

## **Washington Yacht Club**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 15, 2022**

The General Meeting was called into order at 6:05 PM by Anthony Au and Peter Correa

### **Approval of Minutes**

The General Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022 were approved as distributed.

### **Reports**

#### **OFFICERS**

- COMMODORE (Anthony Au and Peter Correa): Present
  - Summer quarter starts this coming Monday, so people need to renew their memberships if they want to sail after that date.
  - We've asked the WAC about a few different ways we could get more sailing access like extending our sailing hours on Tuesdays, putting a couple dinghies at the end of the keelboat dock, and putting some additional boats in the water. We're waiting to hear back from them.
  - We're working on clarifying whether the WAC expects us to follow the UW Academic Calendar in defining the quarters of the year, or whether we are supposed to follow the IMA Membership dates listed on their website.
- VICE COMMODORE (William G. Rae): Absent
- REAR COMMODORE (Wm Salt Hale and Dylan Wesen): Present

#### **POSITION HOLDERS**

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
  - The job posting for Program Director is now on Handshake (<https://uw.joinhandshake.com/stu/jobs/6569549>). People should share it with anyone looking for a part-time job. We've had a few applicants so far.
- PURSER (John Redlingshafer): Present
  - Q1 books have been closed. Q2 is coming to a close quickly.
- QUARTERMASTER (Ken Howe): Present
  - We've been keeping stock of the things that we're supposed to.
  - We haven't figured out a good way to store supplies (extra hot dogs, etc.) for Friday Night Social Sailing without access to the garage bay.
  - Anthony will keep an eye out for some more used Magma grills if it will benefit the club's social activities.
- *PUBLICITY CHAIR (Vacant):*
- SOCIAL CHAIR (Sam Lindsay): Absent

- Sam has been appointed Social Chair since the last meeting.
  - MEDIA DIRECTOR (Michael Stickels): Absent
    - Michael has been given access to the Media Director email account and Instagram account.
  - WEBMASTER (Cato Cannizzo and Eric Banisadr): Present
    - We should transfer to the new website by June 27th.
  - RATINGS EXAMINERS (Theodore Cohen, Andreas Freund, Carlos Gonzalez, Tanner Graves, Tom Nguyen): Present
  - ASSISTANT RATINGS EXAMINER (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
  - SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE CHAIR (*Vacant*):
    - The dates have been set for Snooze n Cruise for Summer (July 23rd and 24th) and Fall (October 8th and 9th).
  - SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE FOOD CHAIR (Joanne Ho): Absent
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- ASUW SENATE REP (*Vacant*):
  - FACULTY ADVISOR (Leo Morales and John Pyles): Absent
  - ITHAKA COMMITTEE CHAIR (Dave Swartz): Present
    - Looking to plan a trip up to the San Juans that would return on July 4th. Also looking to plan for August. Need instructors and qualified crew to give their availability.

## FLEET CAPTAINS

- HEAD FLEET CAPTAIN (Ted Cohen): Present
  - There's gonna be a Whaler class on Saturday, June 25th. We might have room to add people, so reach out if you're interested. There will be a Zoom component. Working on building a curriculum using resources from other organizations.
- 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*):
  - We need to work on digitizing checkout forms and other forms. We said we would put a focus on this after Spring quarter wrapped up.
- SAILBOARD FLEET CAPTAIN (Wm Salt Hale): Present
  - We have a lot to discuss later about partnering with Sail Sand Point regarding windsurfing activities.
  - Some club members have been taking out their own equipment for non-club windsurfing activities.
- CATAMARAN FLEET CAPTAIN (Tom Nguyen): Present
  - The catamarans haven't been going out that much.
- DAYSAILER FLEET CAPTAIN (Cylas Belknap): Absent
  - The J/22 has its mast back up with a wind indicator now.

- Peter asked if the club has a rig tension gauge. Anthony has one that the club could use in a couple weeks. Leo probably has one. Anthony thinks the club should only consider buying one if we can get a good price on a used one, or if club members show strong commitment to racing the J/22 one-design and learning how to tune by the numbers.
- There's J/22 racing on Lake Washington on Tuesday nights (one-design) and Friday nights (Kirkland Summer Sailing Series - multiple starts including PHRF handicapped and non-PHRF).
- WHALER FLEET CAPTAIN (Angie Cuadra-Palacios): Absent
  - Yellow Whaler is in full working order. The Blue Whaler mostly works but is still being worked on - steering is very stiff. The White Whaler at Roy's shop is getting close and the console will go back on soon.
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN (Leo Morales and Brendan Shannon): Absent
  - Deception's main is torn high up forward of the leech tape. Anthony will ask someone who does sail repair what the best repair would be.
- GAS WRANGLER (Norm Ahlquist): Absent

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- DIVERSITY COMMITTEE (Angie Cuadra-Palacios, Wm Salt Hale, Dan Oliver)
- ITHAKA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair: Dave Swartz)
- INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (William Rae, Andrew Cheung, Tanner Graves, Joanne Ho, Ken Howe, Dave Swartz)
- DATABASE AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Cato Cannizzo, Eric Banisadr, William Rae, Sam Lindsay, Wm Salt Hale, Thomas Nguyen)
- CLUB COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Anthony Au, Wm Salt Hale, Sam Lindsay, John Pyles)
- FLEET PLANNING COMMITTEE (Anthony Au, John Redlingshafer, John Pyles, Grant Shogren, Andrew Cheung, Andrew Gawronski)

## **Old Business**

### **Sailboarding/Windsurfing Partnership with Sail Sand Point**

- Discussions have been going well. Last week we voted to allow storage of our boards there. Daniel is an instructor at SSP now. We have an agreement drafted up with the help of two lawyers with contract and insurance experience. Daniel walked through the agreement. Equipment usage by WYC members is covered by our insurance. SSP would be allowed to use our boards during classes only. We are asking their students to sign our liability waiver and asking if SSP will add use of our equipment to their liability waiver and insurance.
- WYC members would get a code to use the boards for open sailing, but we would have to amend the Policies to allow for this, because the current Policies only allow for our vessels to be sailed in Additional Waters during organized club events currently.

- Motion to vote on allowing the Co-Commodores to sign into an agreement with Sail Sand Point: **Passed 3-0**
- Motion to allow WYC to host windsurfing classes at Sail Sand Point, allow Sail Sand Point to use WYC equipment for instructional purposes, and allow club members with appropriate ratings to sail windsurf boards at Sail Sand Point during organized lessons. Details specified in the windsurfing equipment agreement: **Passed 3-0**
- Daniel proposes that we amend Article II, Section A.1.a ("Additional Waters") of the Policies document to state: "With the approval of the Membership at a General Meeting, club boats may be sailed on other waters during organized club activities **and as otherwise specified.**" This could be voted on next week or later.
  - If this passes, he'll want to call for a vote to allow for open sailing of sailboards at Sail Sand Point.
- We might want to rewrite the sailboard written tests.

#### By-Laws and Policies Amendments

- Three amendments were voted on (see below).
- Motion to vote on passing Proposed By-Laws Amendment #1 concerning renaming Publicity Chair to Recruitment Chair: **Passed 2-0**
- Motion to vote on passing Proposed By-Laws Amendment #2 concerning requirements for becoming a Designated Catamaran Chief or Designated Sailboard Chief: **Passed 2-0**
- Motion to vote on passing Proposed By-Laws and Policies Amendment concerning renaming Purser to Treasurer. **Passed 2-0**

#### New Business

Dave Swartz has offered to serve as a Keelboat Chief or Whaler Chief if the club thinks it would be beneficial.

- Ted nominates Dave to become a Whaler Chief. **Passed 2-0**
- Salt and Michael: Ideally a prospective chief would assist in teaching a class before becoming elected, but we don't really have a concern in this case.
- Dave thinks practicing towing dinghies (Bravo, Laser, and/or FJ) should be part of our Whaler class on June 25th, since learning how to rescue them is an important part of driving a Whaler in the club. We will ask the WAC if we can have permission. We should remind them about how we rescued WAC staff members in their whaler and canoe recently in explaining the importance of getting this permission.

Peter asked about using an outboard on the J/22 for Duck Dodge

- He doesn't have a Keelboat rating, so he's not allowed except with permission from a Chief or the Executive Council. Getting towed is always an option.
- Outboard use on the daysailers requires a reservation fee equal to 50% of the equivalent outboard keelboat reservation fee. We are supposed to reinstate keelboat reservation fees starting Summer quarter. We need to fix the online reservations page. People should contact the Vice Commodore for now to reserve keelboat.

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn meeting: Passed
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm

Minutes submitted by: Daniel Eduardo Oliver

Minutes reviewed by: Anthony Au

### **By-Laws Amendment #1:**

Amend the By-Laws document to replace all instances of “Publicity Chair” with “Recruitment Chair”:

- Three instances on page 2.

Amend the By-Laws document to replace all instances of “Publicity Chairperson” with “Recruitment Chairperson”:

- One instance on page 3.
- One instance on page 6.

### **By-Laws Amendment #2:**

Amend Article V, Section B.6 of the Policies document (Designated Chief Exceptions) as follows:

Original Text:

## **6. Exception to Prerequisites**

A Member may become a Keelboat Chief or a Whaler Chief without being a regular Chief if they are nominated by a Chief of the appropriate type, and the voting body is made aware of the exception prior to the vote. This provision is to accommodate sailors who may be limited in their ability to sail dinghies.

Proposed Changes:

## **6. Exception to Prerequisites**

A Member may become a **Catamaran Chief**, Keelboat Chief, **Sailboard Chief**, or **a** Whaler Chief without being a regular Chief if they are nominated by a Chief of the appropriate type, and the voting body is made aware of the exception prior to the vote.  
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Final Text:

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### **By-Laws and Policies Amendment:**

Amend the By-Laws document to replace all instances of “Purser” with “Treasurer”:

- One instance on page 1.
- One instance on page 4.
- Two instances on page 6.
- Three instances on page 8.
- Four instances on page 9.
- Three instances on page 10.
- Two instances on page 11.
- Two instances on page 12.

Amend the Policies document to replace all instances of “Purser” with “Treasurer”:

- Three instances on page 14.
- One instance on page 15.