

## Cortez Racing Association

Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024,  
Location: SWYC

1. Call to Order: 1835

Roll Call: Dale Geaney, Chuck Bowers, Jerry Lewis, Colleen Cooke, Keith Ericson, Shelly Raming, Rich Chambers, Ryan Rogers, Lynsi Gibbons, Susi Graff, Margo

2. Quorum – YES - *Article V: Section 7. Meetings: A regular meeting shall be held each month. Seven Officers shall constitute a quorum.*

3. Introduction of Guests: Carolyn Sherman

4. Announcements: *NONE*

5. Review and Approve Minutes: July 11, 2024 – *approved YES unanimous*

6. Treasurer's Report to include Accounts Receivable – *about \$14,000 in bank, current Class One Yacht Services bill of about \$5600 – spent about \$41,000 on RC Boat DC since acquiring it – some bills still coming from Beer Cans*

7. Email Votes - NONE

8. Old Business

### **CRA Race Check List -**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kLpicb\\_YzPcxa6udOI8pwK46ZLPEvoFu1lrSH91AQ/edit?ts=569810eb#gid=2135070042](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kLpicb_YzPcxa6udOI8pwK46ZLPEvoFu1lrSH91AQ/edit?ts=569810eb#gid=2135070042)

a. Beer Cans - *went well*

b. Commodore's Cup, 7/13,14 - *some disappointment with food – confusion with finish line – Susi suggests having crew onshore finishing boats – Colleen indicates difficulties with getting crew on shore – and maybe a finish boat in San Diego - Both Rich and Colleen spoke against the finish boat in SD for two reasons. First, we do not beat all the boats to the finish. Second, we, too, would like to get to the dock in order to unload the boat after the overnigher and make it to the after race party*

c. Sharp HospiceCare Regatta, 8/24/24 – has Sharps gotten a photographer? *Margo to talk to Sharps (Brad Alberts)*

- d. Dennis Conner Around the Coronados, 9/14 – *on track*
- e. Halloween Regatta, 10/26 – need: permit, photographer – *working on it*
- f. Fall Regatta, 11/16 – need permit, photographer – *working on it* – *Margo needs to confirm with Sasha Rodic about sponsor*
- g. RC boat “Dennis Conner” – monthly report by Colleen Cooke – *Wood rot repair along port side of main cabin mostly completed and removal of black mold and repair of onboard refrigerator repurposed as an ice box with adequate drainage – coupler had sheered off transmission – while transmission was in shop it was inspected and looked great – Downing Family Foundation is likely to offer a grant to assist in paying these bills*
- h. SDAYC Awards – Ryan Rogers nominated Chris Seidel for Peter M. Curtin Sportsman Award – *Ryan to talk to Rich about how to submit the nomination - Jerry might submit Bob Madruga for rescue award*
- i. Add the USSA Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) to all CRA races, based on either *Nearshore* or *Coastal* courses – *Motion: Commodore’s Cup will be near shore – discussion – Vote: YES 7, NO 3, Abstain 1*

Ryan Rogers suggests the following list of Coastal SER requirements be dropped

- a. 2.5.1 Dewatering Pumps - A boat shall have a permanently installed manual bilge pump of at least a 10 GPM (37.8 liter per minute) capacity and which is operable from on deck with the cabin closed with the discharge not dependent on an open hatch. Unless permanently attached to the pump, the bilge pump handle shall be securely attached to the boat in its vicinity via a lanyard or catch. A bilge pump discharge shall not be connected to a cockpit drain. The bilge pump shall not discharge into a cockpit unless that cockpit opens aft to the sea.
- b. 3.1.4 Harness - Each crewmember shall have a safety harness and compatible safety tether not more than 6'7"(2m) long with a minimum tensile strength of 4500 Ib. (20kN). The tether shall have a snap hook at its far end and a means to quickly disconnect the tether at the chest end.
- c. 3.2.1 Jackline - A boat shall carry jacklines with a breaking strength of at least 4500 lb. (20kN) which allow the crew to reach all points on deck, connected to similarly strong attachment points, in place while racing.

- d. 3.7.1 Crew Overboard Sling - A boat shall carry a Lifesling or equivalent man overboard rescue device equipped with a self-igniting light stored on deck and ready for immediate use.
- e. 3.7.2 Crew Overboard Equipment - A boat shall have a man overboard pole and flag, with a lifebuoy, a self-igniting light, a whistle, and a drogue attached. A self-inflating Man Overboard Module, Dan Buoy or similar device will satisfy this requirement. Self-inflating apparatus shall be tested and serviced in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. These items shall be stored on deck, ready for immediate use, and affixed in a manner that allows for a "quick release".
- f. 3.8.1 Fixed Mount VHF - A boat shall have a permanently installed 25-watt VHF radio connected to a masthead antenna by a co-axial feeder cable with no more than a 40% power loss. Such radio shall have DSC capability, have an antenna of at least 15" (381mm) in length, be connected to or have an internal GPS, and have the assigned MMSI number (unique to the boat) programmed into the VHF.
- g. 3.9 AIS - All boats shall have an AIS Transponder, sharing a masthead VHF antenna via a low loss AIS antenna splitter. An acceptable alternative is a dedicated AIS antenna that is a minimum of 0.9 meters long, mounted with its base at least 3 meters above the water, and fed with coax that has a maximum 40% power loss. AIS requirement for Coastal is effective January 1, 2024.
- h. 3.15 Crew Overboard Button - A boat shall carry an electronic means to record the position of a man overboard within ten seconds. This may be the same instrument listed in 3.14.
- i. 3.16.2 EPIRB / PLB - A boat shall carry either a 406MHz EPIRB which is properly registered to the boat, or a floating 406MHz Personal Locator Beacon, registered to the owner with a notation in the registration that it is aboard the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS
- j. 3.18 Depth Sounder - A boat shall have a permanently installed depth sounder that can measure to depths of at least 200 ft. (61m).
- k. 3.20 Charts - A boat shall have non-electronic charts that are appropriate for the race area.
- l. 3.33.1 Mainsail Reefing - A boat shall have a mainsail reefing capable of reducing the luff length by at least 10%
- m. 4.3.2 - Safety at Sea Training

9. New Business

- a. Holy Toledo West – *owner has not replied to CRA request to inspect the boat concerning SERs required for the Commodore's Cup – Holy Toledo West's has asked for a redress hearing concerning the Commodore's. It is scheduled for 8/13 - Concerning response to email from Tim Forderer, owner of Holy Toledo West – Commodore Chuck Bowers will respond by email saying: "CRA intends to follow the procedures and guideline prescribed by U S Sailing"*
- b. Given Ho to be given the award for being winner of 10 of 10 during the Beer Cans at SharpHospice Regatta
- c. Concerning handicap ratings for our racers for next year – *Motion: move away from ORR EZ and move to ORC Club – Vote: YES unanimous*
- d. Next year boats planning to race with a spinnaker must use ORC Club ratings except those using ORR (boats normally racing in what has been recently Class Zero – very fast/large boats like Stag Hound) or those racing one design – *Vote: YES unanimous*

10. New Member applications sent by email for approval vote since the last meeting – NONE

11. New Member applications (in need of approval)

David Newland – Regular

Thomas Bosch – Regular

Dallas Lucus – Associate

*Approve all three above – Vote: Yes unanimous*

12. Directors Reports:

Commodore: *no report*

Vice Commodore: *vacant*

Rear Commodore: *no report*

Fleet Captain: *no report*

Secretary: *no report*

Treasurer: *no report*

Communications Director: *no report*

Director at Large: *not present*

Director at Large Ways & Means: *no report*

Junior Staff Commodore: *no report*

PHRF Representative: *mentioned some high lights of Minutes posted on PHRF SD web site*

Membership Director: *no report*

Race Committee Chair: *MarkSet Bot awaiting parts*

10. Adjourn 2109

11. Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2024