

FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB BRIDGE MEETING

November 12, 2024

Commodore Kalista Dubiel called the meeting to order at 2:00.

BRIDGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Fleet Captain Eric Hansen, Membership Director Jean Pittman, and Director at Large Vern Pittman.

Not present: Rear Commodore Barrie Austin, Immediate Past Commodore Tom Blackwood, and Condo 18 Director/Liaison Terry Browne

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary Report: Our Policy Statement was updated in 2022, but the 2017 Policy Statement is still on our website. Some recent Bridge meeting minutes are not on the website, although they had been sent to the Webmaster after each approval. Jeanie will contact our new Webmaster Rick Bunzel to bring the website up to date.

Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on October 1st was \$4,349.69. The November 10th bank balance is \$4,199.09. The projected balance at the end of 2024 is \$3,800. Other comments: Condo 18 paid for the roster last year and is likely to continue. Budgets are \$500 for New Year's Eve, \$320 for wine tasting, \$150 for each cruise, \$850 for Opening Day and \$850 for the Annual Meeting/Closing Day.

Membership Report: Jean reported that of 67 renters, 27 of them joined FBYC. Letters have been sent to all renters with an application for 2025 membership. There are 25 burgees in stock. Access by gate code has been discontinued for the winter. Renters needing a key fob should contact Dockmaster Dick Farrell.

Rear Commodore Report: Barrie was unable to attend but sent an email letting us know that he will be updating our records on Yacht Destinations and will print out a PDF file for the website.

Jeanie asked to revisit a previous discussion regarding a form for reciprocal visitors to fill out and put in a window on their boat. The form would have their name, their yacht club, and their contact information. Kalista will ask Barrie to create the form.

Vice Commodore Report: Position is open. Kalista reported that we will hold our Christmas Decorating Party/ Soup Social on December 7th at noon. Because decorating is a minimal part of the day, the social will be referred to as a Holiday Party. Members may bring soup, salad, or dessert. We will have a white elephant gift exchange for members who wish to participate.

The New Year's Eve party will begin at 7PM. Host TBD. Food TBD.

NEW BUSINESS:

Social Calendar for 2025:

Socials: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 12 (a Saturday), and November 9.

Happy Hours: June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14.

Opening Day: May 3

Closing Day: October 11

Wine tasting: September 26

Holiday and Decorating Party: December 6

New Year's Eve Party: December 31

Socials begin at 5:00; dinner at 6:00

Additional notes:

A **swap meet** will be held June 8 at noon, ahead of the 5:00 social hour.

The **April 12 Social is on a Saturday** and will begin with an anchoring presentation at 4:00.

A video of the history and planning of the Fisherman Day Fireworks will be run during Opening Day.

A volunteer host is needed for the wine tasting

Cruise schedule for 2025:

May 28-30: Port Sydney Marina, Vancouver Island

June- date TBD: Spot Shrimp Safari; Reid Harbor on Stuart Island

July 3-5: Fisherman Bay on Lopez Island; reserve the tent for gatherings

August: Destination TBD; Eric will prepare a survey of destinations to poll members at the next two events

September 12-14: Fossil Bay; work party with Squalicum Bay Yacht Club

Webmaster: See Secretary Report

Director at Large/Roster Chairman: Vern sent a data sheet to all owners for complete slip information. He will request pictures from members to be used on the roster front cover.

Jeanie suggested that a picture of the current Commodore's boat or a picture of the Commodore's choice be considered for the cover each year, as the back cover doesn't get as much notice. No discussion and no decision.

Other discussion/comments:

Prior to the meeting, outgoing Fleet Captain David Markley briefed incoming Fleet Captain Eric Hansen. Beer left over from Opening Day has been provided at some cruises in the last couple years (not a requirement). Most of the beer was brought back, as people preferred to bring their own choice of beer. A decision was made to no longer provide beer for the cruises.

Eric is interested in facilitating a **hands-on man overboard session**. Jeanie commented that in 1991 she and a group of women started a women's sailing club and held their own drills in Flounder Bay. Terry Browne was the person in the water. They did not use a teacher but followed directions from sailing magazines. Eric offered to be the person in the water and Jeanie will check with fellow AYC members to see if they know someone who teaches in-the-water drills.

Falling in the water led to a question about how to deploy our **dock ladders**. The answer is to simply pull on the ladder. Another question was whether the ladder moves around when a person is trying to mount one, or do they hang straight down for easier climbing. It is believed that they do not hang straight down.

A question came up about whether members know the **location of the AED**. The AED was a new purchase shortly before Covid and had to be moved from inside the clubhouse to the laundry room due to closure of the clubhouse during Covid. It wasn't widely known that we have one. The location could be brought to the attention of the members. We have a DVD about its use that could be run during the Opening Day or another well-attended function.

Who empties the **recycling bin** after events? Kalista and Bill are currently emptying it into their recycling bin at home.

The clubhouse needs a **wall calendar and a current roster**, marked FBYC, and kept in the drawer by the microwave wall. The current roster in the club is two years old.

The next Bridge meeting will be scheduled in March, date and time TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary