

America's Cup World Series Host Committee

Marine Affairs Subcommittee

Public Session

March 12, 2012

A meeting of the America's Cup World Series Host Committee Marine Affairs Subcommittee was held on Monday, March 12, 2012, beginning 1:00 p.m. at Rhode Island Economic Development, 315 Iron Horse Way, Providence, RI.

The following subcommittee members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Keyworth (Chair), Dr. Robin Wallace (Co-Chair), Mr. Quentin Chafee , Mr. Tom DeLotto, Mr. Jay Gowell, Mr. Geoff Grout, Mr. Bill Plumb, Mr. Anderson Reggio.

The following staff members were in attendance: Mr. Paul Harden (Dir., ACWS RI Host Committee), Ms. Susan Maffei Plowden (ACEA), Mr. Brad Read (Chair, ACWS RI Host Committee, Ms. Lori Bassett (RIEDC)

Others attending and their affiliations:

Mr. Ed LeBlanc	United States Coast Guard
Mr. Chris Myers	Interstate Navigation
Ms. Ann Souder	Newport Maritime Alliance
Mr. Steven Hall	RI DEM Law Enforcement
Mr. Chuck Moffitt	Newport Yachting Center
Mr. Fred Bieberbach Jr.	Bravo Marine Associates
Lt. Angela Denault	Jamestown Police Department
Chief Edward Mello	Jamestown Police Department
Mr. Charles Donadio	RI Fast Ferry

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Keyworth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked everyone attending to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Mr. Keyworth pointed out two typos from these minutes. A motion was made to accept meeting minutes with corrections noted. Mr. Plum seconded this motion, all were in favor.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mr. Read gave an update on the race management brochure. It should be ready to go to this subcommittee in a few days. This is intended for distribution to anyone maritime related and will be posted on the website.

Mr. Reggio discussed the training of volunteers. Potential training dates are being planned for the second week in June. Volunteers will be able to pick from three different training sessions. Who we need, what we need, and how many are questions that should be answered at the next meeting. Mr. Reggio currently has 12 volunteers for every race day. Three of the ten necessary stake boats are committed.

Mr. DeLotto asked if there is an alternative to the stake boats, maybe an option with a mooring. Mr. Keyworth mentioned that the race course is flexible. Mr. Reggio is the contact for stake boats.

Mr. LeBlanc gave a status on the Coast Guard marine event permit. It is still in the public comment period and has not received any feedback at this time. This period will cease on April 10, 2012 and the permit should be issued shortly after if all goes accordingly. Safety zones cannot be finalized until this process is complete.

Ms. Maffei Plowden, Mr. Reggio, Mr. Keyworth and Mr. Read had a meeting with the local fisherman at Pier 9. The safety zones will be determined by the coast guard and the course will be announced every day at 11:00 a.m. The racing zones will close every day at 2:00 p.m. thus allowing time for the fisherman to attend to their business. There will be periods during the races where boats can be shepherded through the race course if need be. Mr. LeBlanc noted that this is a Coast Guard Safety Zone and we should be hesitant about making commitments of this sort. The race course will be surrounded by spectator boats that might not be willing to move making access inconvenient. Mr. Keyworth mentioned the issue of an uncharted rock and asked about a temporary marking. Mr. Read said an inflatable marker could be used. This will be investigated further.

Dr. Wallace asked if anchoring will be allowed in the west side corridor. Mr. LeBlanc said, no, it will not be allowed.

Mr. Keyworth reiterated the importance of a handout. He suggested a one page document for quick reference.

Mr. Keyworth suggested a task force for frequencies. Dr. Wallace said the Dutch Harbor people asked that channel 69 not be used as it is their working channel. Channels 77 simplex or 88 alpha are the suggested choices. The ACEA will be consulted for their preference. Mr. Reggio and Dr. Wallace will form a task force.

Mr. Keyworth asked if it would be helpful to have someone from the Logistics Subcommittee onboard the Coast Guard boat. Mr. LeBlanc was in favor of this idea.

Mr. Keyworth questioned where tour boats will fit into the events. Mr. Plumb questioned if tour boats would deviate from their regular tours (i.e., Castle Hill) so that the races could be viewed. Mr. Read said that the ACEA people will have flagged vessels allowed in the waters. If a tour boat would like to be hired for one of these roles, they will need to go through the ACEA to get the appropriate flag otherwise they likely will not be within the viewing areas.

Mr. Read suggested a full operator meeting with the tour boat operators which would involve Ms. Maffei Plowden. This will be handled by Mr. Keyworth and he should also involve the Coast Guard. A list will be managed by Ms. Bassett for this purpose. Mr. LeBlanc will be out of town until March 17th so the meeting should be planned after this date.

Mr. Donadio, a ferry operator, asked the best way to get close to the races. Mr. Read suggested he go through the ACEA.

Mr. Read stressed the severity of legalities involved when using the America's Cup brand. The America's Cup logo cannot be used without permission of the America's Cup Event Authority.

Mr. Reggio discussed the Sail Newport Youth Challenge. This will be incorporated with the ACWS. There will be approximately 160 boats involved.

Mr. Read has been approached by the evening sailing groups. He suggested that they move their start times to 6:30 p.m. The America's Cup racing window has been changed; it is now 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Marine Affairs Subcommittee will be held on April 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m. at Rhode Island Economic Development Corp.

At 1:44 p.m., Mr. Keyworth motioned to adjourn. Mr. Plumb seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.