

Washington Yacht Club

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2022

The General Meeting was called into order at 7:05 PM by Sam Lindsay and Anthony Au.

Reports

OFFICERS

- **COMMODORE (Sam Lindsay and Anthony Au): Present**
 - We are trying to move back towards a meeting format of having Reports from position holders and committees first, followed by Old Business and New Business.
 - We met with the UW Sailing Team captains last week, who would like to sail their eight FJ's out from the WAC starting next year. We think it'll be a positive for our groups to work together. They're currently interested in launching their FJ's from dollies.
 - We need to submit a Waterfront Storage Request Form, due Monday, May 2nd, that will be reviewed by the Recreation Department to determine how much space various groups will be allotted at the waterfront for the next academic year.
 - Sam will be finishing his term as Co-Commodore this quarter, so we will have elections later this quarter. Anybody interested in running should reach out to the Commodores.
- **VICE COMMODORE (William G. Rae): Present**
 - Our first Novice FJ classes in two years occurred over the weekend and were successful. We're trying to get more dinghy sailing in before canoe rentals start. We have ~1.5 working Whalers. This quarter we'll have a lot of keelboat and daysailer stuff, and we hope to be able to rig FJ's from the outer dock.
- **REAR COMMODORE (Wm Salt Hale and Dylan Wesen): Present**
 - Dylan has been working on organizing Snooze n Cruise. Will discuss more later in the meeting.

POSITION HOLDERS

- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present**
 - We have over 130 members now as of last week.
- **PURSER (John Redlingshafer): Present**
 - ESD and L&I filings completed. Still researching for IRS 941 - it hadn't been filed in a few years so we'll be filing 5 of them. Ledger is coming along. Focusing on quarterly stuff. Need to settle our account with Fisheries Supply (emails had been going to spam folder).
- **QUARTERMASTER (Ken Howe): Absent**
- **PUBLICITY CHAIR (Vacant):**

- *SOCIAL CHAIR (Vacant):*
 - MEDIA DIRECTOR (Michael Stickels): Absent
 - WEBMASTER (Cato Cannizzo and Eric Banisadr): Absent
 - RATINGS EXAMINERS (Andrew Cheung, Theodore Cohen, Carlos Gonzalez, Tanner Graves, Tom Nguyen): Present
 - ASSISTANT RATINGS EXAMINER (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
 - *SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE CHAIR (Vacant):*
 - SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE FOOD CHAIR (Joanne Ho): Absent
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- *ASUW SENATE REPRESENTATIVE (Vacant):*
 - FACULTY ADVISOR (Leo Morales and John Pyles): Absent
 - ITHAKA COMMITTEE CHAIR (Dave Swartz): Present

FLEET CAPTAINS

- HEAD FLEET CAPTAIN (Ted Cohen): Absent
- *BRAVO FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- LASER FLEET CAPTAIN (Andreas Freund): Absent
- DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET CAPTAIN (Grant Shogren): Absent
- *PERFORMANCE FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
- *KEELBOAT FLEET CAPTAIN (Vacant):*
 - Charlotte is still out of service after losing a spreader. We need to decide if we should try to repair the boat or replace it.
- CATAMARAN FLEET CAPTAIN (Tom Nguyen): Absent
- SAILBOARD FLEET CAPTAIN (Wm Salt Hale): Present
 - While conducting an inventory of the shellhouse, we identified 88 SB sails, not including the beginner FUN rigs. A number of sails had been piled onto the KB cushion rack in an unrolled state and buried. We also found a board (HiFly 295FX) that likely missed previous inventories underneath the KB cushion rack. Sails were re-stacked into their space, with smaller ones on the left and larger ones on the right.
- DAYSAILER FLEET CAPTAIN (Cylas Belknap): Absent
 - The Flying Scot with its mast down has balsa core full of water. Someone knowledgeable should look at it and decide if we should try to repair it or get rid of it. The trailer that the White Whaler is on might be useful for this when that project is complete.
- WHALER FLEET CAPTAIN (Angie Cuadra-Palacios): Present
 - White Whaler is in shop being restored. Yellow Whaler is in best shape right now - it needs an all-around light but has been running on a portable fuel tank. Michael Stickels has been working on the Blue Whaler - it runs but needs more work.
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN (Leo Morales and Brendan Shannon): Present
- GAS WRANGLER (Norm Ahlquist): Absent

COMMITTEES

- The Officers reviewed a list of old committees that was compiled, and they believe that the Back2Sailing Committee, Bank Account Ownership Committee, Boat Maintenance Committee, Commodore's Ball Committee, Fleeting Moving Cost Committee, Simplification Committee, and Whaler Committee can be closed.
- John Courter suggests considering the sunset provision for when actions approved at meetings are not acted upon.

Review of Active Committees:

- Ithaka Operations Committee (Committee Chair is Dave Swartz): Purpose is to oversee the operations of Ithaka following the Ithaka Policy Document. Committee members rotate but the committee usually includes club members who have been sailing on the boat often and the Vice Commodore. A list of committee members was posted on Discord recently and can be revisited.
- Safety Policy Committee (Andrew Gawronski, Leo Morales, John Pyles, Dave Swartz): Formed when Leo and John Pyles had some thoughts about how Ithaka should operate in potentially hazardous weather conditions. Have not heard more from them yet.
- Instruction Committee (William Rae, Andrew Cheung, Tanner Graves, Joanne Ho, Ken Howe, Dave Swartz): Purpose is to work towards sharing and standardizing our instruction materials, and they may meet occasionally to make decisions on curriculum. William says a lot of content has been compiled.
- Database and Website Committee (Cato Cannizzo, Eric Banisadr, William Rae, Sam Lindsay, Wm Salt Hale, Thomas Nguyen): Have been working on a lot of new projects like streamlining roster submissions to the WAC, migrating the website before Google decommissions, and digitizing checkout / damage report forms. William will be talking to another club member interested in helping out.
- Technology Communication Policy Committee (Anthony Au, Wm Salt Hale, Sam Lindsay, John Pyles): The Discord server has gotten a lot of use but we never reviewed how it's organized. We also want to ensure that important communications reach both club members who use Discord and those who do not. We want to work out our social media account ownership and usage. Social media is really important for getting the word out about the club.
- Fleet Planning Committee (Anthony Au, John Redlingshafer, John Pyles, Grant Shogren, Andrew Cheung, Andrew Gawronski): We brought this committee back because our sailing opportunity is limited on the dinghy dock currently but more accessible from the keelboat dock. And we're supposed to have a New Boat Fund holding 30% of our non-keelboat revenue, but this hasn't been kept track of. We want to put the RS Vision in the water and see how much usage it gets. People are interested in some other

rotomolded plastic boats, which are easy to maintain, could be kept in the water, and many consider to be more fun to sail than the FJ's. We could explore trying to borrow or buy one, which could inform future fleet replacement decisions. We could also see if people enjoy sailing the Flying Scots enough, because they are cheaper to get more of than newer boats.

- Diversity Committee (Angie Cuadra-Palacios, Cylas Belknap, Wm Salt Hale, Dan Oliver): We want to explore how the club can best create and encourage a Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive environment. Anthony thinks all of the Commodores should be involved with this. We should have a meeting in the next week or two. We have a Discord channel set up for it now.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve General Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021 and January 4, 2022:
Passed

Old Business

New Business

- Snooze n Cruise
 - The dates are May 21st and 22nd.
 - Dave Swartz will be skippering Ithaka and Andrew Gawronski will be skippering Where's the Beef. Nate Verge is interested in bringing his boat if he can get an outboard in time. Gregg Philpott, Peter Colleran, and Luka are maybe's for skippering boats. Anthony emailed Amy Larsen and others about interest in bringing their boats. Larry Sinnott may also be interested.
 - Dylan said he received 25 responses from interested club members, with about half expressing interest in bringing guests.
 - We need to inventory the items in the Snooze n Cruise locker. We likely need to simplify the event and bring less non-essential items. Swapping out charcoal grills for propane grills was suggested.
 - Dave got a couple plastic milk crates to carry propane tanks on Ithaka. John Courter has the propane tanks currently.
 - We used to bring a lot of dinghies out on Snooze n Cruise which was a great learning experience. We would need a Whaler driver if we want to bring dinghies. Ralph pointed out that we probably want to bring a Whaler anyway, in case there is not enough dock space for all of our boats. Salt might be willing to drive a whaler.
 - Peter asked about bringing a daysailer to Snooze n Cruise. Club members with Double-Handed Skipper ratings can skipper the Ensigns or the J/22 for Snooze n

Cruise if towed through the Locks by one of the other boats. Peter is interested in skippering one of the daysailers.

- Keeping an outboard on our daysailers and Policies document amendment
 - Anthony would like to always keep an outboard mounted on the J/22 that keelboat-rated club members can use. The Policies document already has language giving keelboat-rated club members additional privileges in using these boats, and club members have often mounted a spare outboard onto the J/22 for individual events, but we've never had one permanently mounted on it and the Policies document doesn't address the use of outboards specifically.
 - A 3.5 hp or 4 hp is plenty for moving the boat, and it would be a small price to pay for the amount of additional usage we'd likely get out of the boat, especially considering that Charlotte is still out of service. Anthony said he will shop for an outboard and draft an amendment to the Policies document unless there are strong objections.
 - Dave says there is a little gray or silver unmarked 4 hp outboard in the garage bay that they used to use with the inflatable dinghy for Ithaca cruises, but it wasn't running reliably last time they used it. Someone should try to rebuild the carburetor or otherwise get it repaired. Anthony agrees that we should try this before buying another outboard.
 - Dennis thinks that the Honda 9.9 hp outboard on Rascal has carburetor issues.
- Angie asked how we can advertise the committees we have to club members. Anthony thinks we should list active committees on our website with one contact person for each committee - we don't need to maintain a complete list of members of all committees. We can also share a list of committees on Discord but we would have to decide on how to implement access to the committee channels. Club members are always encouraged to reach out to the Commodores if they are interested in getting involved in any capacity.
- Dave says he has a lot of availability in May and will work with the Vice Commodore to try to plan weekend Ithaca cruises (to Bainbridge Island, etc.). We should try to get other club keelboats to come out also. Going through the Locks and into the Sound with experienced keelboat skippers is an important part of becoming a skilled keelboat sailor.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Passed
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes submitted by: Daniel Eduardo Oliver

Minutes reviewed by: Anthony Au