

Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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Commodore's Corner

By Commodore Bixler McClure

Efforts are ongoing to work on a plan with the Harbormaster to install more safety ladders in the Seward Small Boat Harbor. On page 2 you'll see a story recounting the discussion at our Sept. 21 Yacht Club meeting when members decided to send a second letter to the Harbormaster.

Upon receiving this letter on Sept. 24, the Harbormaster called me on the phone. He said he was considering other options, such as: reinstalling some ladders from D float to enable more ladders to be used elsewhere; seeking bids from local fabricators with the hope they can make metal ladders cheaper than the earlier \$500 quote; or adding new wood ladders. I told him our club is interested in helping construct or install the ladders.

In a followup email, the Harbormaster said: "We will install a ladder in each pair of slips on D float. In addition, I will look into the question of adding additional safety ladders at other locations throughout the Seward Small Boat Harbor."

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club **Winter Solstice Meeting**

Saturday, Dec. 21, 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!

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September Yacht Club meeting

Commodore Bixler McClure called the Sept. 21 meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. at the Breeze Inn Lounge. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

Treasurer Iris Johnson gave the treasurer's report, noting the club had \$644.55 in its savings account and \$1,725.00 in its checking account. Since our last meeting, Iris has spent \$250 to replenish our supply of ballcaps. (They make perfect gifts!)

Safety Ladders: Commodore Bixler sent a letter to Harbormaster Mack Funk requesting that additional safety ladders be installed on Floats M, N, O and P to keep up with the tradition of one ladder for every 2 slips. The club also asked that the soon-to-be-replaced D-float have one ladder for every pair of slips. The Harbormaster responded by e-mail: "On the subject of ladders, we have 15 ladders at a cost of \$500 apiece in our construction project. There are 29 pairs of slips and so if you think we need a ladder in each slip it would require 14 more ladders. We would gladly accept the club's donations." Treasurer Iris was quick to point out that our bank accounts wouldn't exactly allow us to take on that project. John Flood suggested the ladders be placed at the same location as the lights on the floats.

Member Deborah Altermatt (also on the Port and Commerce Advisory Board) made a motion to write a letter to the Harbormaster (with copies to Seward City Council and PACAB) asking that installation of added safety ladders be put on the city's Capital Improvement Plan for Harbor-Related Projects. Krystin Bablinskas seconded the motion, which carried by a voice vote.

Dumpsters/Recycling: Deborah recapped the discussion about beautifying dumpsters in the harbor. She thought club members could build a fence this winter to place around the dumpster and paint it. Sue McClure said the Borough learned that just putting signs that say "For Harbor Use Only" has cut down on the number of non-harbor folks using the dumpsters.

Summer Fun: Commodore Bixler said more than 28 people joined in the festivities at the Summer

Solstice BBQ. "There were a number of Wednesday night sails where we took out people who had never been sailing before," he said. There was lots of fun and good feedback, so the event will be back next year.

Mariners' Memorial: Deborah noted the Rasmuson Foundation will match up to \$20,000 in new donations to the Mariners' Memorial by April 2014. The plan is to solicit donations from area businesses this winter.

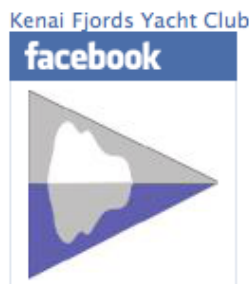
Website: The commodore reiterated that he will be working to update the KFYZC website and give it a "fresh" look. The club is also on Facebook.

Washdown Pad: Members approved the motion by Pat Nolan, second by Phil Kaluza, to ask the Harbormaster to put a washdown pad at the haulout area so harbor users can wash the bottom of their boat. Every boat in the harbor needs that service, according to Pat. It was also noted that such a service is appropriate considering Seward received the Clean Harbor Award recently. Deborah volunteered to write the letter, which will be sent directly to the City Council.

Welcome to new members

Sarah and LaMar Ballard, S/V Miki; **Seaborn and Lois Buckalew**, S/V Denali Mist; **James T. Friedman**, F/V Leona; **Pekka and Ritta Kauppila**, S/V Sarema; **Kim Larson**, M/V Pono Kia; **Barry Romberg**, M/V Eventide; and **Sean Clancy, Julie Chateauvert, Richard Lawson, Val Lawson, Andrew Lawson, Aaliyah Lawson and Charles Lindsey**.

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KENAI FJORDS YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Annual dues are \$20 *per person*. Membership year is January 1st – December 31st. Please submit information as you want it to appear in the club records. Mail completed application and dues to: Kenai Fjords Yacht Club, PO Box 2505, Seward AK 99664.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ No. of members _____ For year 20 _____

Name(s): _____

Mail address: _____

Ph: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail _____

Boat name: F/V M/V S/V _____ Location _____

May we place your contact information on our secure site? [Place a checkmark] Yes. No.

Would you prefer to receive your KFYC newsletter on paper, or informed of its on-line availability?

[Place a checkmark] Yes, notify me when I can download it. Yes, send me a paper newsletter.

Additional information / suggestions / comments: _____

Complete the following *only* if you want another member in good standing to vote in your stead at General Membership meetings that you do not attend during the year for which this application is submitted. (A member in good standing is one who has paid his or her Club dues for that year.) You may rescind your proxy at any time by writing to the Club, or in person at a Club meeting.

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I hereby affirm that I am a member in good standing of the Kenai Fjords Yacht Club in Seward, Alaska, for the year 20__ and am therefore eligible to vote for Club officers and on other matters brought up for vote at General Membership meetings. I hereby designate _____, also a member in good standing, to vote in my absence at General Membership meetings in the year 20__.

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