

San Francisco Bay Alerion Express 28 Fleet One

Annual Meeting Notes

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- Meeting was held in person at Richmond Yacht Club and via Zoom.
- Opening comments. This was a challenging year with Covid and social restrictions, but we were very fortunate to have sailing and the fleet as a regular outlet and opportunity to connect and commune, even if not fully 'in person.'
- Best wishes for Kirk Smith, who is going in for hip surgery on January 19th.
- Nomination and election of officers for 2022 season.
 - Nominations and elections were held for fleet offices.
 - Fleet Captain – Mike Quinn
 - Fleet Measurer – Ron Tostenson
 - Treasurer (Secretary) – John Arnold
 - Activity Chair – Pat Tostenson / Deb Clark
 - Webmaster/Media – Sam Turner / Carey Clausen
 - Executive Committee fleet member – Chris Kramer
- Championship series results for 2021 season.
 - Seven 'yellow' races with five best finishes counting.
 - Zenaida (Fred) – 1st place
 - Allegro non Troppo (Bill) – 2nd place
 - Resilience (Kersey) – 3rd place
 - Jewel (Ron) – 4th place
- Discussion of racing schedule for 2022 season
 - "Yellow" races for AE28 Season Championship. Will be the 'core' of the season and set in venues and dates to maximize turnout of fleet. Fleet Captain will work to assemble a schedule in the coming month.
 - StF YC Spring Keel series in April was suggested by Kersey as a good bet for city front racing with suitable (not crazy) conditions.

- Kers' recent race series was very well received. Mike thought it would be great to have two of these 'private' events be yellow races for this coming year.
- YRA has published their schedule which will hopefully be more stable this year (as with other schedules). Bill Claussen indicated again his desire to to to other clubs and venues in order to grow the fleet. The fleet seemed to agree but feel that RYC continues to have the necessary critical mass for races and events.
- RYC Beer Can series. Heralded again as a great series and way to get on the water. No discussion of our own start line again this year or not. Many seem to like the more 'true' start line.
- Social (non race) events.
 - Everyone seems interested in social events with the idea that many cruise outs could be paired with formal or informal racing 'to and from' the venue.
 - Possible cruise ideas:
 - Tiburon Yacht Club, though they may not have guest docks currently.
 - Benicia YC, particularly if coordinated with the Craft Fair or other special events. Hotel stays could be an option here.
 - Encinal YC.
 - Cruise in (hosted by) RYC.
 - Angel Island.
 - If anyone wants to further any of these ideas or others, let the Fleet Captain know and take it on!
 - Clinics would also be a good way to socialize.
- Sail a Small Boat Day at RYC is on December 4th, 2021. It would be nice ot have some AE28s participate. Good for the community, the club, and the fleet.
- Annual Dues.
 - Dues will continue to be \$25 annually.
 - One boat, one vote...once dues are paid.
 - Nancy Pettengill took in many dues during the meeting. She will hand this off to John Arnold to manage for this coming season.
- Class Rules

- Acknowledgement that we have struggles with class rules and that some in the fleet don't feel the racing is currently fair given the variability in the rules and their interpretation to date.
- Primary issue is with batten spacing in the main sails. But roach in the mains as well as jib clew boards also needs to be addressed.
- Mike Quinn put forward a proposal that he and Ron Tostenson would take up to two weeks to come back to the fleet with proposed language to replace our current Section 9 of the rules. The fleet could then discuss and vote on amendment.
 - Basis of the proposal would be around grandfathering in of current sails and being specific about sail dimensions and configurations.
 - It is noted that the OEM sails have not been consistent over time. If we are successful in adopting language in the fleet, we could talk to the manufacturer about complying as well.
- Closing message of optimism for a good year. Better world health. More personal connection. Fun competition. Seeking unity in the fleet and a welcoming of new faces and boats. Let's go sailing!