

# Bergy Bits & Growlers

## Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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September 2010

*Time to renew your club membership for 2009. Please use form on page 3.*

### - 2009 Officers -

Commodore  
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Paul Ruppel  
Liz Leech

It's been a cold, rainy summer here in Southcentral Alaska. Explanations abound, but for us, it made for a soggy and disappointing season. On the bright side, there were many wonderful trips into the Alaskan coastline wilderness, and the club sponsored a great picnic. We know that many boaters have already begun the slog of putting boats to bed for the winter. Let's all hope for a fun, safe winter season, followed by a warm, sunny summer.

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## Spring Meeting

*Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010*

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 June Meeting

The KFYC had its summer meeting on June 26, with 19 members in attendance, including several guests of various members. The meeting was held at the Branson Pavilion in Seward at which the club provided hot dogs and such and members pitched in with their usual generosity.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our Treasurer, Iris Johnson, reported that we have \$535.22 in our saving account and \$908.84 in our checking account. At the time of the meeting, we had some picnic and flower debt. The increase of the club's membership dues has made us able to do even more for the Seward boating community.

**Morning Star:** The joy at getting together at the summer meeting was diminished by the passing of a charter member of our organization, Ms. Sue Kaanta. Iris Johnson spoke eloquently about Sue's life and her influence on those who were fortunate to meet her. There are few years of club history in which Sue did not participate as an officer, and by her efforts, the club's burgee was seen far and wide. The Sailing Inc newsletter paid tribute in a beautifully worded editorial included below. Sue had just returned to Seward with her new cruiser, Morning Star. The club sent flowers to Sue prior to her death and for her funeral.

**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.

**Vessel Maintenance in the Harbor:** The City of Seward is planning to make more changes to both harbor maintenance policy as well as a host of other changes. Please check our site (<http://kfyc.org>) for more information. Remember, if you don't tell the powers that be that you're unhappy about these changes, they have every reason to assume that you approve. Make

your desires known!

**Harbor Burgee Care:** The KFYC burgee that flies at the harbor master's office will be taken down each winter. Its size and expense dictate that we take better care of it. It will be a yearly task to remove the burgee in fall, and then replace it in spring. We're looking for volunteers!

**Newsletter Timing:** There was a consensus that our Bergy Bits and Growlers newsletter should be published a few weeks prior to a meeting. The newsletter could act as a reminder of the upcoming meeting, could make the issues fresh in the minds of attending members, and help generate ideas for solving the many issues that face us this next boating season. Please, if you can attend, do so. If you cannot attend, but have comments or suggestions, please send them to Commodore Dave Leech.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**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.

**Sue Kaanta's Eulogy:** (From the Sailing Inc newsletter, used with permission.) "Seward took a deep breath when the last patriot left town on Monday after a long 4th of July weekend and the town was left to quietly pulse on its own for a few hours of a cool summer night. As always, Seward was the place to be for the Alaskan mid-summer holiday. Though for some, the revelry was muted by the sadness of the loss of our wonderful friend, Sue Kaanta, to cancer on June 20th.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive your KFYZ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

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**Sue Kaanta's Eulogy (continued):**

For the friends of Sue, it was a very bittersweet weekend. We celebrated her shortened, but very full life, as a group of bereft friends who each sensed a great personal loss. We know that her passing will impact the community where she has been an active resident and an involved member of the boating community, as a boat owner and a harbor worker and volunteer. Sue joined our Sailing, Inc staff from 2004 to 2007 and was a great addition to our sailing family. She had friends from every walk of life and from all over the world.

Sue spent the last few years of her life achieving her goal of finding the perfect boat and spending time on board with friends last summer. She would be cruising Prince William Sound today, if not for a sickness that ended her dream too soon. Her boat is aptly called, Morning Star. I like this, because as a sailor, I recall mornings on the water, when after cruising through the dark night, the first light was indeed the star of the morning. It always sheds the first light of hope that the day is ahead. For me, when in the future I see the Morning Star in the sky, I will always be reminded of Sue; of her kind spirit, her gentle ways and her zeal to live life to the fullest. It was a grand pleasure and privilege to have known her. Shine on, Morning Star!"

The club would like to thank Ms. Arin Ortman for writing this moving eulogy.

**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 for the 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 attendees approved an increase in KFYC annual dues to \$20/person for the 2010 year.

**Our Newsletter is on our website:** If you'd rather receive your newsletter via our website, <http://kfyc.org>, let us know. 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.