



# Fleet 5



April 11, 2010

## Spring Meeting at the home of Carol & Grif Walling April 11th, 2010

APRIL 11, 2010, GUILFORD, CT

Going once, going twice, SOLD!!! Riotous laughter filled the family room at the Wallings' home on Sunday afternoon. The atmosphere for the auction was created by our very own John Reilly, the auctioneer, with his Groucho glasses and mustache. A red clown nose, donned by Fred Sprigman, contributed to the high spirited bidding of the members. Following lunch and the Fleet 5 meeting the auction of items, boating and non-boating, raised \$300 for the Fleet's treasury, all graciously hosted by Carol & Grif Walling at their home in Guilford. The buffet luncheon satisfied any appetite, with lasagna, chicken, green beans, potatoes and spinach salad. After the meeting a giant cannoli filled with smaller ones, along with decadent chocolate desserts were offered the members.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. by Captain EJ Hodes.

EJ thanked Carol & Grif Walling for hosting the meeting at their home, and welcomed our newest members, Joe Abbagnaro & Bernadette Brugman, and our guest from Hellier Yacht Sales, Mark McLeod.

Members present at the meeting were: Joe & Joanne Albano, *mystic sea*; Judy & Ted Andre, *Windfall*; Joyce & Peter Arentzen, *Joy Ride*; Pam Bercian & Rick Bunting, *Kallipygos*; Bob & Marilyn Clark, *Snowflake II*; Carol & Wayne Deming, *Freeport*; EJ Hodes, *Precipice*; Joyce & Tom Lanzilli, *Ithaka*; Bill & Georgie Maguire; Everett & Tessie Montenegro, *Breakaway*; John & Linda Reilly, *Shenanigans*; Debbie & Jeff Robinson, *Sea Turtle*; Bill & Elaine Schneider, *Taliesin*; Cheryl & Elwin Schwartz, *Enchanté*;



*Our hosts: Carol & Grif*

Fred & Marilyn Sprigman, *Islander*; Richard Toth & Keila Quintaes and their granddaughter, Jayden, *Mai Toi*; and Carol & Grif Walling, *Paramour*.



*Keila & Jayden*



*EJ & Tom*

## OFFICERS' REPORTS

**For the Captain's Roundtable,** Mark McLeod shared a story of "floating floorboards," the moral of which was, be sure to check your bilge pump. He also noted that sales at Hellier's were good and reminded members to call if they wish to dock their boat at Hellier's as there are sometimes slips available for an overnight. Also sharing at the roundtable were Fred Sprigman, EJ Hodes, and Grif Walling.



*Elaine & Bill*

EJ will be sending letters to previous cruise sponsors in an effort to obtain sponsors for this year's cruise. If any members have contact with people or businesses for potential sponsors, let EJ know.

Tom Lanzilli encouraged members to get sponsors involved in Fleet 5 by inviting them to meetings. Also he would like members to check out the new Education section on the Fleet website.

Joanne presented highlights from the January meeting. The minutes were accepted as published in

the newsletter on the website.

Joanne read a message from Thom & Doug regarding the Annapolis Boat Show (10/08-10/11). They would like to know if you are interested in either staying at the Comfort Inn with the group or having dinner with the group at the Chart House. Contact them at [ccreagh@optonline.net](mailto:ccreagh@optonline.net).



*Bernadette, Joe, Keila & Ted*

EJ reported for Dot that the balance in the Fleet treasury is \$4474.08. He encouraged members to use PayPal for events. There would be a refund to some members today who paid early, before the price was reduced by \$5 per person.

Keila reported that our membership is at 45, including one new member today. Two members requested to be contacted by mail and two seem to be unreachable. Three former members did not renew.

Tom Lanzilli once again reminded members to check out the web site, particularly the Education section and the photo section.

EJ reported for Jim Meador, Navigator, that he is working on a packet for the cruise.



*Keila, Cheryl & Linda*

**OLD BUSINESS**

The fleet is still looking for someone to handle the Fund Raising. If you are interested, contact EJ

Grif reported that there are 15 boats signed up for the cruise. All the ports have hosts. There will be 4 dinners on the 17-day cruise, the first in Watch Hill at the **Ocean House**, and the final one in Newport at the **Black Pearl**. Contact Joe Albano at [albanoj2@aol.com](mailto:albanoj2@aol.com) if you plan to attend dinner on Sunday evening, July 4, at the Ocean House. Continue to check the web site for cruise information and updates.



*Rick, Pete, EJ, Joyce & Richard*

Richard Toth reported that the Fleet is still on 4 lists for moorings.

SCAP, Sail Connecticut Access Program, will be June 19. Linda Reilly had a signup sheet for the event. She will contact the people that signed up as the date approaches. Members will help with the BBQ on that day. If you want to help, but didn't sign up, contact



*Everyone enjoying lunch*



*A beautiful day outdoors*

Linda or John Reilly at [jlnreilly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlnreilly@sbcglobal.net).

Carol Walling reported on the progress for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party scheduled for 2011. She is going to inquire about the Coast Guard Academy as the site and is considering Sept. 17 or 24, 2011.



*EJ leading the meeting*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Purser Rich Toth has burgees, Nantucket red hats and t-shirts from previous cruises for sale.

The next gathering this year will be on Memorial Day weekend at the Guilford Yacht Club. It is hosted by Jim & Melissa Meador. There is a dinner planned for Saturday night for \$32 per person, including tax and tip, and one glass of wine. If you plan on attending dinner on Saturday, Melissa or Jim needs to hear from you by May 21. On Sunday there will be a BBQ at the Yacht Club under the tent. For arrival and departure by boat information, contact Jim or Melissa at [Melissa.n.jim@snet.net](mailto:Melissa.n.jim@snet.net).

Tell Tom Lanzilli if you do not want your picture on the Fleet website. He will respect your wishes.

The November meeting needed a host. Cheryl & Elwin Schwartz volunteered.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 P.M.

*Joanne Albano*, Secretary  
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*Our Auctioneers John & Elwin*



*The Meeting*

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