

# Bergy Bits & Growlers

## Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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www.kfyc.org

March 2011

*Time to renew your club membership for 2011. Please use form on page 3.*

### - 2010 Officers -

Commodore  
"Uncle" Dave Leech,  
Commodore@kfyc.org

Vice Commodore  
Phil Kaluza, 224-7206

Treasurer  
Iris Johnson, 224-3675

Secretary  
Bill-Ennis, 345-5633  
secretary@kfyc.org

Members At-Large  
Paul Ruple  
Liz Leech

Winter is still upon us but the boating season looms closer. Our days are getting longer and ice is leaving the harbor. We're beginning to consider boating-related issues.

Participants in the December 2010 meeting decided to make increased club membership our goal this year. If you know people who might be interested in becoming members, bring them to the next meeting or direct them to our website: <http://kfyc.org>.

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## Spring Meeting/Elections

*Saturday, March 26, 2011*

Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Breeze Inn Lounge

Please plan to attend!

*Guests are always welcome at all KFYC meetings & events!*

**Club memberships expire Dec. 31. Use form on page 3 to renew.**

## News from the December Meeting

The KFYC had its winter meeting on March 18, with 14 members in attendance, including several guests. The meeting was held at the Breeze Inn and was preceded by our traditional potluck dinner.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our Treasurer, Iris Johnson, reported that we have \$535.89 in our saving account and \$1217.68 in our checking account. Club envelopes are on order at a cost of \$200. The order normally provides envelopes for five years.

**Membership Cards and Reciprocity Cards:** When your membership for the current year has been received, you will be sent a KFYC membership card and reciprocity card. The membership card provides proof of membership and on the back is the lock code for our dock carts as well as the Log-In ID and Password for the secure section of our website. Reciprocity cards will allow you to enjoy the benefits of membership in thousands of yacht clubs throughout the United States and abroad. Over Christmas, two members were able to parlay the membership card and reciprocity card to gain admittance into several Alameda, CA yacht clubs. In fact, the couple was offered the first week of moorage free of charge, relieving the issue of finding a moorage when entering the San Francisco Bay area. Club membership just might be the best \$20 you spend all year!

**New KFYC Hats:** We have new hats! The price is lower this year: \$10 plus shipping. If you are interested in owning our lovely totes, hats, or burgees, please visit our website and download an order form. You can write or type on the form, print it, and send it to Iris Johnson, our treasurer.

**Membership Information on Our Website:** Members discussed placing basic contact information on our website. Naturally, privacy was the paramount concern. The membership decided to place a checkbox statement on the renewal form that provides for members to

decide on the presence of information on the site. The information would include: name, home phone, boat name, and email address. To prevent this information from being accessible to the world, the information would be posted behind the secure website: only members with new membership cards will have login information. In addition, the information would be posted as an "image" and could not be read by web-sniffing "bots". Please consider allowing us to list your information

Boat names and owner names will continue to be posted.

**Harbor Burgee Care:** The KFYC burgee that flies at the harbor master's office will be taken down each winter. The club would like to thank long-time member Colleen Kelly for volunteering to remove, store over winter, and replace our burgee this year.

**Membership Increase:** There was great interest in increasing membership in KFYC. Many thoughtful ideas were offered.

**Harbor Policy Changes:** Harbor Master Kari Anderson has released proposed changes in the city's harbor policy. While some changes are "bookkeeping" in nature (replacing the word "chapter" with "title"), others show significant change. The number of slips that can be held has been increased to 15. Wording describing the exact nature of a hearing for an involuntary slip relinquishment has been deleted. The city has removed all mention of a grid, so that device will not be replaced. There is extensive re-wording of impoundment procedures.

## Further Reports

**Elections:** Elections for club officers will be held at the March 26 meeting. If you are interested in participating as an officer, contact the Commodore or other official! The club is always looking for volunteers to participate in the governance of the club.

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**KENAI FJORDS YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

Annual dues are \$20 per person. Membership year is January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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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Signature Printed Name Date

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Signature Printed Name Date

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**Harbor Fire:** In the early morning of January 29, 2011, a fire started on a powerboat in the small boat harbor. At 3:30 AM, a live-aboard was able to notify Seward Emergency Services that the fire had started. The live-aboard was later transported to Seattle's Harbor View Burn Center for treatment of his severe burns. The club's wishes for a speedy recovery go to him. During the callout, Seward Fire Chief Dave Squires was accidentally pulled from the fire truck and suffered a severe break to his right upper arm. Chief Squires is still in a sling at this time and expects an extended recovery time.

The Seward Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps were joined by the Moose Pass Fire Department and the Bear Creek Fire Department in their efforts to control the fire. The Seward harbor staff was instrumental in extinguishing the fire and courageously placed floating boom to prevent the spread of burning fuel to adjacent floats. The work of these five groups in preventing greater loss was simply outstanding. In all, two vessels were destroyed, one of which sunk in the harbor. Another vessel suffered minor cosmetic damage. If any club member sees or knows a member of these services, please thank them for their courageous actions.

**Bylaws:** At the incorporation of our club, the founders created a set of bylaws that defined our purpose and all of our operations. Through the years, these have been overlooked as the proper source for many of our club processes. In order to allow everyone with an interest to read the seven-page document, it has been posted on our website in the Members Only sec-

tion. Contact any official or look on the back of your membership card for the ID and password.

**Dues Increase:** Don't forget that the club dues have increased! Our dues have not increased since the club's inception in 1988, although costs certainly have. The March 2009 attendees approved an increase in KFYC annual dues to \$20/person per year.

**Our Newsletter is on our website:** If you'd rather receive your newsletter by downloading via our website, <http://kfyc.org>, let us know by selecting this choice on your renewal form or notify our treasurer that you'd prefer the electronic version and we'll send you email to notify you when the newsletters are available. In addition, all newsletters for the past few years are always available on the site. It'll save the club the postage, and storage space at your house. Also, we need your current e-mail address so that we can notify all club members of any breaking news. Please send e-mail address changes to [treasurer@kfyc.org](mailto:treasurer@kfyc.org)

**Website:** Remember that we have a website that can address issues that are more immediate than those we can address in a twice-a-year newsletter. To learn about upcoming events, contact your club officials, and interact with the club in other ways, point your browser to <http://kfyc.org>. It always pays to stay informed.