

## FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB BRIDGE MEETING

JANUARY 6, 2025

**Commodore Kalista Dubiel called the meeting to order at 2:00.**

**BRIDGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Immediate Past Commodore Tom Blackwood, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Fleet Captain Eric Hansen, Rear Commodore Barrie Austin, Membership Director Jean Pittman, Director at Large Vern Pittman, and Secretary Jeanie Browne

**NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Webmaster Rick Bunzel and Condo 18 Liaison Terry Browne

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Dockmaster Dick Farrell

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Secretary Report:** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by email and posted on the website.

**Treasurers' Report:** The balance as of January 6, 2025, is \$4,936.22. Receipts from the New Year's Eve celebration are still coming in. NY Eve expenses have previously been included under Administration, which made it hard to know the actual expenses for budgeting. Kelly will begin separating the expenses so they show on the Income and Expense Statement, as are the Opening and Closing Day expenses. It was noted that our budget is \$850 for Opening Day and Closing Day, where members bring side dishes and desserts. The \$850 budget was based on the higher cost of catering for events after Covid. The budget is \$500 for New Year's Eve, where FBYC provides all food and champagne or prosecco for a toast to the New Year. An adjustment may be considered later.

The signatories on our checking account at Heritage Bank will be updated. John Slagboom and Von Smith will be removed. Kelly Gronholt and Jeanie Browne will remain and Kalista Dubiel and Jean Pittman will be added. Jeanie will write a letter and deliver it to Heritage Bank. Kalista, Jeanie, and Jean will each fill out a required form and deliver them individually to the bank. The bank already has Kelly's form on file.

The full Treasurer's report is in the Secretary file.

**Membership Report:** Twelve regular membership payments have been received, with five more on the way. Eight payments for absentee membership have been received.

Single name tag costs from Mr. T's are \$27.50 plus tax; the cost is \$30.00 plus tax for two tags. The higher single tag cost is due to the set-up charge. Members with boats will be encouraged to buy two nametags- one for the clubhouse and one for their boat.

**Rear Commodore Report:** We have had two reciprocal visitors. We received a \$50 check from a thankful visitor whom Dockmaster Dick Farrell drove around for supplies.

Barrie will create a form for reciprocal visitors to place in their boat where it is visible. The form will have their name, name of their yacht club, their contact information, and their arrival and departure date.

**Vice Commodore Report:** Kalista reported that we had 53 attendees at our New Year's Eve party. Torbin Mann volunteered to clean the carpet and has offered to do so once a year.

We will not hold our January potluck.

Kalista will email our proposed schedule of events and cruises to members so they can put the dates on their calendars before the roster is available in February.

We have openings for hosts for our September wine tasting and our November 9 potluck. Kalista will send emails asking for hosts.

Second Sunday Happy Hours during the summer are no host events.

Tom suggested that our message board list the next two upcoming events when there is room on the board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fleet Captain Report:** Eric reported that we are on the list for Coast Guard inspections on Opening Day. We have four cruises planned for 2025: May, June, July, and September. Eric has not heard back from Port Sidney, and will make contact this week. Reservations opened on January 4 for Fisherman Bay over July 4<sup>th</sup> (Islands Marine Center). Moorage reservations are not needed for the other two cruises. No cruise will be scheduled for August.

The man overboard drill discussion that was begun at the November 12, 2023, Bridge meeting was resumed. Jeanie reported that AYC has not had man overboard drills. She said most man overboard drills are done with boats (usually sailboats) or ships that have crew on board instead of only two people on board, which is how most everyone in our Club cruises. Those tactics are not the same when there isn't a spotter on board. Many of the people who end up in the water do so at a dock. Two Bridge members attested to that personal experience! We discussed holding man overboard drills at a dock or in one of our fairways for hands-on experience of the difficulty of getting a person out of the water. The discussion will resume at our next Bridge meeting. We will consider holding the drill ahead of our June Happy Hour.

**Webmaster:** No report

**Director at Large:** Vern presented the two photos that received the most votes for the roster cover. The Bridge voted to use the photo from the Fisherman Bay fireworks.

Due to security concerns, a roster will no longer be placed in the clubhouse.

**OTHER:**

The Douglass Award was established in 2018 to recognize outstanding achievement and contribution to FBYC and cruising in the Pacific Northwest. This award will be given out only occasionally to members for their outstanding contributions to the club or the boating community. It is with the greatest amount of gratitude and appreciation that the Bridge has awarded David Markley for his well-prepared and outstandingly performed Summer Cruise Programs for 2023 and 2024. David is the first recipient since Don and Reanne's names were placed on the plaque in 2018. Thank you, David!

Jeanie noted that the black bistro covers and the gold-rimmed plastic champagne glasses purchased for the New Year's Eve party were a donation, and not a club expense.

New flannel-backed tablecloths from Party City have replaced the six-year-old tablecloths. The cost was approximately \$60.

A short list of names for Vice Commodore was discussed. Dick mentioned the name of a member on G-dock who might be interested. Jeanie will contact that person.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary