

January 11, 2009

## Winter Meeting

Thank you, Charlie & Linda Puls for booking *The Fifth Season* for our winter meeting. Overlooking Port Jefferson Harbor, *The Fifth Season* was an ideal location for Fleet 5's winter meeting. The temperature was in the 20's, and the wind was blowing steady, creating white caps out in the sound, but the sun was shining brightly and we were snug inside enjoying the view. Earlier weather forecasts for heavy snow turned out to be wrong and most members who had planned to come were able to make the trip. The bar was the adjacent room separated by a glass door/wall which made tracking the score of the Giants game all that much easier for some members, whose names will remain anonymous! While everyone enjoyed the meet and greet with a glass of wine or Bloody Mary, Pam Bercian sharpened her photographer skills with her new camera.

*The Fifth Season* provided service which was outstanding and the food was visually appealing and gastronomically pleasing. The First Course included Field Green Salad made with slivered carrots, cucumber & sherry vinaigrette or Carmelized Vidalia Onion Soup with Gruyere Crostini. For the entrée we had a choice of Pan-Roasted Eberly Farms Chicken Breast with sautéed yellow squash & French beans, horseradish mashed potatoes in herb pan sauce or Penne with wild mushrooms, kalamata olives, bell peppers, fennel & eggplant or American Kobe Beef Burger with house-cut French fries. Topping off the dinner we could choose either butter pecan Gelato or pear infused Sorbet and of course, coffee or tea. We were all seated around one huge table which made conversation with everyone easier. This was a good arrangement for the meeting, as well.

The meeting was called to order @2:00 by Richard Toth, Captain.

There are new members, Charlotte & Len Berman (*Gone With The Wind*) who were unable to attend.

In attendance were Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes (*Mai Toi*), Joanne & Joseph Albano (*mystic sea*), Joyce & Tom Lanzilli (*Ithaka*) Pam Bercian & Rick Bunting (*Kallipygos*), Bob & Marilyn Clark (*Snowflake II*), Carol & Wayne Deming (*Freeport*), David & Naomi Isaacs (*Shalvah*), Leslie & Stewart Napoleon (*Desiree*), and Linda & Charlie Puls (*Seapulse*).

### **Officer's Reports:**

The minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted as published in the November Newsletter.

Rich reported the treasury balance as \$4282. (An update on January 12th, brings the balance to \$4622.04.)

Tom Lanzilli reported that he is working with Jim Meador on the Navigation page which will be added to the website. Some discussion took place concerning the format of **The Forum** on the website. It was decided that Fleet members would like fewer categories. Hopefully, this will lead to more use. Again, members were encouraged to use **The Forum** to share ideas, sailing plans and to chat with each other.

**Old Business:**

**Committees:**

No one from the Cruise committee was present but Ken Babits has contacted New Bedford and has reserved 20 moorings. He is still working on retaining a restaurant and perhaps a whale tour. Wayne Deming is working on contacting Dodson's in Stonington, planning a site for picnic on Saturday and securing reservations at "Dog Watch" for Sunday night dinner. Anyone planning to join the summer cruise should visit the website for changes, news or up-dates.

Rich reported that raffles this year have brought in \$2900. Today's raffle was a one year membership to **Sea Tow** donated by **Sea Tow**.

Carol & Grif Walling will get needed up-dates from Jim Meador concerning moorings.

**New Business:**

Calendar events:

February 13, 14, 15 – Miami Boat Show

March 29 - Spring Meeting in New Haven, place to be determined. John & Linda Reilly, hosts

Memorial Day Weekend – Guilford Yacht Club

June 14 – Safety Weekend at Guilford Yacht Club

July 4-19 – Summer Cruise to Chatham, MA

July 31 – Catalina Rendezvous - location TBD. Block Island or Greenport are possible sites

August 5-9 – Moonlight Sail to Block Island from Guilford Yacht Club

August 14-16 – Grandparents Weekend

September 4-7 – Labor Day Weekend in Deep River at Goodspeed Opera House

September 13 – Officers' meeting

October 9- 12 – Annapolis Boat Show

November 8 - Fall Business Meeting

David Isaacs announced that he has been named commodore of LISCA, Long Island Catalina Association. He is looking for someone to replace him as liason between LISCA and Fleet 5, basically to see that events don't overlap.

There is plenty of Fleet 5 merchandise for sale, especially hats and burgees.

The recent vote for by-law changes was reported by Joanne Albano. The vote was 35 to 7 to approve the by-law change for Captain, and 33 to 9 in favor of Don Flintzer as Measurer. A program called **SurveyMonkey** was used to collect the votes. Members reported that it was easy and efficient.

There was a motion to accept the change in the by-laws and to name Don Flintzer as Measurer. The motion was seconded.

The winner of the one year membership to Sea Tow was Leslie Napoleon (*Desiree*).

The meeting adjourned at 2:45