

September 12, 2010 Officers' Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by Captain E.J. Hodes at the Guilford Yacht Club.

In attendance were the following members: E.J. Hodes, Tom Lanzilli, Keila Quintaes, Richard Toth, Jean & Don Flintzer, Judy & Ted Andre, Jim & Melissa Meador, Thom Reeves & Doug Smith, Marilyn & Bob Clark, Dot Salzberg and Joe & Joanne Albano. Joe Abbagnaro & Bernadette Brugman were the members-at-large.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Captain E.J. Hodes: The view of the upcoming year began with a discussion of ports for next year's summer cruise. Block Island and Stonington were mentioned as ports NOT to visit. Possible options for the 2011 cruise were Provincetown, not done since 2006, Bristol for July 4th, and there was a lot of positive feedback for New Bedford. The cruise committee will ultimately make the cruise plans. Presently the committee members are Joe Abbagnaro & Bernie Brugman, John & Mary Beth Amante, E.J. Hodes and Tom Lanzilli. If you would like to help plan the cruise, contact Joe Abbagnaro & Bernie Brugman. The window for the cruise will be June 26-July 23. Two weeks will be identified as the best depending on the destination and tides. In order to learn from our past experiences, E.J. and Tom put together a packet of information the cruise committee can use. Bob Clark also said not to forget that a cruise protocol already exists. Everyone agreed that safety should be cruise members primary concern.

Tom and E.J. would like the cruise to be self-sufficient, noting that sponsors were difficult to commit to the 2010 cruise. Tom will continue to work on getting sponsors, but cruise members may have to contribute in order to continue to purchase t-shirts. Most like the idea of the t-shirts which identify the cruise route. This led the importance of maintaining a relationship with several sponsors. They will be invited to attend Fleet 5 functions. Often the sponsors contribute products which will continue to be raffled during the cruise or at meetings.

CALENDAR:

Finishing 2010, the November 7 meeting will be hosted by John & Linda Reilly at their house. Further information will follow. The following events were scheduled for 2011:

January 9, winter meeting in Port Jefferson. A Long Island host would be ideal.

February 18-21, Miami Boat Show. Catalina generally hosts a cocktail party. Fleet members who attend may also gather informally.

April 3 or 10 spring meeting. Host needed.

Memorial Day, May 28-30. Should this be kept at Guilford Yacht Club or moved? Other choices: Mattatuck, Pilot's Point.

June date for SCAP TBD. Safety & Skills day was removed.

July summer cruise. Window for cruise is June 26-July 23. Cruise committee will decide which two weeks works best.

August - Kids & Grandkids Day TBD.

September 10, Fleet 5 20th Anniversary Party; Sept. 11 Officers' Meeting brunch, location TBD; Sept. 16-18, Newport Boat Show; Sept. 23-25 Norwalk Boat Show.

October 7-10 Annapolis Boat Show. Doug will reserve a block of rooms for 2011.

November 6, Fall meeting. Host needed.

Carol Walling was not present but sent the following information concerning the anniversary party. The 20th Anniversary Party for Fleet 5 will be held at the Officers' Club at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on September 10, 2011. Thank you to John Santana for securing this venue. The committee is still working on music, decorations and invitations. Thom Reeves was asked to put together a pictorial history of the group or perhaps a video. Doug will research the idea of getting Catalina involved in the celebrations. Invitations will be sent to past members.

Vice Captain & Webmaster, Tom Lanzilli, is continuing to work on obtaining sponsors for the Fleet, for example, Kappa Sails. Also he is looking into a vendor to supply polo shirts which members could purchase with Fleet 5 logo and their own yacht's name embroidered. Burgees and hats continue to be for sale.

Secretary, Joanne Albano, presented hard copies of previous minutes and newsletters. Also a copy an article which Thom Reeves had submitted to Mainsheet for publication. Most members read these on the web.

Publisher, Thom Reeves, has been putting more photos on the web and will work on pictures for the anniversary party.

Treasurer, Dot Salzberg, submitted her treasurer's report for 2009-2010, which included a proposed budget of \$5622.40 and a projected spending of \$3150. She also included amounts covered by Fleet for each gathering this past year.

Membership Chair, Keila Quintaes, reported that the Fleet has 54 members this year with 3 more pending. More than 70% of members are Catalina owners, about 27 of those own a 36. She will be sending out membership forms to the potential members. Tom Lanzilli is working on a way to have new members join and pay by using the website.

Measurer, Don Flintzer, noted there has not been a Fleet regatta in 12 years. He needs 2 weeks notice prior to a regatta.

Navigator, Jim Meador, noted that with a 20th anniversary upcoming, this may be a good time to institute a Hall of Fame for the Fleet to recognize Fleet members who have gone above and beyond membership requirements. This will be brought up at the Fall meeting where it is hoped a committee

will be formed to review nominations and select members for recognition. Nominations should include a brief list of accomplishments or reason for nomination. At this time nominations can be sent to EJ or Tom Lanzilli. Jim is continuing work on mileage charts. Anyone can submit information to Jim for the site, and Jim is always available to answer questions regarding navigation.

There was a motion that all present officers be renominated for their current position. The motion was seconded. Ballots will be sent out electronically.

NEW BUSINESS:

Two Fleet members' boats are currently for sale. The Flintzer's boat can be viewed at BrewersYachts.com and the Demings' boat is listed with Hellier Yachts.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45P.M.