

FLOUNDER BAY YACHT CLUB BRIDGE MEETING

November 13, 2025

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

BRIDGE OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Commodore Steve Mouras, Past Commodore Kalista Dubiel, Membership Director Jean Pittman, Director t Large Vern Pittman, Treasurer Kelly Gronholt, Secretary Jeanie Browne, Fleet captain Eric Hansen, and Condo 18 Liaison David Markley

BRIDGE OFFICER NOT PRESENT: Rear Commodore Barrie Austin

Torben opened by asking if everyone is comfortable with their position for the upcoming year. Everyone said yes. Torben welcomed David Markley who is replacing Terry Browne as Condo 18 Liaison.

Secretary Report: Jeanie reviewed the minutes from the Closing Day meeting, which were previously approved and posted on our website.

Treasurer Report: Our bank balance is \$3,655.98, which will increase as membership renewals come in. Our costs for Closing Day were \$230.75, and our income was \$285.00. The full report is in the Secretary's file.

Membership Report: Letters have been sent out for membership renewal.

Rear Commodore Report: Reciprocal agreements with other clubs are in Yacht Destinations.

Fleet Captain report: Eric reviewed participation at this year's cruises (numbers were published in the Closing Day minutes). He contacted San Juan Island Yacht Club and the Port of Friday Harbor regarding plans for our May 15-17 Shakedown Cruise. Reservations will be accepted beginning in February. A cruise to Victoria for the Victoria Symphony Sonic Splash (if it is held) is tentatively planned for August 1-3. This may be planned as an extended cruise to the Gulf Islands following Splash. Eric is developing a plan for Cruise Captain responsibilities.

The cruise calendar for 2026 is as follows:

May 15-17: Friday Harbor

June: Date TBD- Spot Prawn cruise

July 3-5: Fisherman Bay (Islands Marine Center)

August 1-3: Victoria

August 4-10: TBD- Gulf Island cruise

September 11-13: Fossil Bay on Sucia Island

Possible one-day pop-up cruises and a cruise to Seattle's Bell Harbor Marina.

Vice Commodore Report: Steve and the Bridge reviewed the Holiday Decorating Party plan, which will again include a white elephant gift exchange. The New Year's Eve party will be catered. The February 7th potluck will be a chili and corn bread affair with a presentation about the Race to Alaska (R2AK) after the meal. Steve has contacted Patty Maxwell of the Everett Power Squadron about scheduling her presentation "Second in Command" at either our March 8th or April 12th potluck. Torben's son, Michael, will present a program on Tugboats in Puget Sound. The date will be determined when he gets his work schedule in late December. Coast Guard inspections will be scheduled for Opening Day. Steve will check to see if fire extinguisher inspections are offered by Pacific Rim. He may also check into the possibility of an expired flare disposal on the beach between the condos.

Commodore's Report: Torben will investigate changing our website. Our current website tool isn't easy to maneuver, has a limited ability, and the cost is \$365/year. Any change will take a considerable amount of time and will require a volunteer to handle the update.

NEW BUSINESS:

All events are covered for 2025 and 2026.

Two suggestions were given for an alternative name for Social Membership: Auxiliary Member and Associate Member. No decision was made.

Criteria thoughts regarding Social Membership were briefly discussed. The ideal applicant would live in Anacortes or surrounding area, to be able to attend functions and be a potential Bridge member. Jeanie noted that of our 37 Commodores, only four have lived outside Anacortes or the surrounding area, and none since 2003.

On the agenda but not discussed were the development of an application form and development of a detailed description of the program that can be added to our website policy statement.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Jeanie suggested that a picture of the Commodore's boat or a picture of his or her choice be used on the front cover of the roster, and the same for the Vice Commodore for the back cover. It was decided to use that idea for the front cover, but the Vice Commodore will have that option when he/she becomes Commodore, so another picture can be used. Torben will suggest the picture for the back cover this year.

Jeanie also suggested that to encourage more participation and connection with FBYC, we consider sending more frequent emails to members to remind them that we are here and open for business even in the winter. Members can always opt out, leaving likely participants our target audience. There was concern about members opting out. It was decided to not make changes to the frequency of emails. Emails will continue to be sent on the Monday before an event.

There was also clarification on a comment made previously by someone (unknown) that Condo 18 had voted to shut down FBYC. Unable to fill Bridge positions for 2023, the FBYC Bridge sent a letter in September 2022 to Condo 18 owners and renters announcing that FBYC would suspend the functions of the yacht club if it couldn't find volunteers willing to step up for Bridge positions. For clarification, Condo 18 did not vote on that issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Browne, Secretary