

SATUIT BOAT CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice Commodore Bob Ulwick for Commodore Tom Gavin at 8:00 P.M.

Commodore's Report - Bob Rappold for Tom Gavin

- Thanks to all members and guests that attended the Hamburg/Hotdog event held on Saturday June 23rd. Feedback from attendees including our friends from the Catalina Cruising Club was positive. Special thanks to Vinnie Lanoue, our "Grill Master" and Jay Swartz and wife Judy for the cake.
- The Fun Sailing program, allowing "certified" members use of our mercury boats for a nominal fee, is still being discussed by the Executive Committee. No decision as yet. See further notes in Old Business below.

Entertainment Report - Jay Swartz

- Jay announced that a family movie night will be held at the club this Friday July 13th starting at 7:30. The movie will be Monster's Inc and popcorn will be served.
- Margo Kite announced that she and husband Bill will, once again, host the Ice Cream Social from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. on August 3rd, the first night of Scituate Heritage Days and the night of the shore luminaries. This free event is a wonderful family affair.

Junior Sailing Report – Bob Rappold for Brian Greenberg

- Our Jr. Sailing fleet is in great shape with the exception of our 420s which are old, tired and need replacement.
- The Scituate Jr. Regatta will be held on August 6th & 7th and will have many young sailors at the club and on the property. Member volunteers available to help at that time would be most welcome – contact Brian at 617-694-7918.
- Some progress has been made in moving Jr. Sailing from the clubhouse to other areas on the property.

House – Larry Burke

- House continues to be in great shape
- But, the parking lot lines could use a "freshening up" - A painting volunteer is needed. Interested? call Larry at 781-249-8947.

Floats Report - Bill Fairbanks

- Bill Fairbanks, Chris Silva (member and diver) along with Dave Sullo and Malachy McConnell continue working on mooring chains replacing and repairing missing and broken lengths.

- Bill has requested that mercuries be retired for the season by September 15th and OPTs by September 30th (OPTs require a couple people to carry the boats and racks – a volunteer opportunity) to facilitate float removal.
- Existing problems with the floats continue to be identified and plans made to resolve.
- Jim Kwiatkowski has agreed to varnish the ramp handrail again this year. Thanks Jim!
- Volunteers are needed to apply sealer to float tops and other sundry jobs (call (781-545-2779) or see Bill Fairbanks)

Race - Kevin O'Leary

- Kevin, once again, wants members to know that he can help find crew for your boat if you want to race your boat and are short of help. Also, the race committee is always needing members to crew on boats, help organize the after race party, cooks, and race committee members.
- Not a racer? Kevin encourages everyone to attend the after race party held on the club's lawn. All are welcome.
- Jim Kwiatkowski announced that the Scituate Invitational Race that will be held on July 28th is in need of a member having access to a power boat to place racing markers over the proposed course. Contact Jim if you can help 671-680-3097.

Vice Commodore's Report - Bob Ulwick

- Bob distributed Ed Leary's newsletter. A copy is attached at the end of this report.
- Phyllis Karlberg suggested that dragging the kayaks over the rocks may lead to an early demise of these fun vessels. She commented that kayak handling should be a two person event.
- The Ice Machine is broken and a new replacement would cost the club over \$2000. Alternatives are being explored including purchase of an interim home type freezer, signing on with Eastern Ice for ice and a loaner machine (some pointed out that their blocks were inferior to our current supplier) and replacement of the compressor.
- It was mentioned that Scituate water is brown and this applies to not just our facility but to problems experienced by Scituate residents.
- A proposal for changes to our Pay or Play process was presented by Bob. He feels that, on this first go around, that the fee could be raised, members would sign up for a committee or two, and an accounting of hours worked be considered. Janet Fairbanks pointed out that some tasks are easier than others but this may be a good thing considering the varied skills of our members.

Treasurers Report - Bill Mullen

- June 2018 financial reports have been uploaded and available on the web site
- June's Financial Highlights summary continues to show healthy financials.

Secretary's Report - Bill Mullen for Jerry Cain

- Jerry took this opportunity to thank a number of members that assisted in the rebuilding of the Jr. Sailing fleet during the Spring. Read Jerry's report at the end of these minutes.
- A SBC member's Handbook from 1963 has been found, scanned and added to the History Subsection (located in the About Us Section). Please use the website member's only password to view.

OLD BUSINESS

- Katy Gaumond showed great enthusiasm in reporting that the first session of the new-this-year Adult Learn to Sail Program has been a great success and the seven members enrolled are pleased with the quality of instruction and are learning fast. Some spaces are still open for session 2. Contact Katy at 508-339-2529 for further information.
- Bill Fairbanks spoke for absent Leif Lindblom on the need to allow members access to the mercury fleet considering the amount of volunteer hours and club funds that went into the project to make them seaworthy. A number of members present added their support to the Fun Program that, for a nominal fee, would allow access to the boats. Bob Ulwick discussed the cost of maintenance of the boats which could affect the cost of membership to Fun and focused on winter storage options. He feels that we may be able to store all boats on club property and save this expense – which could be as much as \$6000/year. Some members are concerned that waiting until August meeting to get a decision would leave little time left to sail this summer. It was pointed out by George Skidmore that, based on his turnabout experience, we should expect some undisclosed damage to the boats and spare parts should be available. Katy Gaumond suggested that members that are mercury sailors whether through Fun or part of a working/restoring team, be added to a Mercury Committee, responsible for their upkeep.
- No action was taken on appointing a nominating committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pay for Play proposal. See Bob Ulwick's report above.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed at 9:15 P.M.

Next meeting: August 13th at 8pm

Prepared by Bill Mullen for Jerry Cain, Secretary

JERRY CAIN'S REPORT:

Secretary's Report – July 2018

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some of our members who have helped us out this Spring and early Summer. This is always a dangerous thing to do because we invariably miss someone. Please accept my apologies if you have been omitted.

I'd like to start off with Tom Dennehy. I don't know if you know this but Tom stored the 13 foot Whaler at his shop last Winter. Last Fall, he took it from Bill and Janet Fairbanks' yard to his auto body shop in Abington. He patched the holes in the fiberglass in the bottom and then refinished the gelcoat topsides which were badly faded and had a lot of old lettering on them. Right now the hull looks like new. It gleams. Thanks very much to Tom, and by the way, he did some similar work to the 17 foot Whaler a few years ago.

Another person I'd like to acknowledge is Leif Lindbloom. He's the type of guy who you can call and say, Leif, I have a little job (usually not so little), can you take care of it? Here's what he did for us last Fall and this Spring: he helped us bring the two Mercuries back from Bristol which included loading and unloading them. He refinished two rudders and two tillers and two sets of cockpit combings over the Winter. He painted the entire interior of the 17 foot Whaler. It was a mess and he prepped it and painted it in the garage at his house. He also helped convert one of the Whaler trailers from roller to bunk. I know that he worked on other aspects of the Club's operations including the floats. Lastly, he did an awesome job installing two cup holders on the 17 foot Whaler. Not an easy project, but he took it on and did a great job. I know that I've forgotten some of the things that Leif did for us but thank you very much, Leif.

You probably know James Baldassari because this Spring he developed and presented a proposal for the Fun sailing Program for the Club. You probably do not know that we called him recently and said, James, we'd like to reinstall the hardware on one of the Mercuries after we painted it. He gave up some of his precious weekend time to help with that so thank you James. Also, James' wife Becka volunteered to manage the SBC clothing sale this Spring dedicating much time to this important and successful activity.

I also want to acknowledge the help that Katie Gaumont has been giving us. You probably know that she volunteered to run the new Adult Lesson Program. Katie put together a proposal for that program and it was approved by the Club. She has handled all the registration details personally and the lessons are ongoing. From what I hear they are a nice success. Plus she and Bruce help maintain the Mercury that they donated to the Club. She made some sail bags for us over the Winter. We also want to acknowledge our Junior Sailing instructors who teach the adult lessons. They work with the kids during the day on Tuesdays and then teach our adult members in the late afternoon and early evening. It must make for a long day on the water so thank you to them.

I'd also like to thank Bob Flewelling. He's a guy who's very handy and he's been very responsive to our requests for help. Some of the recent jobs that he did include strengthening the trailer for one of the Mercuries. He also put a few hundred little screws in the rubber rub rails of two of the Mercuries because they were starting to fall off. He replaced the keel bolts on one of the Mercuries. He stripped off all the hardware from one of the Mercuries so that we could paint it. He helped us launch a couple of Mercuries. Most recently he added some cleats and lines to the new finger piers that Larry Burke built. Bob frequently helped us out over the past Winter and Spring so thank you Bob.

Finally, the flowers at the Club are looking good again this year thanks to our volunteer gardeners: Barbara Cain, Gail McHugh, Mal Loring, Maureen Phillips, and Vicki Burke.

That's it for this month and once again, my apologies to those who I may have omitted.

Jerry Cain

ED LEARY'S NEWSLETTER

We're well into the normal summer season: tropical heat waves alternating with cool September-like days! I want to begin this newsletter by applauding our 2 new drivers. I've heard nothing but praise for Adam & Chris; I think they've both successfully adapted to our very busy schedule. You may not know this, but the Boat Club makes 5-6 times the number of runs that the Yacht Club makes and even more on weekends. Please don't hesitate to thank them for their service.

A couple notes of interest:

- Last week we hosted a fleet of 34' power catamarans consisting of boats hailing from ports from Florida to Block Island. This was their first visit to Scituate; they enjoyed the friendly atmosphere at the club and plan to return.
- Things are heating up in the transient business. Tomorrow a fleet of 10 boats from the Redbrook Harbor Yacht Club arrives; they have been with us numerous times in the past. On July 21, 12 boats from the Jubilee Yacht Club are arriving on their annual visit (10 years & counting). The Crescent Cruising Club from Niantic, Connecticut, arrives for their first visit the week after that. And, of course, Heritage Crazy Days comes a week later. (It's amazing how quickly the summer is going!) I mention these facts because they're all possible by the members who make their moorings available for transient use. Thanks you for notifying us when you plan to be off your mooring, and please call ahead before you return to ensure that your mooring is clear.
- As a result of the above, receipts are running very close to last year's record-breaking totals.
- KAYAKS: as you know the club has 5 kayaks for member use. They are the yellow kayaks on the rack, with "SBC" on the bow. Always be sure to take a PFD when paddling in the harbor. The other kayaks are the private property of members. A couple have told me that they have found their own kayaks moved, in disarray, or dirty. Please do not take someone else's kayak for your use.
- We have replaced the expired AED pads for the defibrillator in the kitchen. For the heck of it, you might want to familiarize yourself with their use. They are designed for anyone to use, with 4 easy illustrated steps located on the device itself.
- If you haven't already seen it, visit Danielle Driscoll's blog, which features a number of images at the club and her feelings as a new member of the club.

That's it folks!

Ed Leary