

Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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

- 2009 Officers -

Commodore

Phil Kaluza, 224-7206
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Vice Commodore

Liz Leech, 491-0090

Treasurer

Iris Johnson, 224-3675

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Bill Ennis, 345-5633
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Members At-Large

Paul Ruppel
Malcolm Rogers, 398-2185

It's still winter in Seward, but as the new year marches on, we are all beginning to think about the upcoming boating season. There will be a lot of fun, and many new challenges. The new harbor boat maintenance policy will affect the commissioning of every boat in the harbor. Watch our website to learn the latest information on what you can and cannot do to your vessel while she is in the water. Remember, this is YOUR club!

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 2010

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

Breeze Inn Lounge

Help elect your officers for 2010! Better yet, RUN for office!

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 December 12, with 10 members in attendance, including a guest of Treasurer Iris Johnson. Iris' guest is considering relocation to Seward. Commodore Phil Kaluza presided at this meeting. The meeting was short but productive. Here are the highlights.

Treasurer's Report: Our Treasurer, Iris Johnson, reported that we have \$534.55 in our saving account and \$660.19 in our checking account. At the time of the meeting, we had no outstanding debt. To add to this rosy financial picture, this year's membership dues will begin to appear, we're sure, and since the dues are scheduled to increase to \$20/person, we should be in solid financial shape and able to accomplish many more projects this season.

Dock Carts: The discussion moved to the condition of our KFYC dock carts. Consensus was that several of the carts have seen better days and will need to be either replaced or repaired. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to spend some of our membership dues increase on renovating or replacing our carts as well as adding a cart to the new B float. Commodore Phil Kaluza will schedule the specific repair/replacement plan until the next meeting when new officers can make these decisions.

New KFYC Hats: We have new hats! A color photo of the new design will be posted on our website as soon as possible. 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: In comments that underscored the continued frustration with harbor maintenance policy, it was noted that Anchorage Waste Water Treatment has been channeled into Cook Inlet for many years, but we seem to be unable to drop teak dust

into the Small Boat Harbor. Naturally, we will support the harbor's policy, but we do wish that a clear exposition of the reasoning had been forthcoming.

Harbor Burgee Care: The KFYC burgee that flies at the harbormaster'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 Burgy 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 boating season. Please, if you can attend, please do so. If you cannot attend, but have comments or suggestions, please send them to Commodore Phil Kaluza.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Harbor Opening: It's here! The opening of the Seward Small Boat Harbor is scheduled for May 22 and 23. Details are being planned now. If you have ideas for the opening day, if you would consider volunteering for the many activities, or if you just want to participate, contact any of your officers. Sailing Inc owner Deb Altermatt has set the date and is helping to plan the activities. We are told that this year's opening will be very similar to last year's opening.

Harbor Maintenance Policy: The Seward harbormaster released the results of her survey. Although too lengthy to review here, they are on our website.

Mariners' Memorial: The Seward Mariners' Memorial project is transitioning from a paper drawing to a three-dimensional model, thanks to our own Paul Ruppel and landscape architect Jill Kovalsky.

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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 _____

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: _____

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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Mariners' Memorial (continued):

Paul's cardboard model of the lighthouse, the memorial's central figure, helped the committee visualize that the initial plans of a wrap-around walkway leading to the top of the lighthouse was an ADA (Americans With Disabilities) nightmare! Therefore, the committee decided to make the upper part of the lighthouse inaccessible to the public. Instead, some of the panels in the base of the lighthouse will be removed to allow access to the ground level.

Hopefully, memorial plaques will be soon be available for purchasing in remembrance of those who have lost their lives at sea and influential members of the maritime community who have passed on. These plaques will be incorporated inside the lower portion of the lighthouse as well as outside and on the wave wall. Memorial benches are also an option to honor loved ones. Anyone have a bell they'd like to donate that will be placed at the peak of the lighthouse?

We are fortunate to have the skill and enthusiasm of landscape architect Jill Kovalsky, formerly of Trick, Nyman, and Hayes. Many of you have probably seen drawings of Jill's preliminary site development plan, which she is now in the process of converting into 3-D. Paul and Jill's combined models will be used for fundraising purposes and give us all a better idea of what our memorial will look like.

Help bring Seward's Mariners' Memorial to fruition with your donations of money, time, and skill.

For more information, contact committee members: Kari Anderson, Ron Long, Sue Kaanta, Deborah Altermatt, Rhonda Hubbard, Arnie Hatch, Scott Ransom and Nancy Erickson.

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 for the password.

Dues Increase: Don't forget that the club dues will increase in 2010! 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

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.