

Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron

Bridge Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 14 July 2008

Attendees: Ken, Carol, Dex, Jack, Bob Manning, Charlie M.

Opening Comments - Jack asked each member to take some SmartStart Safe Paddling packets to distribute.

Individual Reports

Secretary Report – Not Present

Treasurer's Report - \$650 credit from National for returned education materials. Former member Dave Delotto has finally been reinstated.

AO Report – Thank You note sent to Chateau for our “Blessing of the Fleet” dinner evening.

Education Report- Has calendar in Outlook through 2012 for tentative classes. Discussed importing to Google Calendar for sharing with members. Has scheduled “Seminar” nights on the third Monday of the month, possibly at the Lowell Motor Boat Club, year round. Fall classes start in September with Piloting on Tuesdays starting 9/16, Marine Electronics on Wednesdays starting 9/17, and Seamanship on Thursdays starting 9/18. Public Education Squadron Boating Class set for Sept 9th start. Charlie has Action Item to get Piloting scores and critiques to students.

Membership Report – Not Present

Webmaster Report – Photos and story for “Blessing of the Fleet” event posted on web. Bob has Action Item to post past Meeting Minutes.

Action Items from April Meeting/Other:

Action Items-

- Dex/Charlie M.
 - Schedule of Squadron/Public Classes – see report above
 - New GPS seminar date
 - Certificates for seminar attendees- Boat Handling
- Dave C/Charlie M.
 - New Member status? Neil Hunter (978)683.5196.

Old Business

- Lowell Motorboat Club meeting- Ken & Jack met with 7 Board of Directors. Discussed need for proposal for facility use by MRSPS for Seminars, classes, and meetings. Jack or Charles Boddy to draft up proposal. Dex stated National can provide Certificate of Insurance for General Liability and Property Damage, naming Lowell MB Club as insured.
- Fall Meeting- Need to post on our website. Hampton NH 4-District Meeting Nov 14-16 with National Board Meeting on site.

- Joyce Mills' certificate and grade for Piloting Class still missing
- Toothpick newsletter – send out via email. Charles Boddy to produce.
- Squadron Window or Bumper Sticker for members – no update

New Business

Paul Flagg boating student still has not received certificate. C. Morris to follow up.

D18 Council Meeting- June 11 at 5:30 PM Calitri's restaurant.

- MR Squadron host for D18 Meeting next spring (Mar/Apr) Possibly Peter Devlin and Bob Martin to chair. May use Lowell Motor Boat Club. Need Facility, Program, Speaker, Food (catered). Also need to suggest location for Friday Commanders Dinner.

- Ed Libby provided coordinates for LNG offloading offshore near Salem Sound (Jack has coordinates if interested)
- Possibly combining Gloucester and Beverly USPS Squadrons

Any other New Business items

Ken suggested "impromptu" squadron event in August to involve membership. Might combine with Vessel Safety Check event.

Next meeting Date:

August meeting cancelled for "Summer Sabbatical"

Next meeting September 8, 2008. 1900 hrs. Dexter's Office

Meeting Adjourned at 2000 hrs.

Submitted by Bob Manning (Acting Secretary)