

Cruising Fleet Annual Meeting & Officer Elections

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Summary of Meeting

The Cruising Fleet held our annual business meeting February 24, 2018. We introduced 13 new members, reviewed the racing and cruising events of 2017, elected officers, and heard a financial report from Treasurer Mark English.

Seven Action Items were identified during the annual Fleet meeting including

- 1) **Fleet plaques** - complete and display Cruising Fleet award plaques (Jim Luce)
- 2) **Cruising Fleet meeting** - select date & organize Cruising Fleet meeting before start of season (Marco Moretti)
- 3) **Saturday Adult Sailing** – match up those wishing to improve sailing skills with those wishing to help (Lee Luce)
- 4) organize **Seamanship Rally**, select date (Morris Azar)
- 5) **Race Patrol** – assign and monitor Cruising Fleet Race Patrol volunteers (John Michael)
- 6) **Racing beyond the Hudson** – encourage NBC participation in races on Great South Bay and Long Island Sound (all Members)
- 7) **Cruising Fleet web site** – get Board approval; get site up and running for dues-paying Fleet members (Lee Luce)

Meeting Details

Attendance

Morris Azar	Mark English	Keith O'Hara
Jim Blair	Ron Klempner	Rich Quelch
Christy Blair	Jeff Levy	Matt Schlanger
Nancy Bolan	Lee Luce	Ernie Schlesinger
Dick Bracken	Tony Martin	John Sheehan
Bunky Brehaut	Bill Medrano	Joanne Smolen
Gene Cohen	John Michael	Vic Tartaglia
Mark Czeresnia	Marco Moretti	Kristy Tartaglia
Dave DeVries	Don Myers	Jim Willcox

Introduction of New Members

After the introduction of current officers, Secretary Lee Luce read the names of the 13 new members that have joined the Cruising Fleet since last year. We welcome:

Jim & Christy Blair	Mike Giampiccolo	Don Myers
Nesdon Booth	Sorin Handrea	Vic & Kristy Tartaglia
Bunkie Brehaut	Mitch Kayden	Jim Willcox
Greg Cabibbo	Peter Lippe	
Jackie Eberley	Ellen Miret	

Review of 2017 Events

Fleet Captain Cruising Morris Azar reviewed the Cruising events of 2017 including hosting the Opening Day BBQ, providing snacks after two monthly meetings at the Club in February & September, completed a Thursday evening Adult Sailing program with the Ensign Fleet (thank you Cruising fleet members Carmen & Ruth Yannelli in *Wildflower*, George Penny in *Petite Bijou*, and John Michael/Deb Hertzog in *Spirit*.) The adult sailing program in June and July helps both members and non-members learn how to sail a boat, and we hope to gain new members through the program. John thanked Rick Feldman for organizing the program, and for the donation (still to come) to the Cruising Fleet for 2017 participation.

There were several cruises to Bowline Point, including two raft-ups of Nyack boats to watch the July 3rd fireworks. Several members cruised Long Island Sound, meeting up at various points along the way. Thanks to Dave Horton for arranging Coast Guard inspections (again), and thanks to Joe Glogiewicz and Karen Horton for hosting the Pier Party in August.

There was a very successful dinner cruise to Ossining in September.

All Cruising fleet members received red embroidered hats for 2017.

The Friday night summer movies on the lawn were not well attended and the idea has been dropped.

Fleet Captain Racing John Michael noted the racers had a good season: there were 21 boats that raced in 17 Wednesday nights, and 31 races on Sundays and regattas. Sunday racing is a perfect opportunity to practice, improve your racing skills, and improve your crew teamwork. Sundays are also wonderful for social sailing and just coming out on the water to have a good time. There were two fun pursuit races on Wednesday nights, but Matt Schlanger felt that was too many. John suggested we move those races to Friday nights.

Treasurer's Report

Mark English discussed our financial situation. Currently we have a balance of \$1,545.86 in the account which will increase over the next few months as folks pay their dues. 2017 was a strong year for the Cruising Fleet. Inflows were \$5,267.35 (dues, Last Chance Regatta, 50/50 etc.). Outflows were \$5,122.86 (awards, parties, misc.). Dues in total received for 2017 were \$3,884.00. Mark will be sending out a notice for dues payment to all Fleet members when we get the 2018 Cruising Fleet list from the NBC Financial Secretary, Marja van Zeijl.

For the third year in a row, the Fleet was in the black. This gives more flexibility to plan ahead for the wants and wishes of the fleet as a whole, and Mark felt it is preferred to keep at least \$1,000 in the till for unbudgeted expenditures. A discussion followed, and the group felt we should keep the dues at \$30/member. The 2017 Treasurer's report is attached to the Meeting Minutes.

2018 Cruising Fleet Schedule

- ✓ Morris discussed the many planned activities of the Cruising Fleet for 2018 including hosting Closing Day, Sunday, October 14th.
- ✓ The Cruising Fleet Pier Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 11th.
- ✓ The Fleet will host the general monthly meetings for March & September.
- ✓ There are eleven cruises planned, four local one-nighters (Bowline, Croton Point, Haverstraw Marina), seven multi-night cruises, and a two-week cruise to Block Island.

- ✓ Once again the Cruising Fleet will be happy to chip in for expenditures during approved Fleet cruises. Please submit the bills to our Treasurer Mark for reimbursement

2018 Racing Fleet Schedule

- The first Sunday race is May 7th, and the first Wednesday Night race is May 3rd.
- There will be three Club Regattas including Memorial Day weekend, July 7-8th, and a Fall Regatta the weekend after Labor Day.
- Dick Bracken **Sailing Panel of Experts** – Wednesday evening, March 14th
- John noted there will be heavy emphasis this year on the racing rules. He wants to see more protests so that people know they can't get away with infractions. If a protest results in a hearing, John felt the Cruising Fleet should award a case of beer to the protest winner.
- More fun pursuit races are planned for Friday evenings, rather than Wednesday night racing
- A "destination" race with an overnight stay someplace up river
- Two racing meetings are planned before the start of the season:
 - **Saturday, March 17th at 10 am** – discuss any changes to Sailing instructions, scoring, Notices of Race, scheduling
 - **Wednesday, April 25th, 7:30 pm** – meeting for all racers to discuss any changes in racing procedures, Sailing Instructions, etc.

Proposed Expenditures in 2018

Treasurer Mark English discussed the proposed expenditures for 2018:

- Mark noted that Cruising Fleet dues will stay at \$30 for 2018.
- We will pay for a Locker at Club for storage of Cruising Fleet supplies - \$43.35.
- Mark hopes to work with Eric Baumes to set up a Paypal account to pay dues through the new Cruising Fleet web site (see below).
- Please note, no expense account items will be paid in 2018 unless prior approval has been received from Treasurer Mark English.

Fleet Programs for 2018

Lee reported the award plaques, approved last year, are almost finished. The varnish is still drying and they should be ready for hanging in a week or two. One plaque is for the Spinnaker Division, and one plaque is for the Non-Spinnaker Division. A third plaque is planned for the Cruising Division.

Action Item – works in progress. Many thanks to Jim Luce for his wood-working skills.

Cruising Fleet Seminar - In addition to the March Panel of Racing Experts hosted by Dick Bracken, Marco (Moretti) requested a Wednesday evening Cruising meeting to discuss cruising experiences, do's and don'ts, where to go, favorite haunts, and learn and listen from those who have gone before.

Action Item – Lee will check the calendar and pick a date with Marco to host a cruising seminar.

Saturday Adult Sailing – The idea of Saturday sailing and learn-to-sail in your own boat was moderately successful in 2017, and the program should continue. Key cruising fleet skippers have volunteered to sail with other cruising fleet members in their boat. The purpose is to help

those not as experienced to learn to be more comfortable and proficient in their own boat. Several members have expressed interest and more information will be forthcoming as we get into the sailing season. Tony Martin felt that getting an experienced racer on your boat might encourage less experienced skippers to race, especially on Sundays.

Action Item – Lee will canvas Cruising Fleet members interested in the program and try to get a match-up

Seamanship Rally – Morris has proposed a Seamanship Rally Day for the Cruising Fleet at the Club. He suggests a mixture of classroom time and on-the-water events.

Action Item – Morris will pick a Saturday, probably in June, to have the event.

Race Patrol – although not discussed in detail at the meeting, all fleets have a commitment to provide Race Patrol members throughout the sailing season, and this includes the Cruising Fleet. An e-mail with available dates will sent to all Fleet members soon. As John says, “Enjoy a day out on the water at the Club’s expense!”

This commitment does not include your regular Club work obligation if you are already on Race Patrol. You don’t have to be experienced to volunteer. If we don’t fill all of the slots required by the Cruising Fleet, Fleet members will need to be assigned. Once you volunteer, or are assigned, please take this obligation seriously. **If you can’t make your date, you must find a substitute. Do not call at the last minute and say you can’t make it.**

Action Item – John will send the new list of potential dates to fill and ask for volunteers.

Racing beyond the Hudson River – Bill Medrano would like to see increased participation in outside regional races on Great South Bay or Long island Sound. And he wondered if anyone was planning to enter the Newport/Bermuda Race. John (Michael) said that he and a few others planned to do the Around Long Island Race. Marco noted that when you add up all of the requirements for the ALIR, the bill can easily exceed \$1,500.

Morris noted he will have his boat in Bridgeport at Captain’s Cove Marina all summer.

Action Item – this is up to individual members.

Cruising Fleet Web Site – the Board of Governors has approved a web site specifically for the Cruising Fleet. Lee explained the purpose of the web site is two-fold 1) to have timely up-to-date information all in one place at one time (upcoming meetings, spur-of-the-moment cruises, racing results, etc.), and 2) archival information such as past racing results, NBC travelogues, and contact information. Like the NBC web site, your e-mail address and member number will be your login information. Only dues paying Fleet members will be able to access the site. We hope the site will be clean, uncluttered, and easy to use.

Action Item – pay your 2018 dues to access the site.

Elections

The following officers were nominated and elected unanimously to the Cruising Fleet Executive Board for 2018:

Fleet Captain, Cruising – Morris Azar

Fleet Captain, Racing – John Michael

Secretary – Lee Luce

Treasurer – Mark English

The annual Cruising fleet meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Luce, Cruising fleet Secretary
February 25, 2018

**NBC CRUISING FLEET
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2017**

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$5,267.35	
		Footnotes
2017 Dues	\$3,884.00	
2017 March Pot Luck Party 50/50 Cash	\$137.00	
2017 Last Chance Regatta - Paypal	\$673.35	(1)
2017 Last Chance Regatta - Checks	\$441.00	(2)
2017 Awards Dinner 50/50	\$132.00	
2017 Adult Sailing Program	\$0.00	(3)
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$5,122.86	
2017 Red Hats for Cruising Fleet	\$662.40	(4)
2017 March Pot Luck Party	\$22.00	(5)
2017 Awards Dinner	\$991.76	(6)
2017 Pier Party - Pirate Themed	\$2,450.00	(7)
2017 Last Chance Regatta	\$136.77	(8)
2017 Last Chance Regatta (Trophies)	\$140.89	(9)
7/4/2017 Bowline FW - Carol Marsh	\$76.63	(10)
1/17/2017 Additional Hats Ordered	\$292.19	(11)
2/2/2017 - NBC Monthly Expenses	\$227.65	(12)
General Meeting 3/3/2017	\$122.57	
2017 CRUISING FLEET BALANCE	\$1,947.89	
2018 Expense - Award Plaques	\$492.62	(13)

Footnotes

(1) 2017 Last Chance Regatta - Paypal - 10/17/2017 - from pmts collected by Eric Baumes: PayPal

(2) 2017 Last Chance Regatta - Checks - 10/19/2017 - from pmts collected by Morris check for \$393 (Morris) / Check for \$30 (Michael Aiello - Consulting Engineer Acct) / Check for \$18

(Mary Beth / Peter Moltzen)

(3) 2017 Adult Sailing Program - 2/23 - Needs to be collected from the Ensign Fleet

(4) 2017 Red Hats for Cruising Fleet - 7/13 - for the red hats - 140 hats - w/ Discount Mugs - Order # DM2846171

(5) 2017 March Pot Luck Party - (but! \$137 was raised from the 50/50) - 4/2 - \$205.14 to Lee Luce (Price Chopper/Shoprite/Wine B&R) / \$76 to John Michael 4 Beer / \$35.17 to Deb for Desert prizes B&N and Marshall's

(6) 2017 Awards Dinner - 1/5/2018 - monies to Lee Luce - \$49.14 Shoprite/\$43.39 Price Chopper/\$10.79 Party City/ \$11.17 Shoprite / \$82.14 Bar Wine & Liquor total: \$196.63. Monies to John Michael - Fleece awards \$598 (Toni Embroidery)/\$197.13 Oakland Wine & Liquor TOTAL: \$795.13

(7) 2017 Pier Party - Pirate Themed - (Total actually \$2856.83 - but paying \$2450 - compromise) // 10/17/2017 - P/O 85% - \$1182.80 to Karen (out of \$1391.53) / \$1212.07 to Joey G (out of \$1425.97) / \$15.62 to Cathy Ottens / \$23.71 to Harry Juris

(8) 2017 Last Chance Regatta - 10/17/2017 - \$32.40 Nyack Hot Bagels - \$104.37 - ShopRite - monies go to Eric Baumes

(9) 2017 Last Chance Regatta (Trophies) - 11/1/2017 - paid Foley Signs \$140.89 via use of the debit card...

(10) 7/4/2017 Bowline FW - Carol Marsh - 8/15/2017 - was given receipt and made copy - covers food - scanned along with check

(11) 1/17/2017 Additional Hats Ordered - 1/17/17 - paid via Debt Card by Lee Luce

(12) 2/2/2017 - NBC Monthly Expenses - 2/17/17 - 177.65 check sent to Lee (Shoprite/Dollar Tree - Receipts saved). John Michael (Total Wine) already settled up

(13) 2/23/2018 - check to Lee Luce - Rossi Engraving \$365 / Title Plates \$32.45 / NBC Burgee Wood Cut Outs (x3) \$32.45 / Wood Roe Brothers (x3) \$37.24 // Spray Lacquer \$14.48