

RCYC General Meeting Minutes January 17, 2024, 7 pm via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, Gary Brown at 7 PM

1. **The agenda** was adopted with no corrections or additions
2. **The evening program**, *Safety at Sea! Sailing! Inspiration!* was hosted by Chris Sheesley, and presented by Captain, Margaret Pommert, ASA Instructor and “person overboard” safety and rescue expert. Captain Pommert shared examples of crew overboard scenarios and lessons learned, including the importance of:
 - Using crotch or leg straps with your PFD
 - Attaching whistles on a lanyard to PFDs
 - Attaching water-activated lights and a tethered knife (multihull) to PFDs
 - Adding water-activated lights to life slings
 - Ensuring that a person in a life sling is not pulled too quickly through the water lest they swallow too much water

Check out her videos to learn more [HERE](#). Two handy cheat sheets are located on the RCYC site with this month’s General Meeting Minutes. You can also access the video content on the [RCYC Forum](#).

3. **Prospective member** Laura Sol introduced herself. Sol recently purchased her first non-dingy sailboat, a Catalina 27 named Seeward. She grew up sailing on Lake Superior in Minnesota, she’s sailed in the Caribbean, Cuba, Guatemala, and Florida, and she owns a metal fabricating business.
4. **Several new members were sworn in:**
 - **Donald and Alice Kinzer** have owned a Hunter 41’ for over two years. Last June they sailed to the San Juans and back and are looking forward to more offshore journeys and participating in the Clubs' outings.
 - **Young and Rickie Joen** -- Sailing is relatively new to the Joens. They took the ASA sailing series in 2023 and had the opportunity to buy a 27’ Albin Vega sailboat last September. They are looking forward to learning more about sailing and are excited about getting their hands dirty at Club work parties.
5. **Minutes of the previous General Meeting** were approved by unanimous consent and are posted on the RCYC site.
6. **Reports of Officers and Directors**
 - Commodore – Gary Brown
 - Soup and Sail was successful – not much wind but fun and good food was had by all
 - Mark Brodesser is heading up the Breakwater project and will share a plan and timeline in February
 - The Dinghy Dock repair plan is in process
 - Training for 2024 officers and Board directors is scheduled for Jan. 20, 9 AM via Zoom
 - Bob Phillips has developed a draft Sustainability Plan for RCYC and will publish a sustainability article in the Foghorn

- Vice Commodore – Cathy Skach
 - Cathy shared a 2023 work-hour recap. Over two-thirds of RCYC members completed more than their required 16 hours. Top-performer awards are given to members with 100+ work hours recorded (on- and off-site) The top three performers for 2023 are:
 - Linda Shaw and Gary Whitney
 - Laura and Matt Richard
 - Christian Steinbrecher
- Rear Commodore – Tod Bassham
 - Tod reported that our expired submerged lands lease renewal has been approved by the DSL and has gone to the DOJ for review. It is now a ten-year lease instead of the previous twenty-year lease.
- Secretary – Barbara Weiss
 - We received a thank you from Roxana Volesky for the flowers, thoughts, and card after the death of her father. The card is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse.
- Treasurer's Report – Karen Jacobson
 - Financial reports are posted on the RCYC site with January's Board Meeting Minutes

7. Committee Reports

- **Commodore's Ball** (Loren Beach) – At the time of this meeting: invites are out, and the deadline to RSVP is January 20 email or call Judy Oxborrow (judy87807@gmail.com) ASAP to confirm your attendance. As of 1/21, the Commodore's Ball is sold out.
- **Moorage** (Matt Richard) David and Chris Kinzie sold their Nordic Tug. The Great Shearwater moved from slip 16 on walk five to slip 17 so that new members Lucas and Amy Larimar could move their Island Packet 35 to slip 16. The marina is currently fully assigned.
- **Dredging** (Christian Steinbrecher) The dredging committee is looking for someone to manage the permitting process for the next dredge season.
- **Dinghy docs** have suffered with the icy weather – please check your dinghies as soon as it's safe to remove any collected water and turn them over. Make sure to label your dinghy slip. Dinghies that are unclaimed will be auctioned off.
- **Sustainability** – (Bob Phillips) A sustainability plan is in process, and an article on sustainability at RCYC will appear in the Foghorn this month.
- **Racing** (Brandon Soule) There is racing this Sunday. Race committee volunteers are needed. CJ mentioned that the land yacht cruise is coming up – cabins and yurts are available. Check the Forum for more info.
- **Work Parties and Projects** (Greg Douglass) The first work party of the year is March 2.
- **Website** (Marcin Manek) The web team met recently and is lining up new projects to improve our website.

- **Other Discussion:** A member asked about the potential for having our entry gate shut more quickly. Although the gate is programmable, it is currently operating at optimal speed. Opening Day is May 4. Ron Moran and Bob Phillips will hold a New Member Orientation on January 27, at 9 AM in the Clubhouse. New and not-so-new members are encouraged to attend.
8. **Good of the Order** Pam Corey shared more information on the recent intruder in the RCYC parking lot. He entered the marina by walking up the bank from Salty's. A reminder was made to call 911 if you see suspicious activity and let the pros handle it.
 9. **Adjournment @ 8:21 PM** -- Lauren Beach moved to adjourn, and Cathy Skach seconded the motion.