

**Roll Call:**

BHS

BLS

BAB

New bedford voc

Haverhill

Lowell

Ab

Mystic valley

Medford

Worcester public

Hingham

Somerville

Shrewsbury

Ww

Crls

Duxbury

**Treasurer Update**

\$18,000 in the bank.

Lowell and Pat have made our race slightly ahead of breakeven.

We currently have and need to have a goal of maintaining a surplus in case we must cancel a regatta.

We are in good shape!

Long term: How can we solve launches, tents, etc. to take the load off rentals

Costs about 20k to run the regatta

We could refund some money, but not all if a regatta had to be canceled.

Event Insurance? Haven't looked into it, making a note.

**Catie - President Update**

Fall regatta tends to lose some money. Trying to find ways to make it not.

LLRA is not running our regattas. Please let us know if there are ideas to improve both of our races otherwise we will continue as we have in the past.

Regatta day is May 26th

Rosters the **Friday** before regatta day please

If you need to pay via your school/athletic department let Catie know so we can get it done

**Brian** - this is our regatta, need to shift thinking to make this work in terms of volunteers. Quality is dependent on us providing the services we can provide. Sell it to our families as "this is our regatta" . It's up to us to increase the quality of the race. We run it.

- Every launch you bring you get an entry comped
- Volunteers are huge. We need them to run the regatta.  
Launch drivers are hugely helpful
- We've been doing okay, but it's something that always needs to be on our mind.
- Trying to take the burden off of Lowell

Holly: She creates a signup genius at the beginning of the year for volunteer signups. It is helpful to get parents on board.

KC: LRA has closed its doors and she is now the LRA. There's a lot to host, but they need help at every regatta. Race course installation and removal is a thing that is weighing on our minds.

Course goes in May and goes out 2 weeks after MPSRA.

Refs is tricky, if you know anyone.

### **Conversation Notes on adding a 4V8 event to the spring**

4V8 event. In the fall, not in the spring. There is interest. How do we feel about it?

No one against

Do we have a minimum? If there's not more than one boat they get run exhibition in the other event

It sounds like the team running a 4th boat is being punished.

Can't get a medal for beating no one

What's the solution? We could do a composite event? Can race up a level and still earn a medal.

Ollie: Letting them race is still better than not racing. We're splitting the difference by letting them race. Better than just canceling

Brian: Not opposed to changing our definition of an exhibition row. If they medal in the upper race, they get a medal that doesn't bump someone, and no team points

Exhibition medal - categories within a race.

If they can't make a final then it's moot

Design regatta to best case scenario. If there's only one boat we move them to the upper boat

If there's two we can run the race

They can get the time trial, but can't kick a member boat out

Pat: How do we get a 4th boat in

We've stretched the schedule for things in the past to try and double up

Preliminary entries? Week of May 7th we ask what your plans are and we can make plans from there. Not binding

If equipment is a limitation let us know and we can do our best

Catie: Adding 4v, we will do the preliminary entry, and we can shift from there to do our best to get everyone racing

Do we want Octs? Wasn't really an official event previously, was just thrown together by the race organizers. If there's an interest we can put it in, but we need entries

Need to assign roles more specifically for volunteers. If they know who the volunteer is and why they're there.

Does anyone have a big tent for the finish line? What size? Last year was 2 10x10s. Could use Put something on registration to donate things like tents if teams are willing to get things going. Use it as a sponsorship?

Portapotties? Is there enough? Can we get more at the beach?

Yes, probably.

Elections for board

Holly and Connor Hayden terms are up

We can have up to 6 more

Holly and Connor are nominated, 2nded, and voted

Mitch volunteered himself and was 2nded

All voted in

By law change?

Currently says MPSRA was started because the public schools couldn't race the private schools

Should we start this as a full state championship? Including all schools, not just public schools.

Several years ago DCR said they would sponsor (cover some cost) it for a full state championship

Could start as a fall thing

Worth thinking about for the fall to get more boats racing for teams that don't go to HoFish

Move to form a committee in the future to discuss it

Mike says yes.