

# 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Our 2024 Annual Meeting was held on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Killingworth Library. Coffee and Donuts were served.

The following Skippers were present: Bill Dempsey (Commodore), Steve Rottier (Treasurer), Joe Koziel (Vice Commodore), Steve Butler (Secretary), Grant Thomson (Incoming Club Secretary), Bill Walker (Commodore Emeritus), Ron Rhault (Commodore Emeritus), Steven Esposito, Jack Evans, Kelly McGowan, Brad Mead, Paul Odegard, Ched Proctor, Al Schober.

Agenda and discussion Items:

- 1) Grant Thomson was formally introduced as our Club Secretary effective 1/1/2025.
- 2) Change our sailing schedule to once a week in the Winter? No change.
- 3) Change our temperature criteria to the 42, 44, 46 range, it is now 38 degrees. No change.
- 4) Shorten-up sailing times in the winter (1 hour vs 1.5 hours)? No change.
- 5) Change sailing start time to noon, expecting it to be warmer? No change.
- 6) Keep score year-round so sailors can keep track of their progress. This suggestion was approved. Rotating Skippers

will sit out and keep score on Sunday's or ask for a Volunteer. Wednesday's will be, as decided, weekly.

7) Vice Commodore will oversee Social Events. Joe will review, with suggestions in the Spring. Possibly, starting with a tune-up party.

8) Do we want to increase our Social Media visibility to promote interest in the Club? No decision at this time, Jack will advise, and it was suggested Donna Barrett and Bob Lempicki have good experience in this area.

9) Do we want to make the Club a 401 (C) 7 organization? Grant has set up this type of Non-Profit before. It would require registering with the State (a several page online form), and annual reporting fees of roughly \$50. The benefit would be a bank account in the name of the Club instead of the personal account of the current treasurer. Steve Rottier is content with handling treasury as is and the subject was tabled. (To be revisited at next year's annual Club meeting)

10) Ron Rhault brought up a proposed scoring modification to follow Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing with minor changes to accommodate our series. A written explanation will be sent to all club members before the Spring Series starts.

11) It was approved to work towards a CR, DF and Summer Invitational. All would be on their own weekend.

12) It was approved that Ron Rhault and Jack Evans would be honored for the [Annual Brian Jobson](#) Award. The recipients are chosen for their, above and beyond, contribution to the Club. Bill Dempsey is working on a trophy/plaque to inscribe the names of those Honored, annually.

13) Bill Dempsey presented the following 2024 Winner Plaques:

**2024 Spring and Fall Series 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.**

**CR-914 Spring Series**

1<sup>st</sup> Bill Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Rottier

**DF-95 Spring Series**

1<sup>st</sup> Bill Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Rhault

3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Evans

**CR-914 Fall Series**

1<sup>st</sup> Bill Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Evans

3<sup>rd</sup> Don Barrett

**DF-95 Fall Series**

1<sup>st</sup> Bill Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Rhault

3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Evans