



Fleet 5



2008 Officers' Meeting Minutes Guilford Yacht Club Sunday, September 7



Attendance:

Richard Toth (*Mai Toi*), Captain; E.J.Hodes (*Precipice*), Vice Captain; Joanne Albano (*mystic sea*), Secretary; Doug Smith (*Carter-Creagh*), Membership Chair; Thom Reeves (*Carter-Creagh*), Newsletter Publisher; Tom Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), Webmaster. Also in attendance were Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*), Marilyn and Bob Clark (*Snowflake II*), Past Captain; Joyce Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), John Reilly (*Shenanigans*), Past Captain; and Members-at-Large, Bill & Georgie MaGuire (*Amere*) and Jim & Melissa Meador (*Odyssey*).

Richard called the meeting to order at 10:15 with the **status of remaining 2008 events**.

The Annapolis Boat Show, Columbus Day weekend, and the **Fall meeting** November 9 at the home of Wayne and Carol Deming in Ledyard, Ct. Information for both are available on the website.

Richard also reported that there was good participation at all the events this year, including the Grandparents weekend at West Neck Harbor. Channel 71 is working as the Fleet's communication channel, so well that a member from Long Island reported hearing Guilford Yacht Club members calling for docking assistance!

Next on the agenda was setting dates on the **calendar for 2009**. The following were agreed upon and will be brought to the November meeting for general membership acceptance:

- **January 11 Winter meeting in Port Jefferson**, most likely at Ruvo Restaurant. We need a host for this event.
- **February 12-15 Miami Boat Show** will be marked on the calendar for those wishing to attend.

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- **March 29 Spring Meeting** – We need a host.
- **May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend**, Guilford Yacht Club, Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes will host.
- **June 14 Safety & Skills Day at Guilford Yacht Club.** Someone needed to coordinate. This could include CPR, Basic First Aid and MOB drill.
- **July 4-19 Summer Cruise to Chatham, MA.**
- **August 5-9 Moonlight sail to Block Island.** Depart @ 10PM from Guilford Yacht Club and arrive at Block with dawning light. This is the date of a full moon. Cloudy weather date, August 6.
- **August 14-16 Grandparents Weekend at West Neck Harbor,** John & Linda Reilly, host.
- **September 7 Labor Day at Goodspeed Opera House in Deep River, Ct.** A host is needed.
- **September 13 Officers' Meeting at Guilford Yacht Club**
- **October 9-12 Columbus Day Weekend, Annapolis Boat Show**
- **November 8 Fall Meeting.** Place to be determined.

While setting the calendar there was much discussion about how to present it to the general membership. "Do members feel left out of the process because the officers set the dates?" It was decided that discussing dates with a large number of people would result in too much discussion and no dates would be finalized. The officers set the dates for 2009 and will present the calendar at the November meeting for acceptance by members. Rich liked the idea that the calendar doesn't change much from year to year. It stays pretty consistent giving people the ability to loosely plan ahead from year to year.

By-Laws changes:

It was decided that a By-Laws change for the requirement for Fleet Captain to own a Catalina 36 would be put out to the membership for comments along with the ballot for officers. Everyone felt member input was important.

The position of Measurer was discussed. The decision was made to keep the position, but it will likely be vacant until the time when needed, at which point someone will be appointed.

A new position, Navigator or Route Planner, was proposed. Jim Meador will explain to the membership in detail at the November meeting. This would be an active role since there are changes that occur of which sailors would need to be advised, such as in "Notice to Mariners." Liability of the Fleet will need to be researched if this becomes an official office.

New member requirements will remain as written.

Nomination of Officers for 2009 year:

- Captain – Richard Toth
- Vice Captain – E.J. Hodes (unless he finds a replacement)
- Secretary – Joanne Albano
- Treasurer – Dot Salzberg
- Measurer – vacant
- Membership Chair – Doug Smith

- Publisher – Thom Reeves
- Webmaster - Tom Lanzilli
- If approved: Navigator – Jim Meador

Summer Cruise Committee - July 4-19

Itinerary was presented by Bill Maguire. The cruise begins in Stonington, includes stops in Dutch Harbor, New Bedford and Quissett before arriving at the final destination of Chatham. Return trip includes Oaks Bluffs, Cuttyhunk and Block Island before heading home.

Treasurers Report - \$3280.59

It was noted that the raffles and auctions have been successful. Also use of e-mail and website has decreased need for postage.

Membership:

Doug reported there are 55 active yachts with 2 pending applications.

Fundraising Committee:

Frank Strafaci & John Santana will continue fundraising.

Mooring ball Committee:

Carol & Grif Walling will take on the mooring search. Still trying for Fisher's Island, Stonington, Mystic River and Sag Harbor.

SCAP Committee:

John & Linda Reilly will probably schedule SCAP for June date.

Website updates:

Richard would like more members to use the forum to communicate and exchange experiences. This should begin with the officers. It's a great resource for our Fleet.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Albano, Secretary