

Renton Sailing Club

Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2008

Attendees

Gary Bagnell
Lee Chicoine
Brad Landon
Bob O'Donnell
Don Hynn
Jim Tahl

Pete Sturtevant
Jim Campbell
Ross Chamberlain
Dan Bryan
Miguel Escobar

The meeting opened at 7:35 PM and was held in Kennydale Memorial Hall. The Minutes from the March Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Jim Campbell, reported that the Treasury has a balance of \$1,198. Expenses during the past month were \$130. Major expenditures included the a new tarp, a new buoy, payment for some labor at Gary's shop and payment for the Club's post office box.

Large Boat Outing

The president, Dan Bryan, announced that the large boat outing that had been scheduled for Saturday, March 15 was cancelled because no one showed up.

Chart Reading Class

Dan asked Gary about the progress in organizing a chart reading class. Gary Bagnell stated he still intends to offer on a Tuesday evening and that he will check the availability of the Hall. Gary also stated that there will be an Instructor Training Class in May. Pete suggested that the Club consider reimbursing club members who attend this class, as this will directly help the club. No action was taken on this item.

Boat Maintenance

Gary announced that the new El Toros had been fully outfitted and then hauled down to the Club Dock. The next project is to patch holes in one of the hulls of the Reynolds Catamaran. Gary is awaiting a part needed to repair a boat motor. Gary also said that he wants to haul out the San Juan to clean and paint its hull. Work crews are scheduled for the afternoons of Saturdays and Sundays through April, unless this conflicts with a scheduled club function.

Gary stated that he intends to sell the old El Toro hulls. He asks that anyone interested in buying a hull contact him by mid-April.

Sailboat Classes

Gary reported that the first Sailing Class of the season begins on May 7. He will need extra help from club members that first week: May 7-8-9. Gary reminded everyone of the joy of teaching children to sail and the enthusiasm and gratitude that they show.

El Toro Race and Clinic

The new El Toros have been moved down to the Club Dock. On April 12 there will be a race with our new El Toros. These boats will be sailed for the first time and this is a chance to shake-down any problems. A Clinic on Basic Racing Rules will be held ahead of the race.

Sailing Recertification

Dan brought up the idea, discussed last month, of requiring all Intermediate and Advanced sailors to undergo some form of brief re-certification of their competency to sail safely. In particular, this would involve boat rigging, boat docking and capsize recovery (for the smaller sailboats). Extensive discussion once again ensued. A number of people expressed concern about capsize exercise taking place in the cold lake waters of the early season. There was also concern over whether instructors would be available in a timely fashion to accomplish recertification. Gary suggested one or more scheduled clinics where recertification could be accomplished. Dan stated that he will be available the following weekend to begin recertifications.

Boat Keys

There will be a new system to simplify the use of the various boat and lock keys. The keys are currently located in a number of places, sometimes requiring opening up at least two of the dock boxes. To simplify things, a plastic briefcase will be affixed inside the west dock box. All of the keys will be kept inside the case. The boat log will also be kept in the case. It was agreed that this would increase the likelihood that members would sign out a sailboat on the log EVERY time a boat is used, as required by club policy.

Club Dues

The 2008 annual club dues is now being collected. Applications can be found on the Club website.

Gary stated that he and Dan will meet this month to develop ideas for requiring a minimum amount of boat maintenance work or other volunteer work from every club member as part of the annual membership. This topic will be discussed at the May meeting.

Dockmaster Schedule

Miguel Escobar has developed an attractive-looking monthly calendar of Dockmasters and other club functions over the next several months. He intends to send this schedule out to all members via the e-mail.

Blake Island Overnight Cruise

The Blake Island Cruise is scheduled for April 19-20. Gary stated that he has a conflict and will not be able to lead this trip. Dan stated that he knows of 6-8 interested people and that someone needs to step forward to pull this trip together. Several members remembered past Club trips to Blake Island and other places like Fort Flagler and Port Townsend. Gary stated that he will send out an e-mail.

Miscellaneous

Maintenance. Jim McClauffin was given recognition for installing or modifying hatches on the San Juan 21 and the Aquarius. Rusty Drake has developed a list of maintenance requirements for the Ranger 24.

New Member. Don Hynn introduced himself as a new club member

Boat Instruments. Dan stated that the Club should look into repair of some of the electronic gear on the large boats, particularly the wind meet and the boat speed meter. Several members

offered opinions of preliminary examination that could be done to determine if professional repair would be needed.

Sister Yacht Club. Jim Tahl mentioned that he is a member of the Seattle Singles Yacht Club. He suggested that the Renton Sailing Club offer the Yacht Club sailing privileges off our dock on a couple of scheduled weekends. This could be a good way to attract more club members. The club members present voted to allow this. Jim Tahl and Brad Landon will work up some ideas to bring to the May Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Kennydale Memorial Hall.