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Dear Skipper,

You're reading this because you have either volunteered to do Race Committee or you have been selected by the EBYRA Lottery to do Race Committee. Doing race committee can be fun, but realistically, there is no getting around the fact that it's an "anxiety producer" for most crews doing it! If there is one facet that most EBYRA participants feel needs attention, it's Race Committee!

There are usually an average of 65 boats with up to 400 people out there. They and the EBYRA board are counting on you to run a successful event. Last year, the entire EBYRA Board and the rest of the management team made a unanimous commitment to partner with all the skippers and crews doing committee. Toward this end, we have instituted some changes to help assure your success. Before the racing season begins, we have scheduled a selection process whereby an experienced and apprentice skippers and crews will be paired.

We compiled this EBYRA Race Committee reference containing procedures and guidelines, course selection matrixes, shape time sequencing guide and a sample/practice finish sheet. We are going see that **one** of these manuals will be in the hands of each prospective committee skipper as soon as you're selected. You will no longer be presented with any new or unfamiliar material to digest as you're leaving the dock!

It is our hope and intention that the contents be looked over by the crews, and that it generate some appropriate "what if" and "I don't understand" discussions. In the weeks preceding your committee duty, you are invited and encouraged to talk to any of the designated EBYRA contact people. Explore all of your "what ifs" and resolve any questions. Don't wait until the committee boat is casting off the dock line!

Lastly, the contents of this entire manual will be available to anyone who wants one, at our web site. We realize that it helps if the people on the water can anticipate what the RC is supposed to do next. The web site access will also make it possible to update and to revise the information easily.

All of us are sincerely optimistic that we can take a positive step forward in what is already recognized as a premier weekday night event in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

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