

# Bergy Bits & Growlers

## Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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www.kfyc.org

June 2011

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

### - 2011 Officers -

Commodore  
Devon Putney,  
Commodore@kfyc.org

Vice Commodore  
Dave Leech

Treasurer  
Iris Johnson, 224-3675

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

Members At-Large  
Phil Kaluza  
Liz Leech

We're in full swing boating season! Welcome to the 2011 boating season! We hope that it is a safe and enjoyable one for you and your crew. Remember to check our website at <http://kfyc.org> for information on club activities and access to other resources. We hope to see all of you at the Seward Harbor Opening. If you'd like to join your club's Opening Day activities, contact Deb Altermatt at Sailing, Inc. Have a great season!

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## Summer Meeting

*Saturday, June 18, 2011*

4:30-8:30 at the Branson Pavilion! We supply the fire, all condiments, hot dogs and buns, ice for beer, all utensils, and cooking/eating gear. You bring other cooking meats/seafood to share.

Please plan to attend! See the website for details.

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

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

## News from the March Meeting

The KFYC had its spring meeting on March 26, with 24 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 \$536.23 in our saving account and \$1534.2 in our checking account. We have paid both our state and federal taxes by March 15. With new officers, we also renewed our state charter, a yearly requirement.

**Membership Cards and Reciprocity Cards:** Remember that your membership card includes the code for unlocking the dock carts as well as the logon ID and password for the secure website. Accompanying the card is the valuable Reciprocity card. Several cruising members have used the card to secure berths for their boats while traveling. Without that card, you'll be paying for a slip!

**KFYC Gear for Sale:** Your club's lovely and well-traveled logo embellishes our club gear. We offer hats, some great tote bags, the best looking burgee around, and several style of shirt. Shirt sizes from small to XXXL are available. The tote bags and hats are at cost. Any item purchased by mail order accrues a \$5 shipping and handling charge, so buy at the meetings. 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.

**Burgee Swap Program:** Going cruising or traveling? Will you be visiting other yacht clubs in your travels? Take along a KFYC burgee to swap! Yes, you pay upfront for the burgee, but when we receive the burgee from the visited club, we'll refund the cost to you. The burgee from the club that you visited will be on display in the Breeze Inn.

**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 Opening Activities:** The KFYC will continue its tradition of helping with Harbor Opening Day activities by providing workers for the Beer Garden. Member and Member-at-Large Liz Leech volunteered to handle the distribution of alcohol and other members are encouraged to participate in providing help to prevent minors from imbibing in the garden. Mr. Randy Altermatt will provide music, and Ms. Deborah Altermatt will spearhead the effort. The club will provide no money, only personnel. All proceeds will be donated to the Mariners' Memorial Fund.

**Mariners' Memorial Update:** Deborah Altermatt provided the club with an update on the progress of the Seward Mariners' Memorial. Due primarily to recently-deceased member Sue Kaanta's largesse, the SMM has met about half its projected cost. Plans are moving forward quickly as there is a location, a website, and renewed enthusiasm. This organization is dedicated to completing the work on the memorial.

**Harbor Policy Changes:** Be sure to visit the website for the list of activities that can and cannot be performed on our boats. Policy has changed and the harbormaster has been given the right to impose fines and remove boats from the harbor. Read and heed!

**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\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Printed Name Date

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Signature Printed Name Date



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**Dock Cart Repair:** The ability to use our dock carts has always been an important reason for joining the club. Now, they need repair. Led by member Pat Nolan, there is a committee to repair or replace six of the carts and any of the locks and cables. If you see any of these carts in need of repair, or think that we need to place carts where none now exist, please contact the commodore.

**Elections:** Elections were held at the March meeting and the slate of members presented by the club was accepted by the members in a unanimous vote. The club wishes to congratulate and thank the members who have stepped up to provide leadership during 2011.

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Vice Commodore: David Leech  
Secretary: Bill Ennis with the help of Arin Ortman  
Treasurer: Iris Johnson  
Member at Large: Phil Kaluza  
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**Next Meeting Date and Location:** Our summer meeting will be held on June 18 at the Branson Pavilion in Seward. Treasurer Iris Johnson has reserved the facility from 4:30 - 8:30 PM. As usual, the club will provide hot dogs and all the "fixin's": 'dogs and buns, cooking and eating utensils, coolers for cold beverages (including beer: byob), condiments, charcoal and lighter fluid and aluminum foil for covering dishes. Members are encouraged to bring meat or seafood to cook and share, as well as dessert or sides. We hope to see you there!

**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 section. 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 in-forme