

# Minutes – Beverly Sail & Power Squadron General Meeting Jubilee Yacht Club – September 4, 2013

Attendance --- 23 members, 3 guests

Supper prepared and served by Bill & Joan Bonner and Linda Seal

Business meeting called to order by Commander Robert Sant Fournier at 8:14 PM

Minutes from last general meeting, May 1, 2013, posted and accepted.

Executive Officer Jack Reed announced a project designed to attract more members to the Squadron. Following is the summary of his presentation:

With the assistance of State Senator Bruce Tarr, the Massachusetts Environmental Police have provided us with the addresses of all boat owners from Marblehead to Rockport. We are conducting a test project to see if using these addresses, we can do a more cost-effective job of attracting boaters to our courses. Our membership is slowly declining and rapidly aging. Our courses are the vehicle for attracting new members. We have mailed out flyers to 550 boat owners, inviting them to take either the Marine Engine Maintenance Course, starting October 7th or the Seamanship Course starting October 8th – both at Jubilee Yacht Club, 7 – 9 pm one day a week for the length of the courses. If this proves to be a viable way of attracting boat owners to our courses, we will recommend to the Massachusetts Environmental Police that we get the addresses for all boat owners in the District 18 region and perhaps other districts as well. Additionally, there is no reason not to include the Coast Guard Auxiliary in this – there are more than enough boat owners to go around. The incentive for the Mass Environmental Police is to promote boating education and safety and perhaps improve boating performance of Mass boaters.

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Administrative Officer --- currently office is vacant

Secretary – Ray Tilton - articles and pictures for Hannah’s Banner due end of September

Treasurer -- John Hagar -- “request for money must be approved by the executive committee”.

Balances: Fidelity account, approx. \$26 K.

Checkbook averages about \$2200 balance

Instructor Certification – Linda Seal -- members from all four squadrons in District can participate in next session this coming spring.

Vessel Safety Check – Walter Riley – asked that anyone who has not had their vessel examined this year to request a VSC.

Education Officer - Ed Walsh – stressed the importance of the administrative officer and the fact that we need one.

Walter Riley is the assistant education officer

Boating safety – no report

Old Business: Commander Sant Fournier said that no notes were taken at the last E-Board meeting but that the board agreed with Jack Reed’s proposal described in his presentation at tonight’s meeting.

Linda Seal made a motion that the Squadron go ahead with Jack Reed’s mailing proposal described in his presentation this evening.

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Alex Arcicz recommended that Linda's motion be amended that two, preferably three mailings be made to the same people on the list. Also, that the number of booklets ordered per course be cut to 25. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made to nominate John Graves for the position of administrative officer and Ed Meyers as assistant administrative officer. Both men agreed to serve if elected. The motion was seconded and carried. A vote was taken and both were elected.

Commander Sant Fournier stressed the need for a nominating committee. He asked all members to step up to the plate and participate in squadron activities. He also pointed out the need to follow USPS protocol at all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.