

Tall Oaks Yacht Club (TOYC) - MEETING NOTES

MEETING INFORMATION	
TITLE	TOYC 2016 Fall Meeting & Luncheon
DATE	November 5, 2017
TIME	12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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Topic	Discussion
General Meeting	<p>Commodore Dave Dugan opened the meeting at 1:25 pm.</p> <p><u>Old Business—</u>            There were a few items of old business:            1- New race marks – purchased and racers were pleased.            2- Races on Saturdays or Sundays – races were all on Saturdays.            3- Mike’s grill – the club did not obtain Mike’s grill.            There was no other old business.</p> <p><u>Secretary’s Meeting Minutes—</u>            The minutes to the 2017 Spring Meeting were posted on the TOYC.org website and hard copies were available on the tables if attendees hadn’t had the opportunity to read them. A motion was made by Eileen Pittenger to read minutes on our own and to not read them aloud during the meeting. Motion was seconded by Debbie Owens.</p> <p>The password to the membership directory on the TOYC.org website was provided to the members. The password is: to2015yc (all lowercase). Members were asked to review the membership directory and let the bridge know if there is any information that needed to be updated.</p> <p><u>Treasurer’s Report—</u>            Treasurer Sharyn Taylor read the Treasurer’s Report.            As of October 31, 2016 the club started with \$2,243.            \$2,465 was added throughout the year and we spent \$3,694.            The balance is \$2,818,68 as of November 5, 2017.            We’ve had a lot of great socials and the club is financially healthy.            Dave Reuter made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report.            It was seconded by Suzanne Keane.</p> <p><u>Jane Lapor Award—</u>            Diane Legates received the Jane Lapor Award as an active member recognized for her dedication to the TOYC.</p> <p><u>New Business—</u>            The Commodore asked if anyone had not received the TOYC Survey sent out in October. All members reportedly received the survey with the exception of Charlotte Kennedy.</p>

General Meeting - Continued

Survey Results—

Below are the top three (3) suggested areas of improvement gathered from the survey results:

- 1- Race Training
- 2- Communication
- 3- Elections

- 1- Race Training - many folks suggested training and opportunities to get new racers involved and comfortable with racing. One suggestion was to offer 1 or 2 races for novice racers and have senior racers hop on and work with those less experienced.

The racers in attendance were asked if they would be willing to work with new or less experienced racers and the general feedback was very positive. It was agreed that next year's race schedule will include two extra races for novice racers. Once the schedule is set, we can put the word out to try to solicit new racers to participate. It is important that we offer a program that is available to everyone interested.

It was also agreed to keep the official race schedule as is with six (6) scheduled races and add on the training races. It was also suggested to have the new racers come on-board the experienced skipper's boats as it may be easier for the overall training process. This is a big commitment for the club and will require further discussion and planning.

A classroom session(s) was also discussed. Maybe the club can ask Ray McGann if the clubhouse can be used. It was also suggested that the club consider offering other types of training like boating safety classes or man overboard classes.

- 2- Communication – there is much room for improved communication in the club. It was suggested to try to keep the TOYC.org website more current. There were reported problems with members not receiving email communications.

Problems with email list—

Some mail is just being overlooked as it is coming from an unrecognized email address. Some mail is going to junk mail and never seen. The bridge will need to follow-up with those who are not receiving email and will go through the current email list and try to bring it up to date.

Suggestions—

- 1- Establish a club email that clearly indicates it's a TOYC email
- 2- Include in the beginning of the email Subject line, "TOYC" so it is clear it's a club email message
- 3- Perform one or more US Postal mailings during the year
- 4- Consider making phone calls
- 5- Consider putting a feature on the website for member suggestions

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The New Member/Renewal Applications can be modified to include a section to indicate a "preferred method of communication", if the club has resources to support alternate methods.

Should a letter from the Commodore be sent out as a reminder for renewals? Post a reminder on the web site? Bring renewal forms to the sock burning?

The Communication recommendations have lead the bridge to creating a Rear Commodore of Communications position to help address some of the concerns raised. Kevin Skodi has accepted a nomination to fill this position.

- 3- Election – Commodore Dugan explained that the Treasurer and Secretary have served one year and are good for the 2017-2018 season. However, the roles of Commodore and Vice Commodore are up for re-election. As well, there will be a nominee for the new Rear Commodore of Communications position.

#### Nominating Committee—

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Dennis Smith proposed the new bridge for the 2017-2018 season.

- Commodore – Dave Dugan
- Vice Commodore – Mike Palmer
- Treasurer – Sharyn Taylor
- Secretary – John Fleming
- Rear-Commodore Communications – Kevin Skodi

Vice Commodore Palmer is available to step up to Commodore next year (2018-2019 season). In the absence of a nominee for Commodore Dave has agreed to continue to serve in the 2017-2018 season, but strongly suggested to members that we need individuals who are willing to get involved and serve on the bridge. The club cannot sustain without leadership.

Dennis Smith made a motion to accept the proposed bridge. Dave Reuter seconded the motion.

#### Special Speaker:

Kevin Skodi presented his Challenge Cup video and reviewed some of the tools used to capture his videos.

As the new Rear-Commodore of Communications, Kevin is charged with introducing video and current photography on the TOYC Facebook page and website. Kevin also discussed the possibility of starting up a TOYC YouTube page. He will be working with our Webmaster, Herman Kummler to improve club communication.

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A question was posed as to how members can get pictures of their boats while out sailing? A TOYC picture day was introduced and received positive interest. Stay tuned to see what the bridge may have planned for the 2018 season.

#### Race Awards—

Race Chairman, Dennis Smith announced the following 2017 race award recipients:

#### Race Committee personnel:

- Jane Smith
- Diane Legates & Ewald Kraenbring
- Dave Dugan Sr.
- Paul & Beth Hayden
- John Kudera
- John & Carla Fleming
- Steven Stallsmith
- Sharyn Taylor
- Pat Publik
- Sandy Follman

Pat Templeton made many of the race awards this year and again has done a beautiful job! It was suggested that we put an ad for Pat's business on the TOYC web site. Also suggested was to place an ad for Val Bernhardt's canvas business the Ship's Tailor.

#### Committee Boats:

- Thankful II
- Flying Dutchman

#### Non –Qualifiers:

- Terri Moulton – Mischief Duex
- Charlie Gasman – Bright Idea
- John Kudera – 50/50

#### Final Race Standings:

- Fraid Knot – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Picante – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Providence II – 5<sup>th</sup>
- Foljer Vinden – 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lady L – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Inua – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Escapade – 1<sup>st</sup> place

#### Pat Kudera Award –

- Steve Zuzic

Commodore Dugan made a motion to adjourn at 2:45 pm.  
Debbie Owens seconded the motion.