

Duck Island Yacht Club
Annual Meeting
September 26, 2015

Call to Order 4:16PM

Secretary Kathy Nauber confirmed there was a quorum of members. There were 22 Active members present and 15 Active member proxies for a total of 37 Active voting members.

Old Business:

Minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were unavailable so the review of the minutes were suspended

Commodore Kevin Carse discussed why the club did not sell the second chase boat since last year the members voted to allow the Officers to sell a chase boat. The current Officers felt selling a chase boat was not prudent in light of the increased attendance at our one-design events. Having two boats available is necessary for moving marks and the safety of our competitors in the small boat fleets. Financially we did not need to sell the boat.

New Business:

A. Officer's Reports

1. Commodore Kevin Carse thanked everyone for all their efforts this past year. The current DIYC Officers have worked hard to promote the DIYC mission statement, *"To preserve and encourage the sport of sailing, and foster the spirit of camaraderie among yachtsman"*. We have several goals for 2016:
 - Develop a long term plan to increase membership. A membership committee will be formed to come up with and implement a plan to increase membership numbers, and preserve our current memberships.
 - Continue to promote and grow the one design and dinghy racing programs to involve in and introduce younger sailors to DIYC.
 - Thorough review of the budget with a focus on rebuilding our capital reserves.
2. Vice Commodore Peter Floyd thanked all those who helped him this year with special thanks to Mark Salerno, Erik Eisensmith and Bob Weinstein for their electrical and mechanical abilities. The clubhouse has new signage. Bob made the sign on the north wall facing US 1 and Robin Konrad arranged to have the logo put on the front doors. Mark raised the steps four inches. The step and outside tables were painted. The yearbook had over \$3,200 in ad sales and Peter thanked Marty Marx for doing the yearbook layout and getting it printed.
3. Rear Commodore Social Robin Konrad changed the format of many events. Commissioning Day was on a Friday night and included an auction that raised \$1,500. Two TGIF parties were well attended and members of the Shoreline Sailing Club joined us for one. Grillin' & Chill'in was nights on the deck with boat crews manning the grills and drinks being donated by various participants. Special thanks to Al Eddy for setting up the drinks each week and Dick Saunders for updating the list of volunteers on the website. All three end of series racing parties were well attended and many people stepped up to volunteer. We had more of a presence on Facebook this year. Robin thanked Peter Floyd her co-host for the club's first Pig Roast.
4. Rear Commodore Race Todd McKenzie was absent but his report was presented by Kevin Carse. The participation in race committee was excellent. Special thanks to Roger Baumann, Todd Berman, Mark Salerno and Jane Reilly for volunteering to be PRO. Todd gave a big thanks to Dick Saunders who was his right-hand man. The new cruiser/racer division was a success on Tuesday nights. Hopefully some of these boats will race in our Wednesday night series next summer. Mark McCarthy worked to get more JY15 boats on the water. The Laser regatta was extremely successful with 29 boats registered. Ben Russell helped promote this event to make it a success. It was one of the largest Laser regattas in Long Island Sound this year. There were 12 volunteers on race committee and all three committee boats were used to keep the course square and competitor's safe.
5. Rear Commodore Cruise – Vacant
6. Treasurer Charles Therriault provided a report for the membership. Account Balances as of August 31,2015: Operating Account-\$29,863.92, Capital Account-\$19,676.07, Debenture Account-\$5,554.33, House Account-

\$17,153.53, House Account #2 Grounds-\$5,001.10 and Pay Pal Account-\$168.10 for a total of \$77,417.05. The final payment for Slip #1 was remitted in August. Overall the club's finances are in good condition but are low due to lower membership and fewer big boat race participants. There was also a large onetime expense related to Sitting Duck.

7. Fleet Captain Erik Eisensmith reported fleet had a challenging, but ultimately successful 2015 season. The crane has an ongoing maintenance program by Smedley crane which saves the club money. The chase boats continue to be cleaned, basically maintained, winterized and covered by club members. They will be stored at the club. Sitting Duck was restored to service but will continue to be upgraded over the winter season to provide safe, comfortable and efficient race operations. The damaged cockpit floor will be replaced and the interior will be cleaned and painted. The head, cockpit and helm will be renovated. It will get a new prop that is better matched to the power plant. Erik thanked Ted Zuse for providing the club with his boat Champlain to use as the main committee boat while Sitting Duck was out of commission. Many thanks to Kevin Carse, Dick Saunders, Bob Weinstein, Todd McKenzie, Roger Bauman, Mark Salerno and Club Steward Tim Ott for their assistance with fleet.
 8. Directors of Publicity Marty Marx reported the Ship Store has been inventoried and he will order more burgees next year. The yearbook generated about \$2,800 in income for the club. Marty would like to see people volunteer to help with content and ad sales next year. The diydispatch list was updated so he has an accurate list of member's email addresses. He thanked Todd Berman for holding the Cruiser/Racer seminar, running race committee and providing advice and encouragement to the novice racers. Marty would like to create an electronic newsletter for next year and is looking for a volunteer to help.
 9. Secretary Kathy Nauber reported that we have 52 Active members, 8 Emeritus members and 24 Social members. The Berman's changed their status to Active and the B. Weinstein's reinstated their Active membership. The Mason's and Skinners changed their status to Emeritus. We had 5 people join as Social members: Doug Carlisle and Renee Degoursey, Travis and Donna Epes, Thomas Fox, Dan Gilmore and Adam and Kathy Weissman.
- B. Nomination and election of Flag Officers for 2017
The following slate was presented to the membership: Commodore-Kevin Carse, Vice Commodore-Peter Floyd, Rear Commodore Race-Lance Brown, Rear Commodore Social-Robin Konrad, Rear Commodore Cruise-vacant, Treasurer-Anne Edgley, Fleet Captain-Erik Eisensmith, Director or Publicity-Marty Marx, Secretary-Kathy Nauber. There were no nominations from the floor. The Slate of Flag Officers was approved by a majority of votes- 36 yes votes and 1 no vote.
- C. Nomination and Election of Board Of Governors for 2017
The following slate was presented to the membership: Commodore Kevin Carse, Vice Commodore Peter Floyd, Members at Large Joel Marcus, Rich Glassman, Robert Weinstein, Mark McCarthy and Bennett Bernblum. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of Board of Governors was approved by a majority of votes- 36 yes votes and 1 no vote.
- D. Joel Marcus the Chairman of the Board of Governors spoke about the change in Leadership that occurred during the winter months. Joel said the action was taken to help keep the club moving forward. This season the Board attended more Officer meeting's so they were aware of all club issues and could help provide guidance.
- E. Bob Weinstein said that while there is not a Rear Commodore Cruise the weekend cruises continued and there are places where Social members can come out and join in. He gave BIYC one of our burgees. Bob thanked Dick Tilton for planning the Labor Day Cruise.
- F. Pete and Ruth Connal took Kathy Bassett and the honored skipper out on their boat to watch the Leukemia Cup Regatta. Kathy spread Clark's ashes out on the water and PRO Roger Bauman announced a moment of silence before the race started.

Meeting adjourned 5:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Nauber
DIYC Secretary