scirocco and the new boat will be titled soon. Howard and Steve have worked through DNR's process of obtaining new titles for boats built in the 1970s and 1980s....
- Chris will update the membership site for 2022 registrations.
- Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

### **NIHSA 2022 Calendar**

#### **January**

13, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
28, Friday: Happy Hour and a Half

#### **February**

10, Thursday: Planning Meeting,  
24, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half

#### **March**

02, Wednesday: Spring Virtual Open House  
10, Thursday: Planning Meeting,  
16, Wednesday: Instructor Meeting  
19, Saturday: Selby Bay Sailing Center, boat preparation work day  
24, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half  
26, Saturday: SBSC, work day (backup day)  
29, Tuesday: Basic Training Intro Class, 7:00 PM

#### **April**

02, Saturday: SBSC, Boat Launch Day  
05, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 1  
07/08, Thursday/Friday: Expo at NIDDK Scientific Conference  
09, Saturday: SBSC, Basic Training Ride-around  
12, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 2  
14, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
19, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 3  
21, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half  
24, Sunday: Fun Sail  
26, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 4

#### **May**

03, Tuesday: Basic Training Class 5  
10, Tuesday: Basic Training, Review class  
14, Saturday morning: May Regatta  
15, Sunday: Fun Sail  
17, Tuesday: Basic Training Exam

19, Tuesday: Basic Training Graduation Party/Planning Meeting  
28-30, Saturday-Monday: Memorial Day Cruise

### **June**

02, Thursday evening: Racing Clinic, classroom  
04, Saturday: Racing Clinic, Selby Bay  
09, Thursday: Planning Meeting,  
18, Saturday morning: June Regatta \*, *Solstice regatta Fleet 42? (Solstice June 21<sup>st</sup>)*  
23, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half  
25, Saturday: June Fun Sail

### **July**

2-4, Saturday to Monday: 4th of July Cruise  
09, Saturday morning: July Regatta  
10, Sunday: July Fun Sail  
14, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
16, Saturday: 1 pm Crab Feast (all afternoon)  
21, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half

### **August**

07, Sunday morning: August Regatta  
11, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
14, Sunday: Fun Sail  
25, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half

### **September**

3-5, Saturday-Monday: Labor Day Cruise, Big Boat Experience  
08, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
18, Sunday morning: September Regatta  
22, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half  
24, Saturday: Fun Sail  
25, Sunday morning: backup Regatta date

### **October**

01, Saturday morning: Hot Shot Regatta  
02, Sunday morning: Backup date for Hot Shot Regatta  
08-10, Saturday-Monday: Columbus Day Cruise  
13, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
15, Saturday morning: Second backup day for Hot Shot Regatta ?  
16, Sunday: Fun Sail  
27, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half

### **November**

05, Saturday morning: Boats out of the water<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
10, Thursday: Planning Meeting  
11-13, Friday-Sunday: Veterans Day, Cruise  
17, Thursday: Happy Hour and a Half  
24, Thursday: Thanksgiving

### **December**

09, Friday evening: Holiday party

## **Thursday, Feb 10, 2022**

Matthias calls meeting to order at 7 pm (Zoom):

Old business:

- Nastaran Zahir will be the NIHSA Social Chairperson; Maureen and Tom Madden volunteered to be on the Social Committee.
- Ryan Fickes will take over as social media chairperson. He will take on the Facebook admin position, and will work on a picture sharing platform. Maybe revitalizing Flickr?
- Sergey will continue as Racing Chairperson 2022.
- Chris and Ryszard will coordinate fun sails as Fun Sail Chairpersons.
- Herb Geller will continue as chartering chair.
  
- Calendar: Fleet 42 will have the solstice regatta on June 16 and 17. Can we move our NIHSA regatta to Saturday, June 11?

New business:

- Discussion of strategies for advertising our open house. The open house will be on March 2 (virtual). The class will begin in 6 weeks. Betsy has a copy of the flyer, will update for 2022. Zoom is set up
- Fellow-L: Julie Dyll will post.
- Andi sent the open house announcement to the NIH Record, and to R&W (David Brown), and to Julie, the NIH official who publishes the daily announcements.
- Flyer may be distributed through the active member mailing list.
  
- We need 100 winch handles for the class – Dennis S will order from David.
- We already have commitments for 23 instructors for the basic training class.
  
- Merchandise:
  - We will add reusable bags to the package for students, and for members to purchase.
  - T-shirt design: oval with chart insert of the Bay. Background color: lime green or burgundy, by vote of the club. Matthias will send voting request out.
  - T-shirt will be printed in April.
- Boat naming contest is still outstanding. Taffy will send a writeup to Matthias on the contest.
- Sail maintenance in Ming's basement, we may need a date to meet for a sail repair.
- Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

## **Thurs, March 10, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Matthias, Commodore

- T-shirt vote: Maroon as color for 2022
- 48 entries for boat naming contest.

- Open house on March 2 was success with 40 participants.
  - Students: right now, we have 22 people signed up; one more FellowL announcement next week will be planned. (Julie); R&W – maybe one more round needed. Betsy will contact David Browne.
  - Boat cover and sail repair at Ming’s house last weekend – great activity.
  - Membership: about 80 people have signed up for the year.
  - NIHSA needs a deputy racing chair – Sergey might be leaving this season.
  - Instructor’s meeting will be next Wednesday (Zoom)
  - We may have a second in-person instructor’s event, maybe with David Neff?
  - Boat work on 3/19 in Selby Bay: Steve and Dennis are preparing.
  - Poster session/Zoom room at the NIDDK annual science fair meeting in April. NIHSA will have an opportunity to present the club. Steve and Chris will participate.
  - Next monthly meeting – in person if the weather is nice, otherwise we’ll hold it on Zoom.
- Adjourned at 7:40 pm.

### **Thurs, April 14, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Matthias, Commodore

- 48 entries for boat naming contest. “Diablo” was chosen as the winning name. Suggested by Jana: winning a half-day charter and a T-shirt. “Diablo” is a name of a wind in Southern California, related to the Santa Ana winds in the Bay Area. It blows into the inner San Francisco Bay Area from the direction of Mount Diablo.
- Students: We have a class of 34 students.
- Boats are launched. Chartering will open now – water temps have reached 55°F.
- Next meeting: At Taffy’s, Graduation Party.

Adjourn around 7:40 pm.

### **Thurs, August 11, 2022: Jana’s backyard**

7:10 pm: Commodore Matthias calls the meeting to order.

**Crab Feast recap:** Matthias thanks everyone who contributed to the success of the crab feast! \$300 profit was made because crabs were cheaper than projected in the cost proposal. Thanks to David, we did not need to rent tables.

**Racing** – in the last regatta, we again only had 4 skippers signed up. Members discussed how to spike more interest for 2023:

- Proposal to organize a racing clinic in the spring 2023.
- Practice regattas combined with spinnaker clinic?
- Relaunch an informal racing program?
- Members could add visual elements to the racing reports? Pictures? Movies?

Additional thoughts on the racing program:

We need SOPs to protect the racing sails. Our racing vice race chair will prepare an SOP.

**Fun Sail** coming up next Sunday: – 3 people per boat, 5 boats, fun sail booked. Waiting list!

**Basic training recap:** 33 students signed up in 2022. Only 9 have finished all onboard sails.

- Only 5 passed the docking exam (but this may be an undercount).
- We had 6 drop-outs during in-class session in 2022.
- How to improve? Ultimatum to be done with onboards by Labor Day?

**Labor Day Cruise** – 4 boats chartered from Solomons.

- Destination: Honga river, dinghi raft-up party (because chartering rules exclude raft ups).

**Around the room:**

- Could the reefing system of the club's flying scots be standardized? One-line reefing system?
- Chris is planning to replace the back of the NIHSA shed, materials = about \$200, need to schedule a date, and team. Possibly in October, to be coordinated via email. David may pitch in for materials, and we will replace rotted lumber.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

**Thurs, September 15, 2022: Meeting in Shelagh's and Milt's yard.**

7:15 pm: Commodore Matthias calls the meeting to order

- **Budget report:** We currently have \$2000 more than last year
- **Basic training:** we currently have 7-8 students who finished their onboards
- **Fun sail:** students can sign out the boats, and this will count as a charter towards unrestricted rating.
- **Report from the Labor Day cruise:** there were 4 boats out of Solomons, nice weather. The destination was Mill Creek, in the Honga River.
- **Upcoming:** we are planning a **Work Day**, any time other than mid-October (22<sup>nd</sup> of October will work) to tackle the repairs of the NIHSA shed.
- Milt presented the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to the members – a worthy cause to support for NIHSA!
- Meeting adjourned around 8 PM.

**November Planning Meeting (notes provided by Betsy Furlong):**

Present – Earllaine (host), Antonio, Dawn, Betsy, Charlene, Barbara Rehermann, Peter P, Milt, Jana, Nicholas, Chris, Julie Dyall

- **Holiday Party**  
Where to have it? Consensus was to see if Herb and Nancy were willing to host and stay in town if the answer is yes. Marina is a backup – weather too unsure.

- Boats out of the water  
Everything got done. Sails, boat covers and turtle busters are at Ming's. Taffy took several lengths of rope for repair. The centerboards are okay but there are two Dennis wants to take a closer look at before signing off as OK. And the whole event only took a little over 2 hours!
- Shed maintenance October 22  
Per Chris Hatch: on October 22nd, Peter vG, Dennis, Herb, David, and Chris removed the old/rotted panels on the back of the boat shed, repaired the support boards underneath, and attached new panels. Herb and Dennis also replaced and primer painted the wooden frame surrounding the vent in the front right corner of the shed. After construction, Peter and Chris painted the back of the shed with several coats of primer paint. After the successful (rescheduled) Fun Sail on October 30th, Chris caulked the seams and corners. After helping take the boats out of the water on November 5th, Peter vG and Chris painted the back with one coat of blue topcoat paint, and Chris went back and painted the back of the shed again, as well as painting most of the rest of the shed again with the same blue paint. David is very pleased with the result and is going to send me a check to reimburse me for what I spent on paint and caulking. He will also reimburse Dennis for what he spent for the lumber and screws used.
- Basic Training  
Summary for the season
  1. Out of 34 at beginning, 5 dropped out = 29 students
  2. 16 completed onboard instruction, 13 passed the docking exam
  3. Two students completed everything to become unrestricted helmspersons
  4. Ten students let us know their volunteer activity
  5. Four students have sent certificates for the MD Boating Safety course.
  6. Sent email today again – four students responded that they wanted to continue their training and will get back to us next season
 Thoughts for the upcoming season?
- Social / Media / Merchandise  
Updates? Charlene said she still has t-shirts to sell, & if anyone wants hats ordered, to let her know.
- Budget  
Currently, we have \$16,280.09 in Truist bank and \$799.97 in our Paypal account.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Q below.
- Anything else?

Chris told us a “lesson learned” that he experienced on the Big Boat Labor Day sail, regarding life vests. He was swimming between boats at the Honga River anchorage and realized, with the wind and current, that he was struggling and returned to his boat. Milt also stated that he realized the current was pulling him away from the boat and returned sooner than he had planned. Lesson

– vests can save you at a time you don't even realize you are in danger; don't be blasé about using them.

Antonio volunteered to do the Racing Clinic this spring – need to double check with Peter P to make sure this works for him, whether he wants to lead, be involved, or hand over the tiller.

Milt and Peter discussed briefly their roles as “nominating committee”, process still to be finalized.

### **Holiday Party, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Hosted by Peter van Gelderen  
Wonderful turnout of enthusiastic members!

Charlene brought designs for past t-shirts, and it was suggested that possibly we could go retro this year and pick one or two designs from a previous season for this season.

Matthias presented awards for members of the social, basic training, membership, and merchandise committees, and for the Fleet Captain, for their on-going above-and-beyond work with NIHSA. The Commodore's Award went to Charlene Schramm for her outstanding work supplying members with t-shirts, caps, burgees, shopping bags, and fleece jackets; and for lugging all of the above to club events!

Matthias also auctioned off clocks with an image of the Chesapeake Bay (his design and manufacture!) and sailing bags, to support the boat fund – members enthusiastically bid against each other!

The 2023 Board was nominated and elected by acclamation:

Betsy Furlong, Commodore;  
Steve Bailey, Vice-Commodore;  
Maureen Madden, Rear-Commodore;  
Ulla Buchholz, Secretary;  
Andi Balbo, Treasurer; and  
Fleet Captain, Dennis Seuferling.