

**INTERCLUB CRUISE**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**BUFFALO YACHT CLUB, BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2005**

The above-referenced meeting was held commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room at the Buffalo Yacht Club, Buffalo, New York. Those in attendance are on a roster attached to these minutes. All participating clubs were represented.

2004 Chairman Dan Ward (BCC) called the meeting to order. Chairman Ward asked everyone to sign an attendance roster which has been reproduced and attached to these minutes. He had everyone in attendance introduce themselves, thanked all those involved for the successful 2004 year and then “passed the gavel” to 2005 Chairman Ted Johnson (BYC/BHSC) who proceeded to conduct the rest of the meeting.

Minutes of the 2004 meeting had been prepared, circulated and discussed. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

A slate of officers proposed on the agenda for the evening which had been passed out was next discussed. The slate lacked a Second Vice Chairman who would elevate to Chairman in 2007. Ted Johnson proposed Jamie Taylor (EYC) for this position based on Jamie’s long standing contributions to the Cruise predominately in the form of putting together the program each year. The slate with Jamie’s inclusion as Second Vice President was unanimously approved.

Accordingly, the officers for 2005 are as follows:

Chairman.....Ted Johnson (BYC/BHSC)  
First Vice Chairman.....Louis Johnson (BHSC), Chairman of 2006  
Cruise  
Second Vice Chairman .....Jamie Taylor (EYC), Chairman of 2007  
Cruise  
Treasurer .....Jim McBrier (EYC)  
Secretary .....I. John Dunn (EYC)  
Cruise Coordinator.....Diane Mitra (EYC)  
Registration.....Cynda Espy (EYC)  
Eligibility & Ratings.....Race Committee  
Race Committee Chair.....Chuck Chilcott (BHSC)  
Committee Boat .....Bob Ihrig (BHSC)  
Protest .....Dave Haller (EYC), Chairman;  
Dave Block (EYC)  
Program/Printing.....Jamie Taylor (EYC)  
Publicity .....Diane Mitra (EYC)  
Cruising Fleet-Monohull.....Hadley Jackson (PDYC)  
Cruising Fleet-Multihull .....Chad Klahr (EYC)  
Awards & Flags .....Jim McBrier (EYC)

Web Site.....David McBrier (EYC)

Chairman Johnson next discussed the agenda and asked whether there were any suggested changes. There were none.

Jim McBrier’s Treasurer’s report was next. It is attached. All of its contents including next year’s dues were unanimously approved.

Chairman Johnson sadly noted that Mike Kovac, (BYC) Skipper of Waltzing Matilda, drowned in a boating accident at BYC-Abino Station. Mike was an avid sailor, a professional musician, a former winner of the Founder’s Trophy, and a former winner of our photo contest. A moment of silence was respectably observed in his memory.

Next, Dan Ward gave a report on last year’s Cruise. It was a success. He thanked everyone involved.

Chuck Chilcott next gave a report from the Race Committee. Everyone has confidence in Chuck and Bob Ihrig who continue to offer our committee boat.

The 2005 course was next discussed. Because water levels are up in Dunkirk and Dunkirk’s effective representative, Jim Christy, appealed to the Committee to include Dunkirk again in the course, the 2005 course proposed at last year’s meeting was unanimously changed to the following:

<b>Date</b>	<b>2005 Race Courses</b>
June 25	Buffalo (downtown) to Dunkirk
26	Dunkirk to Dover
27	Dover Triangle
28	Dover to Erie
29	Erie Course Race

Later in the meeting, Chuck Chilcott mentioned that he might want to put an optional gate or two between Buffalo and Dunkirk to facilitate an optional shortening of the course and that was acceptable to the Committee.

The events for 2005 were next discussed. Ted Johnson of BYC outlined a good sendoff saying that there would be a band, a tent, open dining room, and a breakfast sponsored by Buffalo’s Junior Sailing Team for Saturday morning. On Friday night, registration will be from 5 to 7 and the Skippers’ meeting at 8:00.

For Dunkirk, Jim Christy previously indicated that a good portion of the fleet would be able to dock at the club and that some of the deeper keeled boats might have to dock at the adjacent Chadwick Marina. The club would make beer and clams available on the club’s docks and that the club would have breakfast available on Sunday morning. Diane Mitra (Cruise coordinator) indicated that there would be entertainment and food available at the adjacent Ramada Inn (formerly Sheraton) on Saturday night.

Terry Grace of PDYC indicated the usual and ever successful menu of events for Dover. On Sunday night, everyone would be free to go in town. On Monday morning there would be a full breakfast, Monday night there would be a fish fry and on Tuesday morning, there would be a continental breakfast.

Louis Johnson (BYC) clarified that BHSC would most likely have their daiquiri party on Monday afternoon.

Diane Mitra indicated that in Erie on Tuesday night, there would be a party with food available and entertainment. Breakfast would be available Wednesday morning.

It should be noted that during the meeting, the Race Committee was asked whether they could start a Shark Fleet out of Dunkirk on Sunday morning and an Erie to Buffalo race plus an Erie to Dover race off of the lighthouse in Erie on Thursday morning. These are not official races of the Cruise but cooperation among those in attendance was expressed to accomplish these possible events.

Several quick reports were given: Diane Mitra covered program sponsors, Tom Lewan covered the photo contest and Jim McBrier covered the trophies.

At several points during the evening, our 50<sup>th</sup> interclub cruise race anniversary was discussed and the following items should be noted:

1. By most calculations, 2007 would be the year of the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive race.
2. The interclub cruise was organized 51 years before 2007 but there was no race in the year of organization.
3. We have an approximate \$10,000 cash cushion which might not be necessary other than in anticipation of something special in 2007.
4. It was the sense of the meeting that an entertainer rather than a speaker might have more appeal and that the entertainment should be at the beginning of the cruise rather than at the end for wider participation and enjoyment. Hadley Jackson (PDYC) recommended a Jim Morris as a good entertainer.
5. A medallion, trophy, jacket or something special should be available in 2007 commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> interclub cruise.
6. The 2007 interclub cruise program should also be special. Jamie Taylor alluded to a possible special publication but it was suggested that we simply beef up our regular publication with solicited articles, photographs, etc. commemorating the event.

A 2006 race course was discussed and the following was passed.

Date	2006 Race Courses
June 24	Erie to Dover
25	Dover Triangle
26	Dover to Dunkirk
27	Dunkirk to Abino
28	Abino to Buffalo Yacht Club

Under “old business/new business” the following was discussed:

1. Chuck Chilcott and those in attendance determined that the Erie Course Race in 2005 would be an equilateral triangle followed by a windward/leeward for approximately a 15 mile race.
2. Through questions by Hadley Jackson, everyone was assured that those being allowed to participate in one race for free could only do so in the cruising class so as not to interfere with those racing for the entire week.
3. The “Four Ladies Trophy” for the most successful club in the fleet was discussed. Apparently, the original deeded gift only allows the award to be made to EYC, PDYC or BYC. The need to get the deed revised to include all participating clubs was discussed. No specific responsibility therefore was assigned. The thought was to contact whichever of the “Four Ladies” are still with us and attempt to amend the deeded gift if its terms allowed amendments.

Finally, yours truly, thanked Dan Ward for a great 2004 Cruise and Ted Johnson for so efficiently covering the evening issues. We will send our minutes to those in attendance and the participating clubs.

Upon motion made, seconded and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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I. John Dunn (EYC), Secretary

Attachments:

1. Roster of February 16, 2005 Board Meeting at Buffalo Yacht Club, Porter Avenue
2. 2002 - 2005 Income Statement and Cash Position with 2005 Budget.
3. Annual letter to participating clubs.

Note: All annual meetings actually convene at about 7:00 p.m. Here are the adjournment times:

2005 – 9:45 p.m.	2001 – 10:00 p.m.
2004 – 10:15 p.m.	2000 – 9:30 p.m.
2003 – 9:30 p.m.	1999 – 9:30 p.m.
2002- Not recorded.	