



Fleet 5



2007 Officers' Meeting Minutes Guilford Yacht Club Sunday, September 9

Attendance:

Joanne Albano, member-at-large
Bob & Marilyn Clark, former Captain
Don & Jean Flintzer, former Captain, Measurer
E.J. Hodes, Vice-Captain
Tom Lanzilli, member-at-large
Thom Reeves & Doug Smith, Secretary & Membership
John & Linda Reilly, former Captain
Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes, Captain

At 10:45 Richard called the meeting to order.

1. Status and update on remaining events in 2007: John & Linda reported that no one had offered to help out in the SCAP event on Saturday, Sept. 15, partly due to the conflict with the Newport Boat Show. He was concerned that the fleet was not showing much interest. But we decided that we should give it another try next year especially if we get the available dates more in advance. We will make it part of the 2008 Fleet 5 calendar.

Val Zicko reported via e-mail that they had 8 people confirmed to participate in the dinner at the H2O restaurant at the Newport Boat Show on Sept. 15.

We will hold the November meeting at the North Shore Yacht Club in Port Washington, Long Island. We are planning on a pot luck dinner. Each participant will help pay the \$200 cost for using the facility.

2. Events and activities in the 2008 calendar: We will hold the Winter Meeting on January 6 at the Ruvo Restaurant in Port Jefferson. Thom Reeves & Doug Smith will coordinate.

The Spring Meeting will be on April 6 at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes will coordinate.

Our Memorial Day Weekend will be at the Guilford Yacht Club. We may have a race around the buoys on Sunday. Richard & Keila will coordinate.

Our Summer Cruise is scheduled to take us up the Hudson River to West Point for their July 4th Celebration. The dates are June 28th to July 13th. The Cruise Committee consists of: E.J. & Shayna Hodes, Bob & Marilyn Clark, Jackie & Paul Bogacki and Don & Jean Flintzer. We discussed a number of things including possible

ports-of-call and number of days we spend in West Point. A final itinerary should be presented to the fleet at the November Fall Meeting.

We will have a rendezvous in West Neck Harbor of Shelter Island on the weekend of August 9th & 10th. Thom & Doug are coordinating.

Our Labor Day Weekend will again be at Deep River Marina with an excursion up the river to the Goodspeed Opera House. Cheryl & Elwin Schwartz will be asked to coordinate.

We will return to the Annapolis Sailboat Show on the weekend of October 10th to 13th. We will ask David Isaacs if he will coordinate the event for us.

The Officers' Meeting will be at the Guilford Yacht Club on September 7th with Richard & Keila coordinating.

Our Fall Meeting will be on November 9th. A host and venue will be needed.

3. *Committee reports:*

Frank Strafaci & John Santana will continue to head up the Fund Raising Committee.

Jim Meador is working on requirements for a possible Fleet 5 mooring ball at Fisher's Island.

4. *Cruise Etiquette and Fleet Cook Book:*

Bob Clark reported that the etiquette had been written up and was posted on the Fleet 5 website. There will still be a few minor changes.

Bob also mentioned that there has been little participation in the Fleet 5 Cook Book. But we will again present it at the Fall Meeting.

5. *Candidates for Secretary and Webmaster:*

Thom mentioned that having handled the office for 14 years and with an anticipated retirement and planned winters in Florida it was time to try to find another Secretary. He and Doug proposed that the office be divided up into Secretary and Newsletter Publisher. He would be willing to continue to publish the newsletter but needed someone else to be secretary. Joanne offered her services as Secretary and agreed that she would rather not have to publish the newsletter. This change would necessitate a change to the By-Laws. It was agreed to take the office description of Secretary and take out the sentence about publishing the newsletter. The office of Newsletter Publisher would be created. In ARTICLE V the office of "Newsletter Publisher" should be added to the slate of the annually elected officers.

Val Zicko had stated that she no longer could handle the website and asked for a new Webmaster. Tom Lanzilli offered to take on the office and was appointed to it.

6. *Changes to the By-Laws:*

In addition to the changes about the office of Secretary it was discussed whether or not we should continue to require the Captain to be a Catalina 36 owner. It was decided that the Captain should be a Catalina 36 owner but a clarification should be made in the By-Laws stating that "at the time of election the Captain shall be a member of Fleet 5 and own a Catalina 36." If the Captain should no longer own a Catalina 36 then a new captain should be elected at the next Fall Meeting.

7. Nomination of 2008 Officers:

The nominations for officers will be:

Captain: Richard Toth; Vice-Captain: E.J. Hodes; Secretary: Joanne Albano; Treasurer: Dot Salzberg; Membership: Doug Smith; Newsletter Publisher: Thom Reeves; Measurer: Don Flintzer. Tom Lanzilli was appointed Webmaster.

8. Finance/treasurer's report:

We discussed Dot's finance report that a few of us received via e-mail. A question arose about the reporting of monies surrounding the summer cruise. Richard explained that with the incomes of sponsors' contributions, raffles, and sales of extra t-shirts and other merchandise the summer cruise was a positive cash flow. We also discussed the possibility of raising dues instead of using raffles and other devices for fleet income. It was decided that we continue with the \$30 dues and our present operation for the time being. We made a statement to ourselves that Fleet 5 should attempt to make every event financially self-sufficient.

9. Prospective New Members:

Doug mentioned that of the 10 envelopes of promotional material available at the Fleet 5 desk at the Catalina Yachts East Coast Rendezvous, 7 were taken. We gained 1 new member (Charlie & Linda Puls) at the event and are looking to see if any of the others will respond. We have a present membership of 55 yachts. [Editor's Note: the number is 56.]

10. Other Ideas:

Linda presented an idea to promote women's participation and responsibility in sailing by taking one day of our cruise and having all the women get together on 1 boat. It was emended to state that each couple reverse roles to force women to take a more positive role in skippering. This could even be done while we are dingying in harbor. Although the basic purpose of the plan was lauded by all, the logistics would need to be worked out. The cruise committee was given the task of trying to work it in.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 with thanks to Richard for such a good meeting.