

At the June 2014 board meeting a committee was tasked with reviewing current standing SBCC policies, by-laws, and organizing documents to determine member expenses that are eligible by practice, tradition, or rule, for reimbursement.

After a thorough review of the aforementioned documents, this committee can find no restrictions that exist.

The only mention of limitations to be found indicated a policy discussion which took place on August 27, 1990:

***“There was a discussion as to the cost incurred by a Rendezvous host boat at a rendezvous for food, etc. with regard to different programs that may have been put on at the rendezvous.***

***Although there was no motion or vote with regard to the above discussion, it was the general feeling that in the past, such costs have not been absorbed by the club.”***

It would appear that the intention of the above entry was to avoid underwriting the expenses of regular weekly Rendezvous activities. By extension it would also appear that this would likely include weekly Regatta activities such as twilight races.

However, it should be noted that the board made it very clear that they had no desire to address these issues with any more than a “discussion” and a “general feeling” while underscoring that “no motion or vote” was made in order to establish a policy in this regard.

The SBCC’s long-term health has been based on putting enthusiastic individuals into positions to improve the club. It would appear that previous boards recognized that hard and fast rules could quickly become outdated while also limiting creativity. This way of thinking can be best summed up in past Commodore John Davis’ policy book entry from 2004-2005:

***“Committee Chairpersons and the SBCC Board must decide each year what is best for the club and its members. We should not feel confined or restricted by decisions made at Board Meetings in years past. Changing times and the needs of our members require constant adjustments in our policy”***

The findings of this committee are that any associated expenses of any events or activities that are supported by the Chairperson, Commodore, and General Board are, and have always been eligible for reimbursement.

The committee’s position is that this report explores, clarifies, and affirms existing club policy. Because no changes are recommended, a vote is not applicable.

Committee:

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