

Satuit Boat Club
Minutes of May 14, 2018 Meeting

Tom Gavin called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

1. Minutes of the April meeting were accepted as written.

2. Reports of the Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Vice Commodore - Bob Ulwick

- Launch service is starting on May 23. The schedule will be posted at the Club. The Yacht Club is covering so call them if we are not running. Bring you own handheld VHF radio to call SHYC.
- The Coast Guard completed the out-of-the-water inspection. The in-the-water inspection is being scheduled.
- We have hired two launch operators.
- Ed Leary prepared a Spring Newsletter and a schedule for launch operations in May and June.

Junior Sailing - Brian Greenberg was not able to attend

- Tom Gavin said that we have 10 openings in Mercury Junior Sailing but expect them to be filled.

Floats - Bill Fairbanks

- Bill said that the floats have been launched. Many thanks to everyone who helped on Dock Day.
- Over the winter, two floats were re-decked and selected hardware was replaced. Another float was repaired.
- We need to replace 10 to 12 mooring chains.
- We are also replacing some chains for the 5 Club moorings.
- We have two weekends of work so we need volunteers. Call Bill at 781-545-2779 to volunteer.
- Bill thanked Dave Sullo in particular for his hard work on the floats this year.

House - Larry Burke

- Spring has been very busy this year. House Day was great. Larry thanked all those who volunteered their time.
- Special thanks to Steve Shannon and Danielle Driscoll for painting the galley.
- Larry and volunteers built a new float to replace the old 420 float.

Treasurer - Bill Mullen

- Bill handed out a summary of the April financials. Detailed reports have been posted on the website. Our financial situation appears fine so far this year.
- We expect to pay a lot of bills in May.
- Watch for a password change to the member's section of the website. An announcement will be made.
- Our federal tax reports have been prepared and submitted.

Race - Kevin O'Leary

- The Horace Day and Chowder races are on our calendar.
- We are hosting the Scituate Invitational Race party here.
- Kevin will be sending out some information on some fun races.
- We are working with Heidi Scheller on the Club insurance.
- Kevin is always looking for help with the races - committee boat, cooking, etc.

Entertainment - No report because Jay Swartz was unable to attend.

- Rebecca Baldassari commented that there has been a positive response to the Sign Up Genius for arranging the food for the opening day brunch.

Rear Commodore - Bob Rappold

- Bob Rappold said that the Junior Sailing program needs volunteers for bottom painting. Please call him at 781-706-3596 and indicate your availability.
- Tom said that there will be no turnabouts at the dock this year. We will have Mercuries instead.

Secretary - Jerry Cain

- The Executive Committee approved applications for membership from Steve & Patricia Berlo and from Paul & Stephanie Moriarty. They also approved a request for Active Life membership from Bill and Sandie Ellsworth.
- The April 2018 minutes were approved.

3. Old Business

At the April Club meeting, some members asked about adult sailing lessons. After that meeting, Katie Gaumond volunteered to outline what an adult sailing education program would look like. Katie was unable to attend this meeting, so Jerry Cain summarized her work to date. There would be a "Basics" course for beginners and a "Beyond Basics" course for intermediate sailors. Each would consist of 8 hours of instruction in the evenings during July and August. The courses would be taught in Mercuries by our Junior Sailing instructors. The cost would be \$160 for members. Should we choose to include non-members, their cost would be \$200. The proposal appeared to be well received.

At the April meeting, some members also asked about member use of the Club-owned Mercuries. Phyllis Karlberg and James Baldassari volunteered to work on this and report back. At this meeting, James Baldassari gave us a report on progress to date. He said that they started by identifying programs at other clubs. Plymouth Yacht Club has two boats dedicated to member use. James also explained that he is a member at Community Boating and is very familiar with their procedures and rules. Many other clubs allow member use of small, club-owned sailboats. Based on this research, James outlined a program for us to consider. It would be called the SBC Fun Sailing Program and have an acting director who would be responsible for the administration and operation of the program on any given day. This would be a Club member who is appointed by the Executive Committee. It would be a volunteer position.

James covered some definitions. He said that the Skipper of a boat is the member who signs out the boat and is responsible for the safe operation of the boat and the safety of everyone in the boat. The fleet would consist of the four Club-owned Mercuries. He said that everyone would be required to sign a waiver and hold the Club harmless for damage or injury. All qualified adult Club members may sign out a boat. The director will require every Skipper to have an adequate level of sailing ability. This was discussed at length by the members present. After some discussion, a consensus developed around a charge of \$50 per Skipper for the season. This money would be used for upkeep of the fleet. James said that they are thinking of operating the program in fixed time slots every week such as Friday evenings and possibly sometime on Saturday and/or Sunday. He talked about the equipment needed in each boat and that each person in a boat must supply and wear a PFD. He talked about the acting director having the authority to call off a session due to bad weather such as thunderstorms. The boats cannot go outside of the harbor. Boats would be assigned on a first come, first served basis with no reservations. Skippers would be responsible for helping to rig and unrig the boats. James made the point that we are thinking that the Club should be relatively conservative in the first year of the new program.

James and Phyllis intend to refine the proposal based on the discussion at this meeting so that it can move ahead with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Next meeting: June 11 at 8pm

Prepared by: Jerry Cain, Secretary