

MINUTES OF DISTRICT 18 COUNCIL MEETING

11 JUNE, 2008

Calitri's Restaurant, Danvers, MA.

D/C Ronald Mason, SN called the Council Meeting to order at 1835 on Wednesday June 11, 2008 with 17 attendees present. D/Lt/C Edward Libby, AP led the pledge of allegiance. Cdr Mason welcomes all members present. Secretary P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP, noted that a quorum was present.

ATTENDENCE: D18 Bridge: D/C Ronald Mason, SN; D/Lt/C Arthur Yarranton, SN; D/Lt/C H. Dexter Hyland, SN; D/Lt/C Edward Libby, JN; D/Lt/C Barry G High, AP; P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP.

General Committee Chairmen: Nominating: P/D/C John Graves, JN, **Rules:** P/R/C Richard Winskowitz, SN,

Squadron Commanders: Daniel W. Shea, AP; Alexander Arcisz, JN; John Micklovich, AP

Past D/C's: John Graves, JN; Stephen Jerome, AP, Linda J Seal, SN; Richard Winskowitz, SN; Paul Flagg, JN; Bruce Theriault, AP

Other Attendees: Karen Arcisz, AP, Virginia Osman, SN, Mark S Cohen, JN,

Secretary: Bruce Theriault reported that the minutes of the Council Meeting of 29 March 2008 had been distributed electronically and paper copies are available if needed. The minutes were amended to show that under the Commanders Report, the amount expected is \$200 not \$125 as originally listed. The minutes were then approved as amended.

Treasurers Report: Barry High reported the cash balance on 11 June is \$10,647.30. Total cash received since last report is \$1,942.11 and cash disbursed was \$546.11. A complete report was received.

Administrative Officer Report: Edward Libby called on: Paul Flagg for a **Boating Activities report:** nothing to report; Stephen Jerome for **Membership and Membership Involvement report:** as of now Beverly is up by 10, the District is up by 5 and Nationally we are up by 610 to 41,810 members. Dick Winskowitz for **Leadership Development report:** April 5 class was cancelled, no classes held.

Executive Officer Report: Arthur Yarranton called for **Cooperative Charting report:** no report. Bruce Theriault for **Government Relations report:** Clean Water Act which would cause recreational boaters to have to get permits for discharge of all water contacting their vessel remains a high priority. Please contact your Federal Legislators to voice your concern as a boater that you are in favor of the bill now before Congress to correct and exempt recreational boaters from the ACT. Arthur Yarranton for Public Relations report: announced he has 2 CD's available on "How to Publicize your Squadron". Karen Arcisz reported that she has had success with running a "banner" to promote squadron activity, at the bottom of TV's in lobby situations.

D/C Mason called a temporary halt to the Council meeting from 1904 until 1940 for our meal.

Safety report: no report, **Vessel Safety Check:** no report.

Commanders: *Beverly*, Alexander Arcisz submitted a written report: A total of 149 members and an active website with details of all activities and meeting minutes at their website. *Broad Sound:* no attendees – no report, *Gloucester:* no report, *Marblehead:* Dan Shea submitted a written report including a successful public seminar on Charting held April 5th. The annual dinner was held May 30 with over forty attendees. Merrimac River: Jack Micklovich gave a verbal report and announced that the blessing of the fleet would be held on June 10th.

Education Officer report: Dexter Hyland presented information about lower prices on the following seminar presentations: Boat Handling Seminar Kit (03-66-002), Sail Trim Seminar Kit (03-66-003), Anchoring Seminar Kit (03-66-009) and Onboard Weather Seminar Kit (03-93-001). Each was reduced from \$20 to \$16. The instructor kits remain at \$20. Also added is: Knots, Bends and Hitches Seminar (03-66-001 for students and 03-66-006 for instructors) at the same fee of \$24. This kit includes some hands-on material for the student to practice with. The inventory of the old dividers is exhausted: the new divider is an ultra-

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light version with a thumbscrew adjustment that can actually be used on the water. Part number for this is 1173116 at a cost of \$10. Boating course statistics were also discussed and we were reminded to do the online reports in a timely fashion.

Old Business: *District 33* has offered an initiative on expanding the Bowsprit program to Squadrons. *Fall 4 District Conference:* **A motion** was made by Alex Arcisz and seconded by Linda Seal **that we increase the amount of the seed money for the conference to \$275.00.** Discussion followed. Motion **PASSED.** A reminder the dates are 14-16 Nov 2008 at the Ashworth by the Sea at Hampton Beach, NH. We should advise our members to save the dates.

New Business: Budget considerations by D/C Mason, he suggested we consider \$150 for XO and an increase for airfare in alternate years. *Conference Host:* lengthy discussion including squadrons sponsors Spring Conferences and Fall by District. No changes were proposed as a motion. Reminder: that Merrimac River is our host for Spring 2009 conference. *Sea Scout Liaison Officer:* Arthur Yarranton commented on the success for this activity in other parts of the country, noting that we do not have any one in that position here in D18. There was no response to Art's outreach and he indicated his willingness to serve in that position: So Approved. *Gloucester* appears that it may be a candidate for dissolution and would combine with Beverly. For the Good of the Order: Ed Libby our Homeland Security liaison reports the approximate locations for the Bayonet Buoys for LNG tankers and noted these areas are restricted for navigation: The co-ordinates are Lat: 42 23' 38" N, Lon: 070 35' 31" W to Lat: 42 23' 56" N by Lon 070 37' 00" W. This area is closed to navigation and he reminded us that we might wish to mark our charts accordingly.

Next Meeting: September 24th at Calitri's Restaurant in Danvers, MA

Meeting adjourned at 2130

Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Bruce Theriault, AP
Secretary, D18, USPS