

Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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2006 Officers

Commodore

Sue Kaanta, 224-7206

Vice Commodore

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Iris Johnson, 224-3675

Secretary

Colleen Kelly, 224-3589

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From Commodore Sue

Our brand new burgee flies in the winds of the Harbor Plaza. A good photo op for our coming Web site. We voted to establish a Web site at our June meeting. Bill Ennis has agreed to be our Webmaster.

He is asking for any and all suggestions to be e-mailed to him at bennis@ak.net. Bring your ideas to the next meeting. If you are cruising, send news.

Welcome the following new members aboard: Paul & Debra Carter of Seward; Dennis Gifford, Kenai; Steve Illige of Cathlamet, WA; Larry Maile of Anchorage; Devin Putney of Tampa, FL; and Vicki Seigel of Anchorage.

Congratulations to our own Bill Alloway. He caught the heaviest silver salmon turned in by a Yacht Club member during the Silver Salmon Derby. 14.61 pounds!

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Fall Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 23

Potluck at 6:30 p.m. * Meeting at 7 p.m.

Breeze Inn Lounge

Guests are always welcome at all KFYC meetings & events!

New dock cart combo is 0620

Members get down to business during Summer Solstice meeting

Commodore Sue Kaanta called the 2006 Summer Solstice meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. June 17 at the Adams Street Picnic Area. Among the folks introduced to club members were visitor Vicki Seigel, new members Larry Maile and Devin Putney, and old member Tom Dooley. During the meeting, Vicki became a new member of the club.

Club secretary Colleen Kelly was absent (her work schedule got in the way), so member Deborah Altermatt graciously agreed to serve as temporary secretary. (Thanks, Deborah!).

Treasurer Iris Johnson reported a savings account balance of \$1,016.49 and a checking account balance of \$253.52. She indicated the club needs to replace the burgee at the Harbormaster's office and also needs to replenish its supply of business envelopes.

The following items were covered during old and unfinished business:

Mariners' Memorial: The proposal has been approved by the Seward City Council and Seward Planning and Zoning Commission. The club hopes there will be a site available on the so-called "new dirt pile" just south of the refurbished south harbor breakwater.

KFYC Web Site: Member Bill Ennis is working on a proposed Web site for the club. Estimated cost would be \$87 a year. The club could use the Web site to post meeting announcements, club information and a list of items available for purchase (e.g., t-shirts, burgees, etc.). Commodore Sue said the Web site could feature photos of club events. Andy wanted to know how much it costs to mail the club newsletter. Iris said it's at least \$80 a quarter to produce and mail the newsletter. Andy said the Web site would replace the expense of mailing a newsletter. Vicki said any member who doesn't have access to the Internet could pay a higher membership fee to cover the cost of getting a newsletter by mail. The club might even bring in some money by selling ad space on the Web site. Members voted unanimously in favor of Pat Nolan's motion and second by Tom Dooley to move ahead with the Kenai Fjords Yacht Club Web site.

The new Web site will mean the club will save money by not mailing out so many newsletters. Members will get an e-mail informing them the newsletter is available on the Web site. Pat said folks without Internet access could get post card notices about upcoming meetings.

"We are now approaching the new century with this idea," said Commodore Sue.

She said dues will remain unchanged for the next year while we figure out if there needs to be any adjustment. There was some concern about listing members' e-mail addresses on the Web site. The general feeling is e-mail addresses shouldn't be listed because it opens up members to being hit with the likes of spam and crawlers

Lock combination: The new combination for dock carts is 0620. The commodore thanked Vice Commodore Don Withrow for putting air in the cart tires. Member Dianne Dubuc has reminded people not to load the carts with fish; it's a messy job to clean out the slime! The carts are in great shape, thanks to the members' efforts, said Sue.

The following came up under new business:

Burgees: Iris has ordered a new flag for the Harbormaster's office and 10 burgees.

Community Clean-up: Members pitched in and hauled trash from the harbor area during the Community Cleanup in May. In honor of their efforts, the club was awarded a teddy bear, candles, a lanyard, a multi-use desk set, tanning coupons, a Parks and Recreation notebook, and a whistle. Everyone voted in favor of a motion by Carrie, second by Vicki, to utilize these items as gifts at our Christmas meeting.

Salmon Derby: Iris reminded members the club typically sponsors a \$100 prize for the yacht club member catching the heaviest fish during the Seward Silver Salmon Derby. It's open to members of all yacht clubs. It's open-ended because the idea is to entice more people to enter the derby.

Shirts: Going into the sales mode, Iris showed off the new club T-shirts. The cost is \$25. She also brought out the two older styles of shirts the club still has stashed away. They're priced at \$15 and \$20. All shirts are long-sleeved and made of cotton. Get in touch with Iris if you're interested.



E-mail the Club Secretary

As part of our effort to get a club Web site going, we want to make sure we have your latest e-mail address so we can notify you when the Web site is up and running. Please send your e-mail address to the secretary at colleenk@ak.net. Don't worry, we won't list it on the Web site.