

Duck Island Yacht Club  
Annual Meeting  
September 18, 2020

Call to Order 6:05 PM

Secretary Jennifer Tabor-Rennie confirmed there was a quorum of members.

Old Business:

Minutes from the September 27, 2019 annual meeting were approved as submitted.

New Business:

A. Officer's Reports

1. Commodore Mark McCarthy

- Despite COVID19 trying to ruin all of our fun this year, the state of DIYC is strong!
- The officer team worked hard at trying to provide a 'normal' year of activities, though we were faced with some hard choices
- We formed a COVID 19 Committee to help rationalize a path forward in some very uncertain times. Thank you to the officer group, Mark Salerno, BJ Bernblum, Skip Young for their collaboration to move our season forward.
- After careful planning which involved crafting rules around the use of the club, grounds, RC boats, and condo bathrooms. Further consideration into new rules for racing which included a signed waiver by every participant and RC member.
- This effort was tremendous and the committee critical to the success of our club this year, please take a minute to recognize this group.
- Additionally, our officer group felt this year was a bit of a mulligan, we had all sorts of plans to grow our membership, improve our cruising, expand our racing, and continue to build our community. The entire officer group has decided to stay on for 2021 to get a better shot at improving our club – my hats off to each of them for their commitment!
- I want to welcome in 2021 a new member of the team, Peter Floyd as Vice Commodore. He will be a huge asset to helping build our community, thank your Peter for your commitment
- We are missing one spot on our lineup for 2021 – we are looking for a person to step up to Rear Commodore Social. This can be a either a full or social member – please consider joining this amazing team.
- Thank you to the DIYC and DIYCA BOG's, the officers and last the members for the collaboration and support to making this club great, and a place that we all can be proud of!

2. Vice Commodore- position not filled

3. Rear Commodore Social- position not filled

4. Rear Commodore Race Matt Rennie

- Racing was healthy despite COVID, with 72 races completed.
- Season opened first Wednesday after allowed by the governor. Slow start to Class 3 and Non-spin. 4 new boats this year (Coyote, Ardent, Sleeper, Cranky Pants). There were 18 PHRF boats compared to 23 last year. A total of 21 races were run, with our 2 biggest still to come.

- Tuesday night racing numbers are increasing. Our participation doubled this year, with 4 boats competing.
- Thursday One Design racing is continuing to increase and remains popular in this environment. There were 17 OD Dinghies compared to 12 last year, with 20 races run per class over the series. 21 boats registered for the JY15 CT State Championships and Laser Regatta.
- Thanks to Dick Saunders for doing almost everything. Todd Mackenzie, Todd Berman, Norb Church, Roger Bauman and Steve Purdy for jumping in multiple times to run racing. We had a smaller number of volunteers this year, to minimize exposure, but appreciate that it created a bigger commitment and risk for those who did help.

#### 5. Rear Commodore Cruise Brian and Lauren

- Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the formal club cruising this year was non-existent. Though very different from previous years, many of us enjoyed cruising this summer and making good use of the club's moorings. We are already planning to make next year's cruise activities the best ever, including many weekends and Friday evening events. We are also going to heavily promote the DIYC Cruising facebook page to share stories, destinations, and pictures. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for next year...any input is helpful.
- Have a great winter and very much looking forward to 2021.

#### 6. Fleet Captain Roger Bauman

- Thanks to Todd McKenzie for leading crane project, there are many other people who have also been involved in the raising of the crane and deserve recognition including Bob Weinstein and Doug Carlisle (and Brendan Coyne for keeping the Osprey from nesting on top prior to removal) as well as many others. Todd was also able to launch the dry sailed boats for several weeks while the crane was out of commission. What could have been a very expensive project was kept affordable thanks to Todd, the project team and his crew at Smedley Crane. Thanks again.
- Sitting Duck and Mighty Duck have been operating well this season and Little Duck will make its way to the water to help with the one design regatta this weekend.
- I would also like to recognize DIYC Condo parking lot raising committee for the improvements to the parking area this past winter which helped our whole sailing program. Not once this season did we wade through the water to get to our cars. Its nice to be dry.
- Reminder we need your help at the end of the season with the work party. Please stop by and help us put away the boats.

#### 7. Treasurer Anne Edgley

- As at 9/12/20 showing a profit of \$6,385 as compared to \$13,327 at the same time last year. However, the 2019 number does not include the second payment to the condo association for mostly insurance premiums (around \$12,000).
- Memberships dues are slightly down at \$21,045 vs. \$21,324 in 2019
- Regatta entrance fees are down at \$8,406 vs. \$10,576 in 2019
- Fleet expenses are much improved after the costs incurred last year at \$2,200 vs. \$11,822 in 2019.

- The big expenditure this year was on the crane. The costs were kept to a minimum, but still a large number for the club, at \$4,651 (50/50 shared with DIYCA. It is the intention, subject to the Board of Governors' approval, to pay this amount out of the capital accounts.
- The club also needs to contribute to the costs for raising the parking lot, for which the condo association paid \$108,000. We have been asked for a contribution of \$25,000 which we intend to be paid over a five year period.
- The club currently has \$66,239 in the bank of which approximately \$36,000 is in capital accounts. It is from these accounts that the crane expenses will be paid.

#### 8. Director of Publicity Brendan Coyne

- As the summer season comes to a close I just want to say thank you to our members for their patience this season as we navigated through the Covid restrictions. And thank you officers and members of the Covid committee for all the time spent planning for this season's opening.
- The Newsletter launched later this year due clubs late opening and lack of activities. I am very much looking forward to what will hopefully be a return to normalcy next season.
- The DIYC Club store online at Newport Team One has been updated with new product offerings to bring in more variety and lower price points. The club does receive a percent back of all purchases. Follow the link on our site to the club store.
- I ask members to keep me updated when they are racing in outside events as I like to include that info in the newsletter and photos of all events are always needed and welcome

#### 9. Secretary Jennifer Tabor-Rennie

- Membership:
  - Active members- 56 this year (3 didn't renew, 1 moved to social) 60 last year
  - Social members- 27 this year (3 didn't renew) 29 last year
  - Emeritus members- 5 this year- 5 last year
- Membership discounts- unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to approach establishments- the plan is to move forward once things get back to normal

#### B. Report from the BOG

1. Thanked the flag officers for their efforts this year
2. It was a challenging year for the club and racing
3. COVID committee was a good idea got us racing
4. Noted of the declining membership
5. Todd Berman has officially resigned

#### C. Nomination and election of Flag Officers for 2021

The following slate was presented to the membership: Commodore-Mark McCarthy, Vice Commodore-Peter Floyd, Treasurer- Anne Edgley, Fleet Captain-Roger Bauman, Director or Publicity- Brendan Coyne, Rear Commodore Cruise- Brian and Lauren Weinstein, Rear Commodore Social- TBD, Rear Commodore of Race- Matt Rennie, Secretary- Jennifer Tabor-Rennie. The Slate was approved.

D. Nomination and Election of Board of Governors for 2021

The following slate was presented to the membership: Commodore Mark McCarthy, Vice Commodore Peter Floyd, and Members at Large- Bennett Bernblum, Robert Weinstein, Anne Edgley, David Nauber and Brian Weinstein. The slate was approved.

E. Other New Business

1. Work party to close the clubhouse will be October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am
2. Paul vonMoffei thanked Dick Saunders for the updated website
3. Peter Floyd and Robert Powers plans to invite people from nearby marinas to race non-spinnaker on Tuesday nights to get more people involved

Meeting adjourned 6:41 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tabor-Rennie  
DIYC Secretary