



BULLSEYE SAILING ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 16, 2021 at 1600 via ZOOM
VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND PROXY

Dear Member,

A request has been made by the Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC), host club of this summer's 2021 Bullseye Nationals, for a **ONE-TIME** reduction in the required number of races attempted in normal, safe conditions to FIVE regatta races down from the SEVEN regatta races required under our Rules for Regattas. Please see the Background section of the Proxy page for further details.

The Constitution of the Bullseye Sailing Association mandates that **ANY** changes made to the Rules for Regattas must be made by the members at the Annual Meeting with one-month advance notice of any change **or** by a Special Meeting intended to vote on any change, again, with one-month advance notice (BSA Constitution, Article VII – Revisions to Association Rules). As you are aware, the 2021 BSA Annual Meeting has already been scheduled and the request from the SBYC came after the required one-month notification period for voting on changes. Rescheduling the 2021 BSA Annual Meeting has been deemed impractical, therefore a Special Meeting is being called to vote on the following proposal:

1) Proposed ONE-TIME change to the Rules for Regattas, Section 7, 7.1

In order to vote, please read these instructions carefully and do the following:

- 1) Read the proxy in its entirety carefully.
- 2) Vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** the proposed one-time change to the Rules For Regattas.
- 3) In order to complete the form, you may:
 - a) print, fill out, scan, and return via email.
 - b) if you have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may use the "Fill & Sign" function and return via email.
 - c) you may print this form, fill out, photograph the form (using a smartphone or digital camera), and return via email.
 - d) If you cannot return the proxy via email, you may print, fill out and mail it to the BSA Secretary Laura Hallowell at the address provided below.

PROXIES ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 5:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE A BSA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO VOTE

4) Once you have completed your proxy, please return it via email to the BSA Secretary at laura.hallowell37@gmail.com, or via US Mail to Laura Hallowell, 37 High St., Rockport, MA 01966.

Thank you,

Windsor D. Coffin
President

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PROXY

PROPOSED ONE-TIME CHANGE TO THE RULES FOR REGATTAS, SECTION 7.1

BACKGROUND – The SBYC 2021 Nationals Co-Chairs, Laura Hallowell and Jo-Ann Lavigne, have determined that local participation could be maximized if the SBYC was to only schedule FIVE regatta races as opposed to the required SEVEN as outlined in the BSA in Section 7.1 of our Rules for Regattas. Their request is due to COVID challenges and due to the older average age of the skippers in their fleet. They feel that the most important thing is to get sailors from all clubs together again; it would be disappointing if most of the SBYC fleet lost access to the event because of the requirements of their age.

The following quote from SBYC Nationals Co-Chair’s email to the BSA President:

We have plenty of people in our fleet who are willing to pitch in to make the Nationals go well, but probably only Connie and Laura would be willing to attempt 7 races, with 5 on Saturday. Why? Skipper ages of 88, 86,85,82,78,78,78,73, and maybe 45-ish but new to racing. Laura would probably withdraw from races 4 and 5 on Saturday so that she doesn’t require knee surgery as she did after her last Nationals.

As such, the following motion would be for a **ONE-TIME** reduction in the required number of races attempted from SEVEN to FIVE. Should this vote be approved, and for some reason the 2021 Bullseye Nationals be moved to another location and run by an Organizing Authority other than the SBYC, this one-time change will become null and void. The new host would then be required conform to Section 7, 7.1 in its original approved form as currently stated in the BSA Rules for Regattas. Should this vote be rejected, the SBYC will publish an amendment to Section 9.4 of the regatta NOR indicating a seven-race series will be attempted as per the BSA Rules for Regattas Section 7, 7.1. For reference, Section 7, 7.1 reads as follows:

7 Schedule of Races

7.1 The Race Committee will attempt to complete 7 races.

Do you approve the motion to allow the ONE-TIME change of Section 7, 7.1 to the Rules for Regattas from SEVEN required race attempts to FIVE solely for the 2021 Bullseye Nationals at Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA and solely for this location and Organizing Authority?

FOR **AGAINST**

MEMBER NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

