

Washington Yacht Club

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2022

The General Meeting was called into order at 7:05 PM by Anthony Au and Peter Correa

Approval of Minutes

The General Meeting Minutes from October 27th, 2022 were approved as distributed.

Reports

OFFICERS

- COMMODORE (Anthony Au and Peter Correa): Present
 - Elections are coming up for a Co-Commodore, Vice Commodore, and Rear Commodore. Reach out to any officer if you are interested in discussing and potentially running for the positions.
- VICE COMMODORE (William G. Rae): Absent
- REAR COMMODORE (Wm Salt Hale and Dylan Wesen): Present

POSITION HOLDERS

- PROGRAM DIRECTOR (Apoorva Patil): Present
 - Apoorva will be out of the country for one month in December. Arrangements will be made to cover office hours.
 - Our old merchandise is being inventoried by Apoorva and Peter, and it should be updated on the Square store soon.
- TREASURER (John Redlingshafer): Present
 - The Q3 numbers are almost finalized. All of our filings are timely.
 - The budget for next year is being made. Input has been received from Fleet Captains, etc.
- QUARTERMASTER (Ken Howe): Absent
- RECRUITMENT CHAIR (Jun Ochai): Absent
- SOCIAL CHAIR (Ivana Kolinek): Present
- MEDIA DIRECTOR (Layla Airola): Absent
- WEBMASTER (Cato Cannizzo): Absent
- *SNOOZE 'N' CRUISE CHAIR (Vacant):*
- RATINGS EXAMINERS (Andreas Freund, Tom Nguyen, Luka Ukrainczyk, Dave Swartz): Absent
- ASSISTANT RATINGS EXAMINER (Daniel Eduardo Oliver): Present
- ASUW SENATE REP (Layla Airola): Absent

- FACULTY ADVISOR (John Pyles): Absent
- ITHAKA COMMITTEE CHAIR (Dave Swartz): Absent

FLEET CAPTAINS

- HEAD FLEET CAPTAIN (Michael Stickels): Present
 - A group purchase for inflatable PFD's with integrated harness attachment point is being coordinated. The price will be about \$90.
 - The PFD:

<https://www.marinesuperstore.com/lifejackets-buoyancy-aids/lifejackets/crewsaver-crewfit-165n-sport-lifejacket>
 - Survey for those interested:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyeTNUdfE-rlh8csR5kKdKRRzX6Yg5eCg1r0ki429CGxnlnA/viewform>
- BRAVO FLEET CAPTAIN (*Vacant*):
- LASER FLEET CAPTAIN (Andreas Freund): Absent
- DOUBLE-HANDED FLEET CAPTAIN (Grant Shogren): Absent
- PERFORMANCE FLEET CAPTAIN (*Vacant*):
- SAILBOARD FLEET CAPTAIN (Daniel Oliver): Present
 - 1. Shell house
 - - We need other fleet captains to go in there and investigate what is in use and what isn't. Let's sell or throw away what is not in use so we can make this space more accessible.
 - - big cleanup is starting to happen, photos on windsurf discord chat
 - - there are sails available for use and other sails which can be made into bags or other things
 - - there are at least two windsurf boards up for grabs, \$50 a piece (we should vote on this)
 - 2. Parts
 - - we need to purchase some universal joints and mast bases, we're running low, I'll follow up with this
 - 3. Waiting on SSP about the lease agreement.
 - 4. Looking for jet ski, foil board and foil donations, or large short boards
- CATAMARAN FLEET CAPTAIN (Tom Nguyen): Absent
- DAYSAILER FLEET CAPTAIN (*Vacant*):
- KEELBOAT FLEET CAPTAIN (Tim Simmons): Absent
- WHALER FLEET CAPTAIN (Angie Cuadra-Palacios): Present
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN (Brendan Shannon): Present
- GAS WRANGLER (Norm Ahlquist): Absent

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- DIVERSITY COMMITTEE (Angie Cuadra-Palacios, Wm Salt Hale, Daniel Oliver)
- ITHAKA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair: Dave Swartz)
- INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE (William Rae, Andrew Cheung, Dave Swartz)

- The Dinghy Novice Test has been updated and is looking good now. The image on the first page has been replaced so that it is easier to understand.
- The Dinghy Skipper Test has not been changed, but the Keelboat class just took it and may have some feedback on it.
 - Anthony suggests that the question about flying jibes be updated. The current question does not actually help us determine whether or not someone knows what a flying jibe is, and if they got the question wrong, pointing out the correct answer does not teach them this information either.
- DATABASE AND WEBSITE COMMITTEE (Cato Cannizzo, Eric Banisadr, William Rae, Sam Lindsay, Wm Salt Hale, Thomas Nguyen)
 - We need help building our new website. We plan to use WordPress and have some themes, etc. identified.
 - The Sail Locker computer hasn't been updated in awhile. We should update it.
- CLUB COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Anthony Au, Wm Salt Hale, Sam Lindsay, John Pyles)
- 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (Wm Salt Hale leading)
 - Any extra help would be appreciated in terms of organization, food, activities, etc.

Reminder of Ways to get Involved with the Club

- Become an Officer (receives Honorary Membership) or Position Holder (dues exempt).
- Become a Ratings Examiner (part-time job) or an Instructor (dues exempt).
- Help plan our 75th Anniversary Celebration in the Winter or Spring.
- Join us for Blue Whaler Work Parties (contact Dylan to get involved) or regular Work Parties.

Old Business

- Proposed By-Laws and Policies Updates
 - The club has been struggling with the current content of the By-Laws, which don't align with how the club has actually been operating for years.
 - We want club members to understand the changes that are being made.
 - The document listing all of the changes was shared via email and Discord, and there is a Discord channel where the updates can be discussed.
 - We will probably vote on this in December.

New Business

- Clearing Out Old Windsurf Boards
 - Certain windsurf boards are very old and obsolete. They need to be thrown out, donated, or sold so that we can make space for new equipment.
 - Motion to allow Daniel to sell several windsurf boards with the agreement of other knowledgeable club members. Passed 5-0-0.

Additional Discussions

- Helping the rowing club with our Whalers
 - Peter has been volunteering to drive our Whalers for their practices. It's the only way that they can come out and practice.
 - They have offered to make a donation to the club and cover gas fees.
 - We're looking for Whaler-rated members that can help.
 - Help needed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7 am to 9 am.
 - We should see if they can help us with work parties, etc.
 - Talk to them about keeping the WAC and surrounding areas neat and tidy.
- Isaiah suggested adding a map to the end of our Policies document to show our sailing boundaries
 - Most opinions were that this could definitely be a good addition.
 - We should see whether the upcoming work around the 520 Bridge will impact the club.
- Clearing out other items in the Shell House
 - There are a lot of dinghy parts in the Shell House that haven't been used recently.
 - There is a RIB, Flying Scot centerboard, masts, etc. that don't seem to be in use right now.
 - Use your best judgment and clear it out. Organize a few more work parties and keep in mind that there is a lot of equipment in there that we don't need anymore. Also keep in mind that we will lose that space eventually.
 - Taking pictures of the items and distributing them may be the best way to figure out what everything is.
- Apoorva asked if we plan to get social sailing going again?
 - Dylan: Yes, likely on the weekends due to early sunsets in the winter. If anybody wants to have an activity, let Dylan know and we can get it on the books.
 - Dylan got his Food Handler's Permit, which is an easy process. Some other club members also have one.
- General comment: It's good to have regular meetings and see the club active again.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Minutes submitted by: Apoorva Patil

Minutes reviewed by: Anthony Au