

Bergy Bits & Growlers

Kenai Fjords Yacht Club

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March 2009

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

- 2009 Officers -

Commodore
Phil Kaluza, 224-7206
Commodore@kfyc.org

Vice Commodore
Liz Leech, 491-0090

Treasurer
Iris Johnson, 224-3675

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

Members At-Large
Paul Ruppel,
Malcolm Rogers, 398-2185

Welcome, 2009 club members! We're all looking forward to another fun and safe boating season. Some exciting club activities are being planned and we hope that everyone will find time to participate. Don't forget to check out our website: www.kfyc.org for up-to-date info on club activities. If you have an idea, don't hesitate to drop me an email at:

commodore@kfyc.org
Phil Kaluza, Commodore

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Summer Solstice Meeting

Friday, June 19

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

Breeze Inn Lounge

An overnight cruise planned for that weekend! Join us!

Guests are always welcome at all KFYC meetings & events!

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

News from the March Meeting

The KFYC had its March meeting on March 21, with 16 members in attendance. Commodore Phil Kaluza brought to order a meeting that is bound to be remembered as one of the most active in recent memory.

Burgees and Hats: Members agreed to replace the aging and ragged club burgee that flies on the Seward Small Boat Harbor flag mast. There was agreement that we would pursue the purchase and sales of KFYC-logo baseball caps.

Club Finances: Treasurer Iris Johnson provided information on our club finances. She told the members that we have \$1,042.63 in our checking and \$533.55 in our saving account.

Merchandise for Sale: Iris also told the group that we have ample stocks of shirts in three styles, and most sizes. Our lovely tote bags and burgees are also available. Order forms are available on our website.

Mariners' Memorial: Front and center of our meeting was funding and planning for the Seward Mariners' Memorial. The committee has decided to add some soil and grass, and perhaps some park-style benches to the site.

Deb Altermatt suggested that KFYC take the lead in organizing an SSBH Opening Day Celebration, complete with beer garden and dance band. She noted that SSBH has a lot of experience with such an event, but that there had been no group willing to take the lead in a few years.

Requirements from the club would be to help fund the band, the most expensive component of the event. The city would supply the fencing for the beer garden, and TAM (Techniques of Alcohol Management) card for any bartenders, and help in set-up and breakdown.

After debate, the members approved a donation of \$500 to the Mariners' Memorial fund, with that money going to the Opening Day event. If the event cannot be organized in time, the money will still be donated to the fund. Ms. Altermatt graciously agreed to chair the KFYC committee.

Elections Held, New Officers Elected:

Club elections for 2009 officers were held. The 2008 officers had met in an executive session and provided a slate of candidates for each position, and the membership accepted the recommendations.

Commodore: Phil Kaluza

Vice Commodore: Liz Leech

Secretary: Bill Ennis

Treasurer: Iris Johnson

Members-at-large: Paul Ruppel and Malcolm Rogers.

The club would like to thank these members for their willingness to serve.

Equipment Swap: The club will, once again, help with the SSBH Opening Day Equipment Swap. If the William H. Seward Yacht Club sponsors the event, we'll be there, too. Bring the sailing gear you wish to swap or sell to the Sailing Inc parking lot. All items for sale MUST be marked with a minimum price and owner's contact information. Ten-percent of any money will be donated to the Mariners' Memorial Fund.

Harbor Clean-up: Want to help restore the harbor and adjacent grounds to their pristine condition? Bring the kids, grab a big yellow bag, and help us clean the harbor. Meet at the Seward Harbormaster's office on May 9 from 9-noon.

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://www.kfyc.org>. It always pays to stay informed!



KENAI FJORDS YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Annual dues are \$10 *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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LAST NEWS

Thanks!: The club would like to thank Deb and Randy Alternatt for their continued and substantial support of our club. They have generously donated their photocopier to reproduce the newsletter for mailing, and Deb has volunteered to chair the committee for planning the upcoming Opening Day event.



More Activities: Our new Member-at-Large and Activities Chair, Malcolm Rogers, is enthusiastic about the upcoming sailing season and KFYC's ability to sponsor some fun activities. Events as diverse as a triathlon (running, boating, biking), weekday sailing events, and any other events in which we are interested.

Dues Increase: Our dues have not increased since the club's inception in 1988, although prices certainly have. The attendees approved an increase in KFYC annual dues to \$20/person for the 2010 year. Iris Johnson, our Treasurer, notes that the Yacht Club of America, the organization that provides our reciprocity, has raised its yearly dues by 20% this year.

Our Newsletter is on our website:

If you'd rather get your newsletter via our website, www.kfyc.org, let us know. Notify our secretary 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 some money on postage, and storage 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 secretary@kfyc.org.

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