

**Dixie District Meeting Agenda and Minutes**  
**December 5, 2009**  
**Davidsonville, MD**

**Attended, in person:** Commodore Werner; Secretary Thompson; Treasurer Johnson; Fleet Captains Roberts (Fleet 50); Compton (Fleet 192); Brickell (Fleet 329); Mikell and Prior (Fleet 253); by phone: Buczkowski (Fleet 509) and Parry (Fleet 513)

1) Dixie District Championships

- a. 2010 location. Proposed location currently is Rock Hall YC, June 12/13

Discussion:

Will be run in conjunction with the 2010 Rock Hall Invitational.

Lightnings and two or three other classes will go in one circle – possibly Hamptons and Comets. Another circle will include the Albacore Nationals. We requested that Lightnings get first start in their circle.

Rock Hall now has 2 cranes, floating docks, and an under-construction breakwater.

Lodging possibilities include camping; low-cost dorm rooms at Washington College 10 miles away, and hotels in Chestertown, 20 miles away, plus numerous B&Bs (which fill up fast).

Rock Hall is known for its excellent Race Committee work.

Meeting attendees expressed concern about the relatively high cost of the Invitational entry fee, and recommended that the fee for the District Championships be kept to under \$125. Chuck Parry said this might be possible, if the District purchased the trophies.

We tentatively agreed on the Rock Hall location, pending approval by the Rock Hall club.

- b. Other interested fleets for 2010? None
- c. 2011 and beyond location? Each Fleet Captain was directed to reach out to their respective fleets to offer dates for future District Championships so that we could set up a full rotation to be published later this year. Fleet 50 volunteered for 2012
- d. Rotation schedule? See above

2) 2010 District schedule:

- a. Schedule all fleet's events.

Purnell Cup Regattas:

- May 1 – 2: Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup at Leesylvania (Fleet 50)
- June 12 – 13: Dixie District Championships at Rock Hall (Fleet 513)
- August 21 – 22: Duck Challenge at Havre de Grace (Fleet 192)

- September 18 – 19 (or possibly 25 – 26): SMSA Small Boat Invitational; date TBD (Fleet 508)
  - October 16 – 17: SSA Frigid Digit (Fleet 329)
  - October 23 – 24: Pennsylvania Governor's Cup at SYC (Fleet 253)
  - November 6 – 7: Hampton Fall Fling at HYC (Fleet 509), Tentative.
- b. Rehoboth and Fishing Bay?  
No discussion.
- c. Lightning labs: Do them on the water! Susquehanna plans to hold one, Dates TBD. Ditto Hampton.
- d. Team racing HdG/Susq (needs to be on the schedule to prevent conflicts): To be scheduled in September, TBD
- e. Local events:
- SSA No Gas Regatta May 15 - 16
  - SSA Spring Lightning Series, April 17 – 18
  - PRSA Spring Regatta, May 29 - 30
  - SSA Summer Lightning Series 1, June 19
  - SSA Summer Lightning Series 2, July 10
  - SSA Summer Lightning Series 3, July 31
  - PRSA President's/Leukemia Cup September 11 – 12.
  - SSA Fall Lightning Series September 18 – 19
- 3) 2010 ACCs – hosted by Fleet 50 and PRSA at Leesylvania July 24 – 25:
- Fleet 50 and PRSA are committed to making this a success
  - Boats can arrive on Friday and will be met & greeted
  - Measurement – probably not – should do it at Districts instead – Joe Buczkowski will be at Districts and will measure any boats that want to be measured (so that they won't need to be measured at the NA's)
- 4) 2010 NAs (Tom's River, NJ, August 2010) :
- a. Allocation.  
Allocation is by District, not yet set. Will probably be about 10 boats per District. Each Fleet Captain is directed to poll the fleet to get a list of names of Skippers who would go if they qualify, and to let Jason and Todd know. This regatta will serve as a qualifier for the Lightning World Championships and possibly the Pan Am games.
- b. ILCA Dues.  
Get fleet skippers to renew their ILCA memberships (or join for the first time) – District allocations will be based on the number of active skippers.
- 5) Purnell Cup
- a. Winner: Trevor Prior
- b. Any changes to scoring rules: None.

- 6) Road Warrior
  - a. Winner: Trevor Prior and David Thompson
  - b. Any changes to scoring rules: None

7) Yearbook writeups:

These were due 12/1. SSA and Susquehanna have submitted already. Susquehanna was concerned that their 2009 write-up was cut down from what was submitted, without explanation from the Yearbook Committee.

- 8) Board composition  
Any changes? Russ Roberts was elected Treasurer for 2010.

9) Treasurer's report

Any changes to the cost structure recommended?

Yes – checkbook balance will go below \$1,000 this year, based on anticipated spending for Road Warrior hats and District Championships trophies (TBD). Since \$1,000 is the bank's threshold for charging a checking account fee, we agreed that there should be a Fleet assessment this year -- \$5.00 per registered boat – to be forwarded to the District Treasurer this spring.

10) Fleet development discussion

- a. The Commodore would like to see a concentration on fleet development within the District. That means supporting other fleets, as well as supporting your own.
- b. Local events vs. District events?
- c. Winter seminars?  
PRO/RC  
Protest/rules
- d. Regattas are “events”, not just a bunch of races.  
How can we develop more professional styled events but keep the “local” flavor?
- e. Overall attendance is down....
- f. Open discussion

11) New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted 12/7/09,  
David Thompson  
Dixie District Secretary