

Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron
Bridge Meeting
11/10/08

Attendees: Jack Micklovich, Charlie Morris, Bob Martin, Peter Devlin, Dex Hyland, Charles Boddy, Carol and Ken Backman, Dave Caulkins, Barbara Bergin.

Meeting called to order at 1908. Opening comments became discussion about Lowell Motor Boat Club memberships. Proposal from LMC: unanimously opposed. We will offer to purchase one "corporate" membership as the Squadron, at the same cost as an individual membership. For any class a squadron member will be present who by association is a Lowell Motorboat Club member. All other offers in our original request will be applicable. This was unanimously voted in. This is a one time offer, which **Jack** will contact them about next week.

Secretary's report accepted from September.

Education Report: no public classes this fall due to low enrollment and the wait for America's Boating Course materials.

Seminar 11/17: **Charlie** will send out reminder with directions. (some complaint of visible email addresses but this is to increase communication)

Dex has 2 for AP

Marine Electronics books=\$25; JN materials=\$60; The Certification Series, Powerboating=\$32; Charlie has the Instructor Recert packet. **Dex** will call Linda.

Membership: Charles called all non-renewals, mostly time constraints.

Old Business:

Joyce Mills-Charles will clear this up

Toothpick-Jack will put one together for December

Bylaw update-Charles will look at these

Financial audit-plan to do it in spring

Spring conference-Peter had several possible locations in Newburyport

Jack will get a Homeland security speaker and Ken will try the BoatUS list for another

Ken and Carol will arrange the food

New Business:

Merit marks-please email what you have done this year to Jack by 11/14.

Founders Day: Plan for 2/7/2008 at Village Square, change of watch

Adjourned at 2050. **Next meeting at 1900 December 8, 2008, at Dex's office.**

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Bergin, secretary