

DULUTH YACHT CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 29, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: By Commodore Eric Thomas at 1230 at Country Inn & Suites.

ATTENDEES: 29 + members present, plus assorted offspring

MINUTES FROM LAST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: None available. Commodore Thomas provided general overview of the Club's current status. We are anticipating the first season's race on Wed, May 16.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick D'Aloia provided a detailed treasurer's report. The Club has \$6,535.25 in checking; \$4,234.14 in Trans checking; \$501.78 in Boat Club Escrow; \$3,469.16 in San Juan account; and \$5,296.19 with Smith Barney. Recent inflow includes \$2,440 for Dues and Race fees. Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DSSA: Duluth Superior Sailing Assn discussion deferred to end of meeting. Reader should refer to **New Business**.

House & Dock: Clubhouse rent has doubled in the last year. The DYC continues in its' short-term lease with Harbor Cove. Given that fact, no major improvements are anticipated to the building. However, the Club has added tables and chairs since last year. The clubhouse has electricity, however is not wired to accommodate a refrigerator on site which may be beneficial for our socials. General goals for the clubhouse: Flagpole? An all-weather bulletin board?

Race: Dave Turnham convened the Race Committee after the April 2nd Board meeting and developed a working draft of the **DYC Race Courses for 2007**. The Race Committee also made a prototype of a **Race Board** to be displayed on the Committee Boat on starboard. Steve Henry explained the use of this prototype to the membership. The Race Board will visually broadcast the assigned course (e.g. L1, M1, B2) for each of three race classes. The three race classes will be identified by each boat flying one of three assigned neon colors. (By special request, "hot pink" flags will be used by the C class which contains the pre-existing "hot pink" crew). The neon colors will also be used to indicate the three separate start sequences.

The membership discussed whether to pay someone to be in charge of the Committee boat, or to seek a volunteer/intern, or to alternate Committee boat responsibility between the race boats. Ultimately, the motion was made and carried to authorize payment to one individual \$50/night, with a bonus of up to \$200 at the end of the season (for a total expenditure not to exceed \$1000) We have yet to find a person to hire.

Scoring: Steve Henry is ready with the new scoring software and new computer.

Ratings: Tom Rauschenfels presented hand-outs of the new and/or revised DYC PHRF ratings to the membership. The DYC applauds Tom's work on these PHRF ratings for our club. Very nicely done!

Membership: Deadline for memberships is May 2.

Leading Edge: Susan Turnham will be sending the new *Leading Edge* to the publisher on May 2. To save on mailing costs, she requests that, if possible, members pick up their copies of the *Leading Edge* at the Clubhouse. The *Leading Edge* will contain the race course diagrams. (See above **Race Committee** report)

Social: Kris Henry brought an array of merchandise for purchase: fleece items, T-shirts, caps, as well as a jacket that she had mocked-up for DYC for \$80.

Discussion about getting more boat crews involved in preparing for socials after the races. Several boats have signed up to be in charge of specific socials.

Trans-Superior: Dale Hedtke reports that Slip 2 is booked for the Trans-Superior, as is the Aquarium. There will be GPS on all the boats. There will be live tracking beacons to allow folks on land to follow the progress of the racers. There will be 8 solo racers this year. Sailboats, Inc. is a sponsor of the Trans-Superior. Dale needs volunteers to help with the Ready Room, and the Finish Line.

Protest: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Historian: No report.

Website:

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Sharrow gave a presentation on the history, mission, goals and activities of the Duluth Superior Sailing Assn. The DSSA has long been a "feeder" organization to the DYC, introducing many of the current DYC members to the passion of sailing. "Anything Goes" races take place on Sunday afternoons. DYC boats are issued an open invitation to join in. Affiliate memberships can be had for \$49/person. Courage-Duluth races are on Thursday evenings. The DSSA has raised money for 25 scholarships for racing thus far this year. They want to teach sailing to interested young people, regardless of ability to pay. The DSSA maintains a vision of a physical "home" for the DSSA, with meeting rooms and equipment storage. The DSSA will begin fund-raising in earnest for this project in the winter of 2007/2008. The DYC passed a motion to donate \$1500 to the DSSA at this time.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by DYC Secretary, Ardys Richards

