

**Attendance:** The following were present:

**A Division.** Gary Werden-Sharon, Darcy-Duxbury, Rob Jenson-LSRHS, Art Reilly-LSRHS, Larry Lovett-Wellesley, Anna Wiatrowski-Winchester, Joe Griffin – Hingham, Jacon Mayer-MBL

**B North.** Beth Smith-Concord Academy, Gordon Baerd–Gloucester, Hillary –Gloucester, Doug Walker-Landmark, Steve Hall-Pingree, Anthony Leggett-Manchester, Pat Pierce-Beverly, Bob Dugan-Wayland, Angela Hickey-Winthrop/Swampscott,

**B South.** Jesse Hamilton-BLS, Dan O’Conner-Brookline, Scott Greenbaum-Scituate, Julie Struzziery-Norwell/NDA, Reilly Christie-Salem, Mike Hebert-Nantasket

**C Division.** Lexi Taylor-Courageous, Colin Richardson-Newman Prep, , Max Mukhern-CRLS, Seth Oliver-BB&N, Morgan Muschamp-Beaver CD, Elizabeth Schick-Natick, Kimberly Southall-NCDS, Carol Hisson-Windsor

### **Finances**

- Treasurer’s report
  - Last year we spent about \$500 less than we collected in dues. We have \$38k in the bank
- Budget and Dues
  - Dues remain at \$200

### **Election of Officers**

Current officers were re-elected. Gary Werden, Pres, Jessie Hamilton, VP, Tony Leggett, Treasurer, Beth Smith, Secretary

### **Update on NESSA**

The deadline for qualification to the NESSA team race championships (Presidents and Turk) has moved to April 30, making that part of the season shorter. The number of required meets has been reduced from 10 to 8. At least 2 out-of-league meets are required.

### **Update on CBI**

Same as last year.

### **Acceptance of New Teams:**

We welcome Salem to the league.

(Post meeting addition) We welcome a Commonwealth/Newman coop team.

**2023 Divisions**

- **A Division:** Duxbury, Lincoln-Sudbury, Hingham, St. Johns Prep., Sharon, Wellesley, Winchester
- **B North Division:** Beverly, Concord Academy, Gloucester, Landmark, Manchester-Essex, Pingree, Salem, Swampscott/Winthrop, Wayland
- **B South Division:** Boston-Latin, Brookline, Dover-Sherborn, Nantasket, Norwell/Notre Dame, Scituate
- **C Division:** Cambridge, Natick, Needham, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Quincy, Winsor, BB&N, Beaver Country Day, Commonwealth/Newman

**Approve Divisional Rules for 2023 (See Attachment A)**

- Competition formats
- Scoring
- Attachment A was approved

**Approve Rules for Cooperative Teams (See Attachment B)**

- Paragraphs a – g were approved
- Paragraphs h -l were voted down

**Regatta Schedule**

2023 dates	Day	Event	Location
1-Apr	sat		
2-Apr	sun	<b>Courageous Keelboat Kickoff</b>	Courageous
8-Apr	sat	<b>Sharon Invitational</b>	Sharon
9-Apr	sun	Easter	
15-Apr	sat		
16-Apr	sun		
17-Apr	mon	vacation	
18-Apr	tue	vacation	
19-Apr	wed	vacation	
20-Apr	thu	vacation	
21-Apr	fri	vacation	
22-Apr	sat		
23-Apr	sun	<b>Donald Greene *</b>	Cochituate
29-Apr	sat		
30-Apr	sun	<b>Linda Juliano</b>	Cochituate
6-May	sat	SAT test	
		<b>Freshman - Sophomore</b>	Duxbury

7-May	sun	<b>NESSA TR Champs Pres/Terk</b>	MIT
		<b>NESSA TR Champs Pres/Terk</b>	MIT
13-May	sat	<b>O'Day Qualifiers</b>	Various
14-May	sun	<b>O'Day Finals</b>	Marina Bay
20-May	sat	<b>MBL TR Tournament</b>	Sharon
		<b>NIT/Baker</b>	Minneapolis
21-May	sun	<b>NIT/Baker</b>	Minneapolis
22-May	mon	<b>MBL Championships</b>	CBI
23-May	tue	<b>MBL Championships</b>	CBI
27-May	sat	<b>Herreshoff</b>	Various
28-May	sun	<b>Herreshoff</b>	Sail Newport
29-May	mon	<b>Memorial Day</b>	
30-May	tue	<b>MA States</b> ?????????????	
31-May	wed	<b>MA States</b> ?????????????	

**\*Date for Donald Greene is tentative**

**New Business**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.  
 Attachment C was approved permitting the limited participation of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders under special circumstances.

**Head-to-Head Meets Scheduling**

Members from the divisions met and established their schedules.

## Attachments

### Attachment A

For the 2023 season, the MBL Procedural Rules shall be amended by replacing “9. Divisional Provisional Rules” with the following:

#### 9. Divisional A and B Provisional Rules

The following procedural rules are in place for the separate divisions of the MBL; these rules and requirements are subject to approval of the active member schools in each division at the annual meeting.

##### a. A Division

- i. Membership in NESSA and ISSA is required. Teams must register for consideration for the NESSA Team Race Championship and meet the requirements to qualify. Teams that do not meet this requirement shall move to the B Division for the following year.
- ii. Participation in at least one NESSA-sponsored regatta during each academic year is required.
- iii. Each team in the division must sail a team racing meet against every other team in their division. Any such meet that is not sailed or forfeited before the end of the regular season shall be scored as a loss for both schools involved.
- iv. Any time two schools in the division participate in a team racing meet more than once during the regular season, only one of the meets shall count toward the league standings. Other meets must be deemed to be scrimmages before the meet commences and scoring shall not be used in the division standings.

##### b. B Divisions

- i. Membership in NESSA and ISSA is strongly encouraged, but not required.
- ii. Scoring An Elo scoring/ranking system shall be used to determine all conference and divisional standings. All teams will be ranked in the same system. Divisional and conference standings will be determined by sequencing the rankings of each team within the division and conference.
- iii. Scheduling In order to be eligible for trophies a team must race at least 3 teams within their division and at least five different teams in total. Racing outside of conferences and divisions is encouraged. All meets with A or B Division teams, regardless of conference, count towards the ranking. A second meet between two teams also counts towards the rankings. A third meet does not.
- iv. Cancellations and Forfeits A team forfeits a meet if it fails to report or fails to cancel without reasonable notice and/or unforeseen circumstance. Weather determinations shall be made by noon on the day of the meet. There are no other penalties for NOT sailing a meet.

**c. Team race tournaments.** The A Division tournament will have a maximum of eight berths and the B Division tournament will have 4 berths. Berths will be awarded and seeded according to Elo ranking three days before the event.

**d. Divisions and conferences shall be as follows:**

**A Division**

Duxbury, Lincoln-Sudbury, Hingham, St. Johns Prep., Sharon, Wellesley, Winchester

**B Division**

**Conferences:**

**B North-** Beverly, Concord Academy, Gloucester, Landmark, Manchester-Essex, Pingree, Salem, Swampscott/Winthrop, Wayland

**B South -** Boston-Latin, Brookline, Dover-Sherborn, Nantasket, Norwell/Notre Dame, Scituate

**e. Trophies shall be presented as follows:**

Conference Winner + runner-up for each conference scored

A Division winner

B Division winner

A Championship TR Regatta winner

B Championship TR Regatta winner

## Attachment B

For the 2023 season, the MBL Procedural Rules shall be amended by adding the following:

### 10 Cooperative Teams

- a. Cooperative (conglomerate) teams are defined as teams made up of members from more than one high school. In allowing cooperative teams, the league wants to increase participation in our sport without compromising the principal of a school-based organization. Our ultimate goal is to have high school teams associated with one high school. Recognizing the difficulty of this in some instances, the league allows cooperative teams when a school cannot form a team of their own. When a school can form a team, they should do so.
- b. Cooperative teams are generally limited to two schools. A third school may be added if it is in the same town as one of the two others.
- c. Cooperative teams may compete in the B and C Divisions only.
- d. Membership in the league must be approved in writing by the athletic director or principal of each school. Each approval shall include a designation of a host school or host sailing organization that is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the team.
- e. There shall be a 2-year review to determine if there is still a need for a cooperative team or if the schools can form teams on their own. Teams that fall below the minimum number of students from one of the schools, but have historically met numbers requirements, should be renewed for one 2-year period to get a chance to rebuild their numbers.
- f. If a cooperative team is dissolved and a school no longer has a sailing team, a student from the school with no team, may continue as a member of the team of the remaining school until graduation if: (1) they have already been on the cooperative team and (2) have the permission of their Athletic Director or Principal.
- g. Teams and or schools that meet most but not all of the requirements may appeal to the board of directors for acceptance as a cooperative team.

## Attachment C

For the 2023 season, the MBL Procedural Rules shall be amended by adding the following:

### 11. Eighth Grade Students

The league is a high school-based organization, but recognizes that there are circumstances where a team does not have enough students in grades 9 – 12 to compete in an event. The league allows seventh and eighth grade students to compete under the following conditions:

- h. No seventh or eighth grade student may compete if there is a student in grades 9 -12 available to sail and possessing sufficient skill to fill their position (in the coach's judgment.) (Note: Just because there are 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders available does not mean they have the skills to skipper.)
- i. No more than one seventh or eighth grade student shall compete in an A and B fleet race or 2 on 2 team race, and no more than two seventh or eighth grade students shall compete in a 3 on 3 team race.
- j. Seventh and eighth graders may compete in B and C Division events only.
- k. A roster of the varsity sailors from each school wishing to use a seventh or eighth grader shall be given to the league president by April 1 of each season. The roster shall include any seventh or eighth grade students who may compete in the circumstance of a lack of high school students. In the event of academic ineligibility or injury to a sailor, the roster may be amended with the approval of the board of directors.