

Washington Yacht Club

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 11/6/2025 at 5:38pm

- Eshan calls for nominations
- Elections will use approval rating

Elections:

Treasurer:

- Went over roles laid out in bylaws
- **Aidan Smit**
 - Went over his slide
 - Yoochan mentions that Aidan will graduate in may even though the term for treasurer goes till fall 2027
 - Discussed interim options for between spring and fall
 - Salt mentions that having more grad students as officers is good for the club and how the university sees them
 - Vote to Elect Aidan Smit as Treasurer:
 - Yays: 11
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstains: 0
- **Aidan Smit is elected treasurer.**

Rear Commodore:

- Went over roles laid out in bylaws
- Emily Tiedemann
 - Goes over her slides
 - Answered questions about time in the club (started this year) and time having boating job (about the same time)
 - Salt asks about post grad plans
 - Emily plans to stay in Seattle for the time being (about 5 years)
- Harry Huang
 - Goes over his slides
 - Yoochan mentions that keelboat cruising opportunities should be phrased in an educational manner
 - Colby reaffirms the importance of keelboats within the club
 - M&M asks about what Harry would do to about maintaining the club
 - Harry mentions taking things slowly but consistently
 - Salt asks about what he would do if he wasn't elected and why he is interested in it

- He explains that this feels like a natural progression from his current position. He also explains his interest in the on-land/administrative aspects of the club and expanding his fundraising efforts that he started this past year.
- Colby Sharp
 - Went over his slides
 - M&M asked about other club leadership experience. Colby said he has none but he does have real work experience that he thinks will help guide him
 - Salt asks about staying in Seattle
 - He says he will be here despite graduating
 - Salt asks about if Colby wants to scrap all aspects of the club and what he wants to preserved
 - He lists some dissatisfaction with the ratings system but other aspects of the club that he thinks are good although have been neglected recently
 - Yoochan asks about hosting events with other clubs and how big these events could be. Colby thinks that we could host about 15 people although more people could be hosted if needed
 - Emily asks about how to get alumni more involved
 - Salt mentioned the insurance considerations that would need to be recognized in order to run these sorts of club collab events
 - Colby expresses flexibility regarding this
- Discussion period:
 - Yoochan expressed concern for Emily's lack of experience in the club, Colby's disregard for club rules and university policies and the general state of the club (i.e. downsizing club fleet), and Henry's lack of understanding of what the rear commodore role entails.
 - M&M notes that Colby is very enthusiastic and driven with regards to the club. He sees this as a pretty significant benefit.
 - William notes that Harry is younger which could be good for the club
 - Salt mentions that the club has a ton of engineers and that having a communications major could be very beneficial to the club for diversifying our skills
 - Ren mentions Emily's connection to a boating company that could be good for the club
 - Eshan is concerned about Colby's negativity but thinks that having Colby and Henry as rear comm and Emily in Events Coordinator could be a great way to get the best of both worlds.
- Voting
 - Emily
 - Yay: 3

- Nays: 1
 - Abstain: 5
- Harry
 - Yay: 7
 - Nay: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Colby
 - Yay: 8
 - Nay: 1
 - Abstain: 1
- Harry and Colby win rear commodore

Co-Commodore:

- Bylaws are shown
- Joyce Ren
 - She goes over her slides
 - Emily asks about rumors regarding Ren's leaving
 - Abby asks "do you think your experience with disorganized leadership will affect your time as commodore and how you will interact with current officers"
 - Colby notes friction between club and WYC and recommends discussing why these problems won't happen again
 - Salt asks a question that was unintelligible to me
 - Ren discusses relationship between her and M&M and his strengths
 - Ren discusses relationship with alumni

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19:13 Abigail (Vice Commodore) leaves, minutes now recorded by MirMattia Ottaviani (Commodore)

Co-Commodore Election

Candidates:

- Joyce Ren
 - Experience in multiple non-profit groups and organizations
 - Wanting to reduce the size of the keelboat fleet significantly
- Zachary Taylor
 - Experience in the club, various ratings and teaching, boat moves.
 - Building public interest and support in the face of dock renovation
 - PhD candidate, here in Seattle for whole duration of term.

Voting

Ren: Y:0 N:10 A:2

Zach: Y:10 N:0 A:2

Zach elected Co-Commodore Fall 2025-Fall 2026

Vice Commodore Election

Candidates:

- Will
 - Fast track rating systems, reduce ratings bottleneck
 - More meaningful skipper ratings, emergency preparedness
 - Potential use of dinghy-based instructors for certain classes

Voting

Will: Y:7 N:0 A:0

Will elected Vice commodore Fall 2025-Fall 2026

With elections concluded, Eshan's term as Rear Commodore has come to a close. The Club expresses sincere gratitude to Eashan for his extremely dedicated and professional service.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:52