

NE DISTRICT 2023 SUMMER MEETING MINUTES

District Commodore - Bob Shapiro

District Secretary - Nathan Cunningham

1. Call to Order – **Meeting held via Zoom and called to order by District Commodore Bob Shapiro at 7:05 pm ET, August 21, 2023**

2. Roll Call of Fleets

- a. Fleet 301-Lake Champlain
- b. Fleet 493-Bow Lake
- c. Fleet 332-Squam Lake
- d. Fleet 273- Lake Massabesic
- e. ~~Fleet 121-Merrimack~~
- f. ~~Fleet 145-Spoford~~
- g. Fleet 189-Marblehead

Fleets in attendance: Lake Champlain Fleet 301, Bow Lake Fleet 493, Squam Lake Fleet 332. A quorum was met (minimum two fleets present).

Members in attendance: Bob Shapiro, Nathan Cunningham, Emma Hawko, Gregory McGinnis, Claire Gormley, Bill Fastiggi, Nathaniel Hendrickson, Rob Dresser

Visitors: Bill Bogardus, Laura Jeffers

3. Past meeting's minutes

- a. **Motion made by Emma Hawko to dispense reading of past minutes. Motion seconded by Claire Gormley--passed unanimously.**

4. Treasurer's report

- a. **Motion made by Gregory McGinnis, seconded by Nathan Cunningham, to accept treasurer's report as written. Passed unanimously.**

5. Unfinished Business (from Summer/Winter 2022-23)

- a. 2023 remaining schedule

- i. Massabesic Regatta 9/16-9/17
- ii. Bow Lake Regatta 9/23

- b. Trophy locations

- i. District Master's trophy – **Bob Shapiro**
- ii. District Women's trophy – **Claire Gallagher**
- iii. District Circuit Championship – **Bob Shapiro**
- iv. District Championship – **Justin Coplan**
- v. Junior District Championship – **Claire Gallagher**
- vi. Len Pratt Trophy – **Vermont Sailing Partners**
- vii. Last awarded to Pat MacQueen in 2021
 1. Nominations to be submitted via email/Slack to Nathan
- viii. Sportsmanship award – **VSP**
 1. Last awarded posthumously to Kip Hamblett in 2021
 2. Nominations to be submitted via email/Slack to Nathan

- c. Goals for District – big picture

From last time:

- i. Bob Shapiro: more boats sailing in New England District

1. **Discussions regarding Fleet racing around the district. Bill Fastiggi commented on lack of participation in VT**
 2. **Rob mentioned that there are a few boats in Spofford who would benefit from joining up with NELD for next year's events. Rob sent contact info for John Rudd (Spofford sailor) to Nathan**
 - ii. Lightning Lab in 2024? "Community Day" for new sailors instead of Lightning Lab?
 1. **Discussion about hosting Lightning Lab at Malletts Bay, but not enough commitment amongst boat owners (per Bill Fastiggi)**
 - d. Follow-up on standardized documents for hosting/running a regatta
 - i. Sample NOR – Nathan Cunningham and Claire Gormley
 - ii. Sample SI – Nathan Cunningham and Claire Gormley
 - iii. Checklist of items, to-do's, and best practices for District Championship and NE regattas (i.e. budget, required equipment, staff, post-racing debrief, introducing visitors) – Bob Shapiro and Raoul Posmentier
 - iv. Create guidelines for race officials and participants to better understand RRS, prevent rule abuse on racecourse, assist sailors in the event of a hearing – Gregory McGinnis
 - e. Future NE District events
 - i. Distance race for 2024 at Squam Lake or Lake Massabesic
 1. **Bob to reach out to Ted H. about creating a plan for 2024 distance race**
6. New Business
- a. Planning 2024 schedule
 - i. **2024 ACCs options (in order)**
 1. **Marblehead HH Regatta Series July 25-28 (good logistics & PR, may have to moor boats) – Point of Contact: Bob**
 2. **Centerboard Yacht Club, Portland, ME (good facilities, potentially developing area for Lightnings) – POC: Bill Bogardus**
 3. **Sunapee (2 hoists & ramp, geared towards big regattas, lake conditions) – POC: Rob Dresser**
 - ~~4. **Duxbury (ramp launching only)**~~
 5. **New Bedford Yacht Club (hosted in 2014, good wind in Buzzards Bay)**
 - ii. 2024 Districts
 1. **Co-District event (NE & CT/RI) June 15-16 at Hingham Yacht Club in Hingham, MA. Schedule confirmed by officers of both districts.**
 - b. Electing new District officers for 2024
 - i. **Elected unanimously**
 1. **Nathan Cunningham, Commodore**
 2. **Emma Hawko, Secretary**
 3. **Bob Shapiro, Treasurer / Past Commodore**
7. Adjournment
- a. **Motion to adjourn made by Emma Hawko and seconded by Claire Gormley. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.**