

2023 BLYC Racing Spring Newsletter

Greetings from the race committee. Just when it was getting really good someone had to mess with it, not mentioning any names but his initials are Austin Adams. Not great news for us but probably great for Austin, our race chairman has accepted a position with a highly regarded Maine boat builder starting the first week of April. There just isn't any way to replace Austin and his youthful energy so we won't try but we are looking for a third member that is willing to give it a shot. Please contact Tim or Paul and we promise to make it a rewarding encounter.

On a more positive note, we should have plenty of water in the lake this year as a result of all the snow fall as it's just about to break all of the previously established records. The challenge may be dealing with all of the snow depth. Currently there is about four feet of snow in any of the unplowed park properties which means dry storage and some of the other parking areas may be difficult to access by early May. We'll do everything in our power to get the first race weekend off as scheduled but a several week delay might be in our future. Stay tuned to the BLYC.net site and we'll do our best to keep the RACE tab updated.

Jeff Cohen has stepped up and offered to run a new race series called "The Classic Series" just as it states it offers a return to something more traditional with a 1:00 PM start and a more random longer leg type of course. Skippers meeting will be held on the Ranger Deck at 11:00 AM each morning of the three race series and is open to everyone at no charge. Three classes, Open, Spinn, and Non-Spinn will be offered with a focus of a 2-3 hour single race event. This should eliminate any excuse any of us might have for not participating. The event dates don't conflict with other race dates and are currently posted under the RACE tab at BLYC.net and should be attached to this newsletter as well. Tell Jeff thanks next time you cross paths.

In other news after a 20 year break from racing to start a business and raise a family Justin Lee has just purchased a Hobie Magic 25 out of the East to race on Bear Lake. While Justin may not be the spring chicken he used to be he has signed on two youthful ringers to help him with his return. Suddenly the 80-90 rating band is getting pretty tight with almost ten boats.

OK now the messy stuff. As you might be aware, race fees have to go up to keep pace with the club expenses. The season pass which covers every event all year is now \$100.00, up \$15.00 from last year. That works out to about \$4.00 per race if you did them all. Member event fee is now \$20.00 and non-member is \$25.00. The season pass is a deal to say the least. Currently the membership form that we use to collect race fees at BLYC.net has not been updated but should be in the next few days.

Concerns, questions, complaints, or you just really want to be the third member of the race committee call Tim 801-330-2489 or Paul 801-209-0293.