

Winter Meeting, January 6, 2008

at

Ruvo Restaurant, Port Jefferson, NY

There's something to be said about flat seas and no wind, especially when you are on a ferry crossing Long Island Sound in January. For those of us who took the ferry from Bridgeport, we were thankful for that. Upon our arrival we were greeted by other members who were able to provide car transportation from the port to the restaurant, although some preferred to walk on such a pleasant day.

As we rounded the corner onto Wynn Lane, the aromas beckoned us. The dreary January landscape was soon left behind as we entered the brightly decorated Garden Room of Ruvo Restaurant. Once again thanks to Thom and Doug (*Carter-Creagh*) we were in for another gastronomical delight!

In attendance were Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*), E.J. Hodes (*Precipice*), Joanne & Joe Albano (*mystic sea*), Thom Reeves & Doug Smith (*Carter-Creagh*), Pam Bercian & Rick Bunting (*Kallipygos*), Bob & Marilyn Clark (*Snowflake II*), Carol & Wayne Deming (*Freeport*), David & Naomi Isaacs (*Shalvah*), Joyce & Tom Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), Charlie & Linda Puls (*Seapulse*), Bill & Elaine Schneider (*Taliesin*), Tom Senator & Donna DiTroia (*Breathless*), Griffin & Carol Walling (*Windfall*), and Tom & Val Zicko (*Wine And Roses*).

The sit down dinner started with Calamari Fritti and Mozzarella di Fresca followed by a salad of Organic Greens. The main course was a choice of Chicken Parmigiana, Seared Salmon or Linguini Ragu, all of which were a visual delight as well as delicious.

To move things along, Rich started the meeting @ 1:30 while dessert, Chocolate Mousse cake, was being served.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 11 meeting (Thom Reeves) were accepted as sent by e-mail.

Officers Reports: Rich mentioned some free winter workshops coming up: January 26, "Spring Commissioning," February 23, "Navigating" and March 15, "Connecticut Cruising." He also mentioned that hull #1 of the new Catalina 375 would be on display at the New England Boat Show in Boston.

E.J. reported that we are looking for more sponsors. If you know of anyone you can contact him through the website or e-mail.

Thom asked for suggestions for the newsletter. It may get too lengthy with more submissions. An option might be to have the minutes posted on the website.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,540.54 as of January 1, 2008.

Doug reported that we now have 38 yachts paid for 2008 out of a total of 53 members. Also that a former member, Al Kahn (*Two-Tonic*), has rejoined.

Tom reported that the website is operational and the calendar has been revised to make it a lot easier to read. The Fleet 5 section has been revamped. A nautical mile chart has been added. A flag etiquette section is a work in progress. Tom is looking for input. Protocol varies depending on the source. The member only section is password protected. There was a discussion about what should be confidential. There has been little action on the Forum. The question arose whether or not we should open it up to other fleets. The International groups are much more active. There was a move to open the message board to other Catalina Fleets. We will get more information on area Fleet activities as well.

Old / New Business:

Bob Clark (*Snowflake II*) provided a bucket of boat cleaning supplies from West Marine for the raffle. There were also 2 bottles of wine. Three drawings and finally we had a winner for the cleaning supplies, Tom Senator (*Breathless*). The wines went to Val Zicko (*Wine and Roses*) and Thom Reeves (*Carter-Creagh*). The raffle raised \$150.

Bob Clark reported that so far only 4 boats have registered for the summer cruise, June 28 – July 13, 2008. The cruise will be in NYC for the July 4th fireworks and then make their way up to their last port at Haverstraw. Members can sign up for the cruise on the Fleet website.

The report from the Mooring Committee is that we are still on the list for Stonington and Noank and we will resubmit for West Harbor.

John & Linda Reilly (*Shenanigans*) are researching a date in August for the Fleet to work with SCAP.

David Isaacs (*Shalvah*) reminded us how precious our friends are while recalling the loss of 2 LISCA members (Denise & Gerry Bassi) in an automobile accident on Christmas Day in Florida. Also that LISCA is offering a Raymarine seminar in Port Jefferson on Feb. 23. Information will be posted on the website. There is a combined Fleet 5 LISCA event on March 16 at West Marine in eastern Connecticut. 10% off electronics and 15% off other items.

The Spring Meeting, April 6, 2008, will be held in the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. It is hosted by Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*) and Jim & Melissa Meador (*Odyssey*). It was suggested that we may visit Hellier Yachts first and then head over to the Academy for lunch in the Officers' Mess. There will be an open bar, a tour of the facilities and a guest speaker from the USCG.

The 3rd annual Memorial Day weekend will be at Guilford Yacht Club, May 24-26. 7 boats, 14 members have been confirmed. There are now more members hailing from the Guilford Yacht Club, including: Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*), Bob & Marilyn Clark (*Snowflake II*), Carol & Grif Walling (*Windfall*), Joyce & Tom Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), Debbie & Jeff Robinson (*Sea Turtle*), Linda & John Reilly (*Shenanigans*) and Jim Meador & Melissa Patterson-Meador (*Odyssey*).

Calendar:

June 6-8 LISCA's Oyster Bay raft-up.

August 9-10 Rendezvous: West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island. [Editor's note: the date has been changed to August 2-3]

August 30– September 1 Labor Day weekend in Deep River and Port Jefferson

September 7 Fleet 5 Officers' Meeting at Guilford Yacht Club

October 10 – 13 Annapolis Boat Show. David Isaacs has booked rooms at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD. Contact him for room information. Doug and Thom will be in charge of food for the weekend.

November 9, 2008 Fall business meeting. It will be at the home of Wayne & Carol Deming (*Freeport*).

Fleet 5 merchandise is for sale: burgees, hats, Tee shirts & stickers. You may order on website.

If anyone would like to share technical tips, Tom Senator would be happy to edit and submit them for the next newsletter.

Two new events are planned for the upcoming 2008 season: "*How to handle and operate the boat in an emergency*" and "*How to sail at night.*" Anyone interested in volunteering or participating should contact Richard Toth. Both events will be at the Guilford Yacht Club. No dates have been selected.

Doug wanted us to know that the Fred & Marilyn Sprigman (*Islander*) will hold an open house on Feb. 12 in Venice, Florida for snow bird members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Joanne Albano, Secretary