

FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB BRIDGE MEETING

September 3, 2026

Commodore Torben Mann called the meeting to order at 1:00.

ADDITIONAL BRIDGE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Commodore Steve Mouras, Fleet Captain Eric Hansen, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Membership Director Jean Pittman, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Condo 18 Liaison/Director David Markley, and Director at Large Vern Pittman.

ABSENT: Immediate Past Commodore Kalista Dubiel and Rear Commodore Barrie Austin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Taylor, who offered to fill the 2026-2027 Vice Commodore position.

Torben introduced Paul. Everyone thanked him for volunteering to serve as Vice Commodore. Jeanie asked Paul to share a little about himself so the group could get to know him without asking individually.

Secretary Report: The March 25th minutes were posted on our website in late March. Jeanie gave a quick review of the parts that would be relevant at today's meeting.

Treasurer Report: Our beginning bank balance was \$4,006.17. Our current bank balance is \$4,691.21. The full Treasurer's report is in the Secretary's file.

Membership Report: There has been only one new slip owner (H-36). There are 8 new renters; 3 have joined FBYC.

Applications for 2026 will be sent out near the end of November. If new renters apply towards the end of the year, their fee will all be applied to the following year, rather than be prorated. Letters offering associate membership could be sent to renters who had to vacate their slips.

We have a good supply of burgees and hats. Torben would like to have a different style hat the next time hats are ordered.

A suggestion was made that we buy a large burgee in order to identify our club at cruises. Steve suggested a banner, which would be easier to see. Steve will gather information and present it to the next Bridge meeting.

Rear Commodore Report: Barrie was absent. Kelly reported \$69.00 went to Condo 18 for reciprocal electric income.

Fleet captain Report: Cruise participation has been low. Five boats attended the Friday Harbor Cruise in May. Seven boats attended the Reid Harbor (shrimping) Cruise in June. Five boats attended the Fisherman Bay Cruise, and five boats attended the Canada Cruise. Eric's full report is in the Secretary's file. The final cruise is to Fossil Bay September 11-13th, where we will once again join Squallicum Bay Yacht Club at their work party on Sucia.

Fleet captain and Cruise coordinator responsibilities Document review/updates:

David and Eric are working on a document which will explain the guidelines and responsibilities for our Cruise Captains.

Vice Commodore Report: Jean Pittman is organizing volunteers for the September 18th wine tasting. Paul will purchase some charcuterie boards and finger sandwiches.

We currently charge \$5.00 a plate at Closing Day. Considering our bank balance, Steve asked if we always need to collect funds for food on Closing Day. Kelly noted that we collected \$285 at our 2025 Closing Day and our expenses were \$230.75. Profits help fund our budgeted allowances for food and supplies at events and cruises in addition to our normal expenses.

Commodore's Report: The search for a new Secretary is ongoing. Jeanie offered to stay on until someone is found.

Storage space is tight in the workshop area. Members need to climb a ladder to access stored items needed for the various seasons. Torben approached Dick with the idea of building a small storage shed in first parking space (facing the water) at the east end of the clubhouse. He explained that when a car is parked in the last angled parking space at the end of the clubhouse, it prevents usage of the first space. The project would require the approval of the Condo 18 Board.

There are no applicants for associate membership.

The FBYC Policy Statement needs a few updates.

Members aren't accessing our website. Rick is working on a website update. Jeanie suggested we have a website familiarization presentation at a potluck.

Vern and/or David (Condo 18 Liaisons) General Reports: G dock repairs are finished. H dock will be next; dates are unknown.

New Business: Paul reported that North Pacific Boats is having a rendezvous and have created a temporary website members can access to buy NP merchandise. He will gather the information about the website and pass it along to the FBYC Bridge to consider.

Torben suggested we buy an AED to travel with us on cruises. Jeanie will check into it.

Jean asked about other ways to rejuvenate participation in events, citing the wine tasting as a successful event. One suggestion was to have a presentation with a Happy Hour in lieu of a potluck. Eric suggested that with such little participation, we try to mix it up next year. Torben wonders if people burn out on the destinations. Jeanie noted that participation ebbs and flows as members come/go/change/age. For example, one year (probably 2005), FBYC had 16 boats and 41 participants on the Friday Harbor Cruise. Notably, all but two of those boat owners lived in Anacortes. Torben suggested a survey of members. Jeanie handed Torben the results of a 2022 survey of all Condo 18 owners and renters for him to review, which Torben said he remembered.

The first meeting after Closing Day /Bridge change will be November 18th at 1:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary