

## **Steve Tacy's Written Comments from BLSA's December Board Meeting**

below is a copy of what was given to Keeler at tonight's board meeting. It's a shame we did not sit down and talk about it. A good opportunity was missed. Tacy

There are two sides to every story. The U.S. sailing guy heard one side and said the system was fine. I did too after hearing about this first time.

Committee Duty – You should have the option to do Committee Duty yourself or to have someone to do Committee Duty for you. As long as the Committee Duty is carried out. The skipper would be responsible for making sure that his day for committee duty is done. If the committee duty is not done, then the skipper would get a DSQ for those races. If you fail to be responsible for having Committee Duty fulfilled (whether it be by yourself, crew or someone else), it would be a DSQ. Skipper and boat would be allowed to race. If one boat doesn't have to do committee duty and the other boat is required to, it gives the option to the skipper. In trying to build fleets, the DSQ if you are unable to do your assigned day and cannot switch with anyone is what happened to Jet this fall. Under my proposed new system he would not have been DSQ for the two races because he got Roc Doc to cover for him. Jet would be able to throw out the two as DNC's. It didn't make a whole lot of difference for Jet this year as he was not there all that much, but it certainly could and will for boats in the future. The penalty system, I believe, was put in place solely to make sure it was done.

I would also suggest we go back to what we used to use at BLSA for scoring system that averages out the competitors scores throughout the year to plug in their scores for race committee duty. The average number used at the end of the year must be a whole number, rounded up or down 10.49 would be rounded down. 10.5 would be rounded up ect. This seems the most fair and equal playing field for all. When a weighted system is used it can end up helping people at the top of the fleet which it was not intended. There are different ways to build up, depending on #of boats, Red and Blue fleet like Indy uses. All boats sail together until a larger # of boats get on the course, but will be scored with two fleet. Used to have a spring series, summer series, fall series, I would propose we go back to this as well. Get more people in the Hunt.  
Selection Process – Top Finisher – Does that mean Boats, Skippers, Co-Skippers or Whatever? Won't make any difference if anyone is allowed to do committee duty.

When a handicapped system is in place that gives an advantage by not doing committee duty, with the intention to give boats in the lower pack an opportunity to move up the

fleet, it backfires when Skippers in the upper end of the fleet do not have to do Committee Duty as well.

Whatever the majority of the racers want is fine and I'll shut up once the current system is explained to them. I don't believe a survey would show the faults I will show you examples of tonight. It is confusing, at best, to see the flaws until it plays out like this past season. It needs to be explained to the racers. I thought it was an okay system as well when I first heard it. It sounded logical, but as it played out, it has many flaws.

Warndorff was in the top (2<sup>nd</sup> place) of the P Fleet last year and did Committee Duty. Connelly was seventh last year and was penalized with the current system by doing Committee Duty. Warndorff had only one race on his race committee day, Connelly had two races on his race committee day. Had there been two races on Warndorff's committee duty day, he would have had to use an extra throw out for the 2nd race on his committee duty day, rather than the one. Warndorff, with only one race on his committee duty day, was able to use the extra throw out to throw out a (5). If Warndorff had two races on his Committee Duty day, his total score would have been 29 rather than 24. Connelly had 2 races and had to use 2 throw outs for his Committee Duty days which did not allow him to throw out another 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Committee boat duty, ultimately, determined who won BLSA Club Championship. This is wrong. This is supposed to be a sailing competition, not who had to do committee boat duty. Any system will have flaws, obviously we can't control the wind, but the most fair and equitable system should be in place. Just some ideas because I've been told I have nothing but complaints. Time for everyone to kiss and make up and talk this thing thru. We should be able to have different views on things without going ballistic. If the racers vote and support the present system after it is explained to everyone, I will shut my big mouth. If I have offended anyone I offer an apology. Time to move on and act like adults. This whole mess got blown up way too much! Tacy