



Fleet 5



November 11, 2007

Fleet 5 Fall Meeting at North Shore Yacht Club Port Washington, NY Sunday, November 11, 2007

With few exceptions (last spring being one of them) we enjoy really great weather when we have our off season meetings. We wish we could say the same for our rendezvous'. Again we really had great weather as we gathered at the North Shore Yacht Club in Port Washington for our 2007 Fall Business Meeting. Even though we conduct the very important business of laying out our Fleet 5 plans for the coming year, our meeting seems much more social than business like. E.J. & Shayna Hodes (*Precipice*), members of the yacht club ar-



Charlie, Chris & Joe



E.J. & Ken

ranged for us to gather on this lovely Sunday afternoon in early November and we quickly mixed socially in their club room and on their deck overlooking Manhasset Bay. Beer, wine and soda were provided by the fleet through E.J. & Shayna, but the hors d'oeuvres and Pot luck luncheon specialties were all brought by us. Though much of the conversations



Shayna with Marilyn Pandorf

centered around our boating hobby we also talked about other recent activities such as Bill & Elaine Schneider's 2-week tour of the western national parks and Thom's amazing new hip! Richard & Keila also sold raffle tickets for a basket of 4 different wines and some boat cleaning materials.

Attending the party/meeting were Joanne & Jo Albano (*mystic sea*), Heather & Ken Babits (*Raison D'Etire*), Pam Bercian & Rick Bunting (*Kallipygos*), Jackie & Paul Bogacki (*Mirage IV*), Bob & Marilyn Clark (*Snowflake II*), Marie Genteale & Chris Nitzsche (*Spirit*), E.J., Gigi, Jason and Shayna Hodes and Shayna's Mom (*Precipice*), David & Naomi Isaacs (*Shalvah*), Joyce & Tom Lanzilli (*Ithaka*), Marilyn & Pete Pandorf (*Incredible*), Charlie & Linda Puls (*Sea Pulse*), Thom Reeves & Doug Smith (*Carter-Creagh*), John & Linda Reilly (*Shenanigans*), Bill & Elaine Schneider (*Taliesin*), Cheryl & Elwin Schwartz (*Illusion*), Fred & Marilyn Sprigman (*Islander*), Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*), Carol & Griffin Walling (*Windfall*) (38 members and 1 guest).

After our really nice lunch we got ready for our meeting because we had a lot of business to cover.

At 1:25 our Captain Richard called the meeting to order. He formally introduced new members Charlie & Linda Puls and welcomed them to Fleet 5. He also gave special thanks to E.J. & Shayna for doing such a good job providing us with this great venue. Richard also introduced Tom Lanzilli as our new Webmaster. And he gave a brief report of what we talked about at the September Officers' Meeting. Highlighted were the basic plans for our 2008 calendar and the nomination of officers.

Minutes of the April 15th meeting were unanimously accepted as published the night before and e-mailed out. Thom apologized for the delay in getting them done.

In his Vice-Captain's report E.J. asked for help in securing more sponsorships to help us raise money for the fleet and for our cruises. He also asked that we each try to talk up membership with other people to keep the fleet membership healthy.

Thom reported as Secretary that he and Doug were planning to become snowbirds someday soon and that he would no longer be able to handle the office of Secretary. But he would be able to continue to be Newsletter Publisher even from Florida. He also stated that we were hoping to phase out printed newsletters and distribute them via e-mail. A number of



Marie, David & Jackie



Joyce & Pam

people had already signed up for the switch.

Richard got a report from Treasurer Dot Salzberg (*Rainbow's End*) that we had \$1768.91 with the fall dues just starting to come in. Compared to last year at this time we were ahead by over \$560. We still have an inventory of hats and burgees for sale and the proceeds from the raffle brought in another \$165.

Doug reported that we had 54 active member boats, 26 of which had already signed up for 2008 with many more expected at the meeting. He also reported that Norma & Ralph Martin, one of our 5 original members from 1991 had sold their boat felt he could no longer maintain his membership. Ralph was a Fleet 5 Captain from 1995-1996

There was no Measurer's report.

Our new Webmaster Tom Lanzilli gave us a fantastic Power Point report about our website, showing us where everything was and how to use it. Especially new was the two-way communications now available through the new "forum." The forum is a place for members (only) to chat about items of concern or interest such as the summer cruise, technical issues, recipes, etc.

When we open the website we will notice a bar across the top with different choices: FLEET 5, MEMBERSHIP, OFFI-

CERS, SEARCH, FOR SALE, PROJECTS, FORUM AND SHIP'S STORE. FLEET 5 turns you to a page filled with official Fleet 5 information, usually in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format for downloading newsletters, calendars and other relevant information. MEMBERSHIP takes us to the membership application requests for new members. OFFICERS gives us a list of the current fleet officers and contact information for each one. SEARCH gives us a Google-like search engine for anything contained in the website. FOR SALE is a list of items that Fleet 5 members wish to sell. PROJECTS is information from members about projects that they have undertaken concerning their boats, be they new construction or maintenance. FORUM is a place where members share ideas with each other. Each member must sign up and be an active member of

the fleet to gain access. And SHIP'S STORE is a list of Fleet 5 items for sale, like T-shirts, hats, burgees and any other things that might come along. Any profit from these sales will go to the Fleet 5 treasury.

Tom also pointed out that the front page of the website has a "bulletin board" on the right side of the page displaying items of particular interest. Here is



Bob & Rick enjoying the mild sunny day on the yacht club's deck



Doug helping us get ready for the meeting

where any new items in the website will show up with “red pins” stuck in them. We can also sign up on the “page monitor” to have an e-mail notice sent to us any time a significant change is made to the website.

And lastly he showed us the valuable links to current weather conditions as listed on the left hand side of the front page. This presentation was greeted with a round of applause for a job well done.

Under Old Business David talked to us about a LISCA’s Raymarine presentation scheduled for Port Jefferson in February. Please go to the LISCA website (www.sailisca.com) for more details.

John & Linda talked about our involvement with SCAP (Sail Connecticut Access Program), a volunteer program to help handicapped people enjoy sailing. Even though the program involves 4 boats (built and donated by Catalina Yachts) thousands of sailing events take place all summer long. They do have 3 open houses where people volunteer to help set up the boats and provide food and service to the people attending. That’s where Fleet 5 has participated a couple of times. John & Linda were looking to see if the fleet wanted to continue with the program since we missed out

last year. The fleet response was positive so John will try to set up a specific date for us for next summer that will fit within our schedule.

Fred mentioned that the Mooring Ball Committee had no report at this time and needed some more guidance as to the wishes of the fleet. The committee was researching possible mooring ball locations in Fisher’s Island and Stonington.

Though Frank Strafaci and John Santana were unable to attend the meeting they did send along a donation of a wine basket for a raffle. So far the fleet has taken in close to \$1200 this year.

Bob Clark filled us in on the 2008 Cruise Committee’s plans. After much research on the availability (or lack thereof) on the Hudson River for our trip to West Point Academy, they did find that we could stay at the Lincoln Harbor Yacht Club in Weehawken, NJ during the Fourth of July fireworks held in New York City. And we could also find sufficient accommodations at the Haverstraw Marina within a short bus ride of the West Point Academy. He outlined a possible itinerary which could get us there



Tom’s website presentation



Bob telling us about next summer's cruise to New York & West Point

and back being cognizant of our eastern members and the currents in the rivers. Possible other ports of call could include Port Jefferson, Manhasset Bay, City Island and Huntington. More specific details will be worked out in the near future.

Especially interesting were the accommodations at the Lincoln Harbor yacht Club with a long list of marina services and nearby restaurants: Chart House and Ruth's Chris Steak House. Also available is ferry service to Manhattan and all that's available there. And of course we would have a magnificent view of the Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks display on the Hudson River. It is imperative that members wishing to join us for the cruise should sign up ASAP since marina reservations need to be made early. It is recommended that you sign up on the website. Also listed on the website is the latest proposed itinerary along with Tom Lanzilli's 2008 Cruise Teaser, a must watch.

In New Business we enacted changes to the Fleet 5 By-Laws. They included the new office of Newsletter Editor and added the phrase "At the time of election" to "the Captain must be a member of Fleet 5, owning a Catalina 36." The Newsletter Editor is now separate from the duties of Secretary. And the phrase helped clarify the rule that the Captain must own a Catalina 36. If the Captain should no longer

own a Catalina 36 during his/her year of office a new Captain would have to be elected at the next Fall Meeting. The changes were unanimously carried.

With those changes in place we then elected the 2008 slate of officers as they were nominated: Richard Toth – Captain; E.J. Hodes – Vice Captain; Joanne Albano – Secretary; Dot Salzberg – Treasurer; Doug Smith – Membership; Don Flintzer – Measurer; and Thom Reeves – Newsletter Editor. Note: Webmaster is a position appointed by the elected officers.

We discussed our 2008 calendar of events.

- January 6: Winter Business Meeting at Ruvo Restaurant in Port Jefferson. Thom and Doug are coordinating.



Richard leads our meeting

April 6: Spring Business Meeting at the Coast Guard Academy in New London. The luncheon will be held in the Officers' Dining Room as Richard is a member of the Alumni Association. Richard and Keila are coordinating.

- May 25-26: Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous at Guilford Yacht Club. Richard and Keila are coordinating.
- June 28 – July 13: Summer Cruise to New York City and West Point Academy. The cruise committee (Bob & Marilyn Clark, Jackie & Paul Bogacki, Don & Jean Flintzer and E.J. & Shayna Hodes) are coordinating the cruise.
- August 9-10: Weekend Rendezvous at West Neck Harbor, Shelter Island. This will be a grandchildren's special. John & Linda Reilly are coordinating.
- August 30 – September 1: Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous at Deep River Marina. Since Cheryl & Elwin will not be able to attend we will not be able to dock at the Goodspeed Opera House and therefore may have to either abort that idea or make other arrangements. We are still looking for coordinators for the event.
- August 30 – September 1: Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous at Port Jefferson with LISCA. See the LISCA website for details.
- September 7: Officers' Meeting at the Guilford Yacht Club. Richard & Keila are coordinators.
- October 10-13: Annapolis Sailboat Show. David will coordinate hotel reservations. Doug & Thom will coordinate the food/restaurants.
- November 9: Fall Business Meeting. Venue and coordinators TBD.

Our various Fleet 5 merchandise was presented with hats going for \$20 and burgees \$30. Richard bought a new burgee.

The change in the make-up of the newsletters now

requires the need for more contributions from the members. Articles on cruises/weekends, maintenance tips, officers' columns, recipes and other general items of interest to the fleet should be submitted to our new Newsletter Publisher Thom.

It was recommended that we change our fleet hailing channel from VHF 78 to VHF 71 because of all the traffic on Ch. 78, particularly Dodsons' Marina.

Bob Clark announced that he was abandoning the idea of a fleet cookbook because of an apparent lack of interest from the fleet members.

Richard announced that Landfall Navigation, one of our Fleet 5 sponsors, was planning a "Diesels for Dummies" seminar later in November. It would be conducted by Bernie Weiss who talked to us at our spring meeting. The cost would be \$150 for the day-long seminar, a \$25 fleet member discount.

It was announced that Stan Ross was out of the hospital (Mayo Clinic in Wisconsin) and was slowly recovering. E-mails to Stan & Julie have been greatly appreciated.

Charlie indicated that he would post a Nautical Mileage Chart on the website. It would help you calculate the mileage between any two points on Long Island Sound.

The raffle which consisted of 4 bottles of wine, a container of winch grease and a glass cleaner was won by John Reilly. And the \$165 proceeds were being sent to the fleet Treasurer. A separate bottle of wine, left over from the meeting, was won by Richard who declined it and subsequently won by Joanne.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

We continued to mingle, finding it hard to break up our conversations. And by 3:30 most of us were on our way home. It was another great day in the life of Fleet 5!

Thom Reeves, Secretary

Use the Fleet 5 Website!

<http://www.catalina36.org/Fleet5/>

Our new Webmaster Tom Lanzilli has been updating the website lately. Don't miss the latest information about Fleet 5. Use the site also to sign up for the upcoming 2008 events such as the Memorial Day Weekend at the Guilford Yacht Club and the summer cruise. Save the site as an icon on your desktop.

Thanks to Tom for hosting the site!