



# Fleet 5



March 30, 2008

## Spring Meeting at United States Coast Guard Academy

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Numerous times Joe and I have traversed the Gold Star Memorial Bridge on our way to our boat, *mystic sea*, glancing up the Thames River to view the Coast Guard Academy. Today, we were at the Coast Guard Academy looking up at the massive expanse of the bridge, a different view indeed. Thank you to our Captain Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*) and Jim Meador & Melissa Patter-son-Meador (*Odyssey*) for hosting the event. The Academy grounds provided a beautiful setting for our spring meeting. The sailboats in the water and the sports fields viewed from the Alumni Center where our meeting was held, were harbingers of the spring weather to come and our sailing season which could not be far away. The



Richard, Jim & Melissa

bountiful buffet was catered by Flanders Fish Market & Restaurant of East Lyme. They featured as-sorted cheese and crackers along with cold crab dip and fresh vegetable crudité's. For entrees there was a choice of Baked Seafood, Roast Chicken, seasoned to perfection, or London Broil with gorgonzola mushroom sauce. Also, there were plenty of mashed potatoes, salad and



Boathouse at the USCG Academy

grilled mixed vegetables. And if that were not enough, apple crisp with real whipped cream for dessert. YUM!

Rich called the meeting to order at 1:30 and introduced new members, Pete & Joyce Arentzen (*Joy Ride*), guest Teak Bancroft of Hellier Yacht Sales, and guest speaker, Commander Bob McKenna of the United States Coast Guard. Commander McKenna's presentation and talk following the meeting focused on various aspects of the Coast Guard including their historic milestones, their unique position in law enforcement, the Coast Guard's role in aids to navigation and port security. He also shared some well known search and rescue stories. As sailors in the local waters we can help the Coast Guard by reporting unusual behaviors or oil slicks that we may see so that they can be investigated. The US Coast Guard is in the process of a major communications upgrade. This upgrade is just now being completed on Long Island Sound. The new equipment will provide better coverage of all of the sound. They are performing testing of

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*Meet the Arentzens*

this equipment and so far they haven't found any dead spots in the sound. They are installing better communications towers and more of them. The new system also makes use of the DSC (Digital Selective Calling) and automatic mayday calls using channel 70. The Coast Guard will continue to monitor channel 16 as well. The new equipment will also allow the Coast Guard to use call signals picked up on multiple antennas to determine caller locations. All of this is being done to provide better Search and Rescue capabilities.

Members in attendance were: Captain Richard Toth and Jasen (*Mai Toi*), Former Captain Bob Clark (*Snowflake II*), Wayne Deming (*Freeport*), Linda & John Reilly (*Shenanigans*), Rick Bunting & Pam Berican (*Kallipygos*), Joe & Joanne Albano (*mystic sea*), Doug Smith & Thom Reeves (*Carter-Creagh*), Tom & Joyce Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), Sean McGuckin (*Mahalo Lou*), Carol & Grif Walling (*Paramour*), Pete & Joyce Arentzen (*Joy Ride*), Jim Meador &



*Wayne & Joe at the bar*

Melissa Patterson-Meador (*Odyssey*), EJ & Shayna Hodes (*Precipice*), Frank & Ariella Strafacci (*Testarossa*), John Santana (*Starlifter*), and Tom Sokoloski, C36IA Commodore (*Julandra*).

**Minutes:** The minutes of our winter meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter which is posted on the website.

**Officer's Reports:** Captain Richard Toth reported that sponsor letters will be sent out April 25. Any recommendations for sponsor donations can be e-mailed to Rich. Also if anyone has ideas for color and design for the summer cruise T-shirts e-mail Rich.

Thom Reeves said the Newsletter is open to anyone who wants to contribute articles.



*Joyce L., Carol and Joyce A.*

The Treasurer, Dot Salzberg, was not present, but Rich reported that the balance was the same.

Doug Smith reported that 44 yachts are committed members for this season. He has yet to hear from 12 yachts. He expects membership to be about 50.

Tom Lanzilli, Webmaster, reported that the web faces two new challenges. The provider of the service for forms capability is going out of business. He is searching for a new company. There could be a fee. Also with the change in the International C36 website to C36IA.com, Tom is thinking to change our site to C36Fleet5.org. Tom will send members the procedure to access members only link on website.

#### **Old business:**

This year's cruise will begin in Port Jefferson on June 28 and end at Northport Yacht Club on July 13. Former Captain Bob Clark reported that in Port Jefferson



*Frank & Ariella selling Melissa some raffle tickets*

boats would anchor one night and on a mooring the second night, 6/30 & 7/01. The second leg is Manhasset Bay at the Knickerbocker Yacht Club. The Cruise Committee is planning a party on the beach and a kick off dinner at Louie's Shore Restaurant, the cost of which is \$35 per person. The third leg is Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club. Checks can be sent to Jackie Bogacki. Contact Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club directly to select a slip for the July 4th weekend. Members planning to see the Broadway show "Spring Awakening" should contact Marilyn Clark. Transportation is available from the marina by rail or bus. Dinner at the Brazilian restaurant, Churrascaria Plataforma, before the play is also being considered. The next leg of the trip is to Haverstraw, where there is a pool and barbeque available. From there, people may drive to West Point for the July 5<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Former Captain Bob

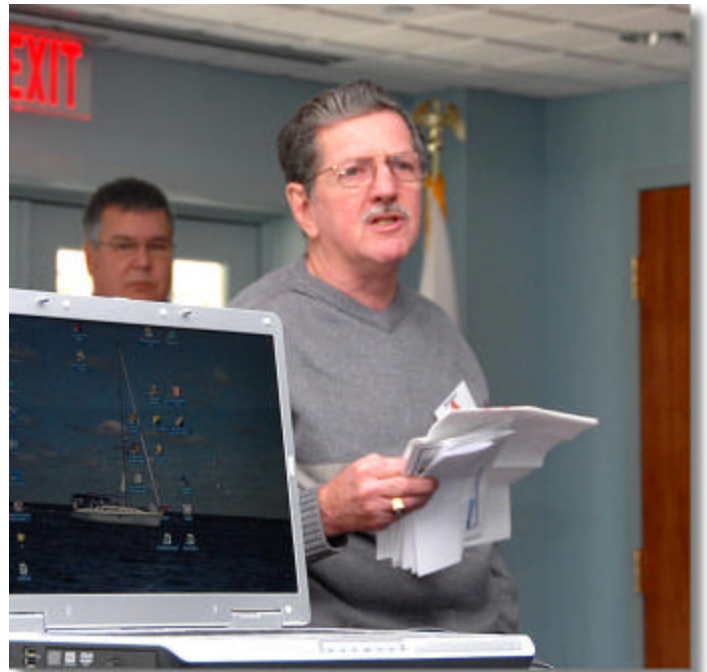


*Richard leading our meeting*

was thinking of driving a car up there before the cruise. And others might as well. The fifth leg is to Liberty Landing. From Liberty Landing the cruise continues to City Island Yacht Club and finally to round off the cruise to Northport Yacht Club. At Northport, Jackie Bogacki has reserved 13 moorings, at \$40 each. Also, 2 tables for dinner have been reserved at the yacht

club. It is a short walk into town from the yacht club. There is anchorage nearby, which the yacht club will service, and the yacht club has a pool. That would be the official end of the cruise and from there everyone would be headed home.

Frank Strafacci reported the items for the raffle were a leather wheel cover kit from John Santana, a basket of wine from Frank Strafacci, plastic tumblers from Hellier Yacht Sales, a \$50 gift certificate to Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant and a C36 Tech CD from Tom Sokoloski. \$325 in tickets was sold. Winners were: Tom Lanzilli, the plastic tumblers from Hellier's; Richard Toth, the CD; Doug Smith, \$50 gift certificate; Jasen Toth, the wine basket; and Melissa Patterson-Meador, the leather wheel cover kit.



*Bob telling us about the Summer Cruise plans*

Jim Meador reported for the Mooring committee. Our name is still on the list at Noank and Stonington where we are told the wait is 7 years. In Pawcatuck the regulations provide only for private use, no clubs. Our best bet still seems to be on Fisher's Island, West Harbor. Renewals are sent out in April and we are told the wait is only 2-3 years. Fred Sprigman has resigned from this committee.

John Reilly reported on SCAP. There is no date set yet, but as soon as he hears the date will be posted on the website. Volunteers will be needed.

Sean McGuckin reported for LISCA. The regatta will



*Tom Sokoloski showing us the Catalina 36 Technical Notes CD*

be held at Northport Yacht Club. This is a new location. David Isaacs is organizing the regatta. Sean also reported that the joint venture with West Marine was successful and they hope to

do it again next year. This year the date was close to Easter which presented a problem for some people.

#### **New Business:**

Tom Sokoloski, Commodore C-36IA, reported that the new Catalina 36 website will be C36IA.com. He also expressed a concern that out of about 2000 C36 owners, there are only about 750 members. He wants to hear from members with ideas for recruiting and keeping members. He would also like to secure factory and dealer support in member recruiting. Jim Meador suggested a sticker on the inside of the nav table with web information, something the 380s do. That way when the boat was sold the new owner would be able to contact other C36 owners and the website. Incentives, such as free membership for 6 months or a year was suggested. Also only members receive the newsletter.

Teak Bancroft of Hellier Yacht Sales spoke about Sail Quest, a boat show presented by all Connecticut sailboat dealers. This year's show is at the Mystic Ship Yard on April 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 – 5. Limited vendors will be at this year's show but they expect more next year. Test sails will also be offered. Fleet 5 was invited to bring literature for the show.

Linda Reilly warned everyone to be aware of a scam to charge money for documenting your boat. Documentation with the Coast Guard is free.

Our next Fleet 5 event on the calendar is

Memorial Day at the Guilford Yacht Club. Boats will arrive on Saturday and depart on Monday. Plans for a barbeque and a dinner out are in the making. There also will be two boat christenings: Grif & Carol Walling (*Paramour*) and Pete & Joyce Arentzen (*Joy Ride*). Linda and John Reilly suggested that some members may want to go to the Shubert Theatre in New Haven on Sunday evening for a musical program of show tunes and military music.

Other calendar events include:

August 1-3 at West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island unofficially known as Grandparent's Weekend, hosted by the Reilly's.

Labor Day, August 30 – 31 & September 1, at Deep River Marina and a matinee performance at Goodspeed Opera House, a host is still needed.

Officer's meeting September 7 at the Guilford Yacht Club.

Columbus Day weekend October 10 - 13, Annapolis Boat Show. Contact the Isaacs for rooms, Thom and Doug for meal arrangements.

November 9 business meeting, hosted by the Wayne & Carol Deming at their home in Ledyard, CT.

2009 summer cruise to Chatham, MA, planning the trip is Thom Reeves & Doug Smith, Fred & Marilyn Sprigman, Georgie & Bill Maguire and Heather & Ken Babits.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Secretary, *Joanne Albano*



*Cmdr. Bob McKenna talking to us about the role of the Coast Guard*