

**RHODE ISLAND STATE YACHTING COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING 25 APRIL 2007**

The meeting was held at the Seamen's Church Institute, Market Square, Newport. The following members were in attendance: T. Hazelhurst, G. Hoyt, J. Magee, W. Muessel, P. Willis, C. Withers, W. Plumb, G. Pike, D. DePetrillo, D. Elwell, H. Herreshoff and R. Wallace - Chairman.

Apologies received from W.H. Dyer Jones, J. Gowell, T. Field, E. Hall.

Absent: E. Carroll, H. Sauer, G.C. Matheson, C. Chapman, M. Keyworth, S. Kaplan, S. Waluk.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated were approved as written. Members were reminded of the April 27<sup>th</sup> deadline for submitting their annual Ethics Commission papers.

Meeting Notices and Minutes now must be submitted in PDF to the Secretary of State's office.

VOLVO Round the World Race – Ken Read had gained sponsorship from 'PUMA' and will work up in Newport. VOLVO is considering Boston as the only North American stop-over in late May 2009. The possibility of a Boston to Newport 'sprint' race with the start of the return transatlantic off Fort Adams would be presented to the race organizers for consideration.

The Chairman reported on a meeting at CCRI concerning safety issues in the upper Bay and Taunton River relating to the proposed LNG terminal in Fall River. The concept of using delaying tactics was suggested by Mr. Herreshoff.

The proposal to create a windfarm off the coast was discussed.

The 2006 expenditures were reviewed by the Treasurer.

Budget. The proposed budget for 2007 was reviewed and approved after discussion.

The State contribution was just over \$19,300 for the calendar year and it was anticipated that the City of Newport contribution would remain at \$25,000 for the fiscal year starting in July 2007.

A request to the Portsmouth Town Council had been submitted and one to Bristol Town Council had been prepared.

Grants to Block Island Race week, the Bermuda Race and other possible profit making events were questioned as opposed to supporting other events that had significant economic impact on the State economy. The Chairman responded that the centennial Bermuda Race in 3006 has an estimated \$.75m economic boost locally in Newport.

The possibility of getting updated economic impact information from sailing events was discussed and a meeting between The RI Economic Development Corporation, local Chamber of Commerce with Performance Research's Newport office was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:30

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. G. Wallace, Chairman.