

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

### **Bridge Meeting**

**Meeting Date: 10 December 2007**

#### **Meeting opened at 1910**

**Attendees:** Dex Hyland, Bob Manning, Charles Boddy, Ken Backman, Carol Backman, Dave Calkins, Jack Micklovich

**Not present:** Charlie Morris, Barbara Bergin

#### **Individual Reports**

Secretary Report- Minutes from 10 November meeting were approved. No other report given.

Treasurer's Report- Ken stated our overall Net Worth was \$9984.31 up from previous \$9443.

AO Report- No report

Education Report-

8 Students in Piloting. Into 4<sup>th</sup> week. Dex teaching class

Charlie has secured the Nevens Library in Metheun for upcoming seminars.

- January 19- Weather (Arthur)
- February 2-Sail (Dexter)
- February 16- Power (Jack)
- March 2- GPS ( TBD)

Each session will be 2-3 hours in length.

We also need to advertise these seminars. They will also be open to the public.

Preliminary Boat Smart/ABC schedule for 2008:

- February 4- Westford (Barbara)
- Date TBD- Chelmsford (Charlie?)
- Date TBD- N. Andover (Jack?)

Engine Maintenance- Date/Location TBD (Ken) Ken will also secure a location and establish a date. February/March

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Membership Report-

Dave has received 5 applications for new memberships. Another contact who was interested in joining was emailed to Dave for processing and followup- Mr. Devlin.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Action Items from October Meeting:**

1. Overall course/seminar schedule for upcoming year in Excel? Post on website-still needs to be done.
2. Charlie to contact George about teaching Marine Electronics and location- unable to contact George. Still open

**Action Items from November Meeting:**

**Action Items-**

Charlie-

- Nominating committee for annual meeting in Feb.- In process
- Get Buz' trophy to Dex- Will get to Dex on Friday Dec. 14
- Overall course/seminar schedule for upcoming year in Excel? Post on website

Jack

- Send 25 yr. recognition letter to Edward O'Brien and invite to Dinner meeting.- Letter sent.
- Update DB2000 with Merit Mark nominations and submit.- Merit Marks submitted and all accepted by National.

**Action Items from December meeting:**

- Dex - Secure Village Square for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Carol-
  - Arrange for a speaker or video for this meeting
  - Contact George Ingram for publishing another Toothpick
- Ken- Arrange location/date for Engine Maintenance class
- Bob-
  - Post additional materials to be provided on our website;
  - add another category- photo gallery. Members/Bridge can send photos for posting;
  - Founding Certificate- scan and post. Try to get additional history of squadron and add more material
  - Post Burgee for sale on website
- Jack- Provide Bob By-Laws for posting; provide photos of last Founders Day meeting

No other old business discussed.

**New Business**

Website

Several comments and discussion around what we should do. See Action Items for upcoming efforts.

New Members at Large- Discussion around getting new members involved with the Bridge. Two positions need to be filled- Public Relations and Vessel Safety Examiner. Dex is considering doing the Vessel Safety Examiner as it is a requirement for some of the on-water testing/certification programs underway.

Any other New Business items from Bridge members.

**Founders Day Dinner Meeting-**

It was agreed that we can't try to do too much at this meeting. We will use this meeting for the speaker/video and nomination of Bridge Officers. Installation of Officers will take place at a following major meeting event. Also, Mr. O'Brien will be recognized at this meeting.

Nominating Committee is supposed to post nominees at least 30 days in advance of meeting date. At-Large members are not elected.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 2039 hrs.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Jack Micklovich