

# Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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## **Commodore's Corner**

**By Commodore Bixler McClure**

Thank you all for a great summer! This was the nicest summer in recent years, and it is sad to see it go! We had a great series of Wednesday night sails and potlucks afterward that often lasted to the wee hours of the morning.

Our solstice meeting and BBQ at the Branson Pavilion was memorable as well, with much good food and conversation.

We recruited many new members this summer, and took many people sailing who had never been on a sailboat before! We also now have a Facebook page and an updated web page so that it is easier to stay informed.

Remember that we do have Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer meetings, so stay tuned for the dates and we hope to see you there. As always, I am open to any questions and comments, so don't hesitate to contact me.

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## **Autumn Meeting & Potluck**

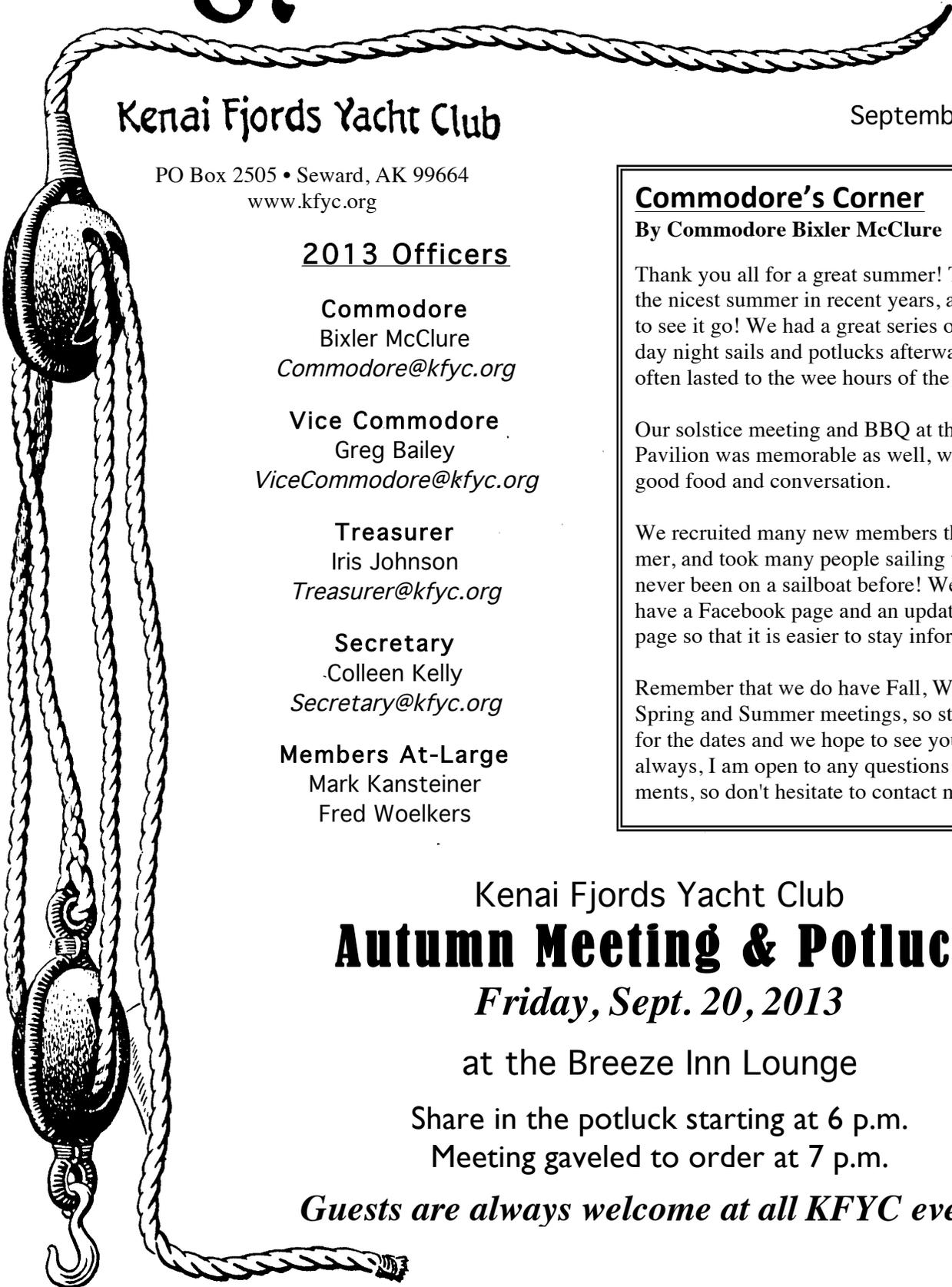
*Friday, Sept. 20, 2013*

at the Breeze Inn Lounge

Share in the potluck starting at 6 p.m.

Meeting gaveled to order at 7 p.m.

*Guests are always welcome at all KFYC events!*



## **Mariners' Memorial Update**

### **By Seward Mariners' Memorial Committee**

In 2003 Seward was one of the few port towns in Alaska without a mariners' memorial. Our seaside ice-free port defines us. Those who traveled its waters have charted our history. Our mission in constructing a memorial site is to honor the memory of local mariners who have lost their lives at sea or contributed to our local seafaring and maritime industry.

We have come a long way since 2003. We are inviting members of our shoreside, maritime and fishing community to join us to help see the project to completion. Through a generous grant, the Rasmuson Foundation will match all donations, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$20,000 raised through May 2014.

Although we received grants from the Seward Community Foundation and the Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm Community Trust Fund to help fund this project, we need the Rasmuson Challenge Grant to meet our fundraising goal for Phase 2 of the project.

The memorial is located on city-owned property on the harbor breakwater and can be seen by boats passing into and out of the harbor. The Seward Mariners' Memorial is designed to be constructed

in three phases.

**Phase 1** (completed May 2012), a lighthouse replica housing memorial plaques, was constructed on the property and fully paid with fundraising to date (\$50,000).

**Phase 2** (\$55,000) is underway to complete a 75-ft. diameter compass rose landscape platform surrounding the lighthouse. The committee chose a paver tile over compacted sub-base construction with poured concrete borders and internal demarcations for the compass rose. Timeline for completion is fall 2013.

**Phase 3** (2014 and approximately \$80,000) will see installation of a ship's bell, wave wall and landscaping with benches. This plan will involve Seward's artisans to help add murals, artistic enhancements and a statue of a woman looking out to sea on the upper floor that depicts the "widow's walk" theme from historic ports. A section of the memorial site will be dedicated to victims of the 1964 earthquake and other historic maritime events that have occurred in our area.

Contributing to the project now will have more impact than ever before – doubling your donation. Your tax-deductible gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Rasmuson Foundation. Seward

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### **Rasmuson Grant lets donors double their money**

At left, the Seward Mariners' Memorial is getting a fundraising boost thanks to a Rasmuson Challenge Grant. Visit the memorial and check out the Phase 2 improvements. *(Courtesy photo)*

## Mariners Memorial

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Mariners' Memorial is under the auspices of the 2003 Seward Centennial's 501(c)3. The dream is becoming a reality. You can check out our progress at [www.seward.marinersmemorial.org](http://www.seward.marinersmemorial.org)

Upon completion, the memorial will be presented as a gift to the City of Seward. The facility will then be owned and maintained by the City and operated as a memorial by the Seward Mariners' Memorial Committee to oversee placement of plaques and staging events.

Please make your donation payable to the Seward Mariner's Memorial, PO Box 3544, Seward AK 99664, and indicate Rasmuson Challenge Grant #7382. Thank you so much for your consideration and we hope to hear from you soon.

## Small Boat Harbor update

Seward City Council on May 28 authorized a \$2.1 million construction contract with Orion Marine Contractors to replace the nearly 50-year-old D-float. The project will also connect D and E floats. The project utilizes a \$1.1 million grant from the State of Alaska DOT supplemented by a \$1.1 million match from the City.

Orion Marine, formerly West Construction, has done work at the harbor in the past.

Harbormaster Mack Funk told City Council that once D-float is replaced, the Harbor will look at improvements to A, B, C and S floats.

City Council this summer also allocated \$35,000 from the Harbor Reserve Account to pave the road and turnaround area for the 50-ton Travelift.

## June Yacht Club meeting

Twenty-eight members and guests were on hand at the Branson Pavilion for the Kenai Fjords Yacht Club Summer Solstice meeting and BBQ.

Treasurer Iris Johnson reported there was \$644.47 in the savings account and \$1,659.60 in the checking account. She's issued checks in the amount of \$500 to the Seward Mariners' Memorial and \$500 to Yachting Club of America for 2014 membership and club listing.

Members approved a motion to contact the Harbormaster with our concerns about what appears to be an insufficient number of safety ladders in the newer section of the harbor (i.e., M, N, O and P floats). The club could possibly contribute to an effort to install more ladders.

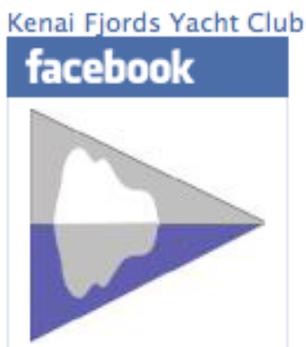
There was also discussion about painting recycling containers/dumpsters.

Kudos to member Phil Kaluza for pumping up dock cart tires and changing the lock combos.

## Welcome New Members!

**Fred Bauer**, Sweet Baboo; **Jason Copeland & Rae Norton**, S/V Good Intent; **Michelle Factor**; **John Flood**, S/V Megaptera; **Tom Gastrich**, S/V WindWeaver; **Thom & Nichole Geils**, S/V Mystic Knot; **Chilonda Grigsby-Hall**; **Scott Hamilton**, S/V Jan Maarit; **Michelle Hensel & Robb Reeg**, S/V Nanuq; **Ted & Francine Kuenzli**, S/V Bearoness; **John Lang**; **Mark Lindsey**, M/V Calliope; **Michael Merrill**, Spot; **David & Johnalee Otten**, S/V Dandelion; **Ron Rogalsky & MJ Loveland**, S/V Eos; **Malcom Rogers**, S/V Tumbleweed; **Lisa Symonds**, M/V Tempest; **Dan Walker**, M/V Willett; **Don Withrow**, S/V Audacity; and **Sam's Custom Sewing**.

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***Join us for KFYC's fall equinox meeting on Fri. Sept. 20***