

## **Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron**

### **Bridge Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: 8 October 2007**

#### **Agenda**

Meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by P/C Charles Morris (at the request of Cdr Micklovich who is on travel), with Dexter Hyland and David Caulkins in attendance. There was some confusion about the meeting date – this is the second Monday of October, but the September minutes stated second Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – this could be the cause of low attendance.

Charlie and Dex discussed the upcoming course schedule and arrived at the following

- Piloting will begin Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00PM at Dexter's office. Dexter will order materials and call those interested. Charlie will mail a post card notice.
- The Weather Seminar is tentatively scheduled for 11/3 or 11/17 depending on Arthur Yarranton's availability. Planned location is Methuen library at 9:00 AM
- Two other seminars – Boat Handling under Power (Jack Micklovich), and Sail Rigging and Trim (Dex Hyland) were tentatively set for Jan 12, and Feb. 16, 2008 at Methuen.
- Engine Maintenance tentatively set to start the week of Jan 8-10, 2008 with Ken Backman instructing at TBD location (Lowell Motorboat Club?) Charlie will contact George Ingram about teaching Marine Electronics later in the Spring.
- Some discussion about holding a seminar at Newberryport or Merrimac in the Spring. Five Cent Saving bank in Newberryport was suggested.

#### **Individual Reports**

Secretary Report – Was unanimously accepted as E-mailed earlier.

Treasurer's Report – Not available

AO Report – Not available

Education Report – SEO Charlie Morris reported that the Chelmsford Boating course is going well with 19 in attendance. The exam date will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Dex and Dave will be in attendance to support and give USPS brief. Charlie will contact Carol B. about this date and providing light refreshments. The course will take in \$600 against a roughly \$300 expense.

#### **Old Business**

Action Items from August Meeting:

1. Dex to contact Dave Caulkins about handling memberships – Completed – Dave was present and ready to go.
2. From April meeting: Jack- At Large member (Bob Manning)-Completed. Bob is webmaster and member-at-large

The Squadron By-Law changes were discussed briefly. Dex suggested that the approval process wait until we incorporate some recently made changes at the national level.

Dex reported on the district Council meeting held in September by reviewing the distributed minutes.

### **New Business**

The November 9<sup>th</sup> Four District meeting in Woods Hole was discussed

- Planned Attendees – Dex Hyland, Charlie and Dave are tentative.
- Attendance forms must be submitted nlt 15 October.
- For information, go to: <http://www.bbsps.net/Fall2007.html>

The NEW Merrimac River Sail & Power Squadron website was brought up and discussed. Looks like a great start. The only small suggestion was that we get a picture of the “Toothpick” for the home page. The site is at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/merrimac/>

Merit Marks- Jack (in absentia) requested Merit Mark candidates and achievements by the end of October.

Next meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 PM @ Dexter Hyland’s office

**There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

Recorded and submitted by SEO Charlie Morris