

INTERCLUB CRUISE
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
BUFFALO YACHT CLUB, BUFFALO, NEW YORK
Wednesday, December 6, 2006

The above-referenced meeting was held commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m. in the dining room of the Buffalo Yacht Club on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. Those in attendance are on a roster attached to these minutes. The participating clubs were represented except Dunkirk Yacht Club and Sugar Loaf Yacht Club.

2006 Chairman Louis Johnson (BHSC) called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign the roster attached. He had everyone in attendance introduce themselves and thanked everyone involved for the successful 2006 Cruise.

Chairman Johnson had the Minutes of the 2006 meeting approved. They had been circulated by mail and were available at the meeting.

Next, Chairman Johnson proposed the following slate of officers which slate was unanimously approved. Note that the Second Vice Chairman, Eric Skinner was identified and unanimously approved later in the meeting but he is listed at this point for simplicity. He would be Chairman of the Cruise in 2009 with Kevin Gregory being Chairman of the Cruise in 2008 and Jamie Taylor being Chairman in 2007.

Accordingly, the officers for 2007 are as follows:

Chairman.....	Jamie Taylor (EYC), Chairman of 2007 Cruise
First Vice Chairman.....	Kevin Gregory (BCC, BYC, BHSC), Chairman of 2008 Cruise
Second Vice Chairman	Eric Skinner (PDYC), Chairman of 2009 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)
Photo Contest Chairman	Tom Lewin (BYC/BHSC)

With a sigh of relief, Chairman Johnson passed the gavel to Jamie Taylor, Chairman of the 2007 Interclub Cruise.

Jamie first wished Cruise Coordinator, Diane Mitra (EYC) a happy 65th birthday and better health. Diane was ill and for the first time since her affiliation with the Interclub Cruise was not in attendance.

Next, Treasurer McBrier gave a brief report on 2006 and a proposed budget for 2007. It is attached and was after some discussion approved unanimously.

Louis Johnson then gave a report on the 2006 Cruise which was both a financial and operational success. A well received new feature of the 2006 Cruise was the past Chairman reception which will now be an annual event.

Next, Chuck Chilcott gave a report of the race committee. There was a discussion on whether to have more fleets and/or spread the starts further apart. The discussion at this point coupled with a discussion later occurring on the topic resulted in a consensus that there should be one more fleet in 2007. This was done with the knowledge that the additional flag for an additional fleet costs approximately \$1,000 but with the anticipated of the 2007 Cruise, one more fleet was deemed appropriate.

Chairman Taylor next reviewed the proposed agenda for the 50th Anniversary Cruise outlined in a handout at the meeting and attached. Hadley Jackson (PDYC) outlined the Dover events and the logistics of getting docking and rafting for the larger fleet. Docking options include PDYC, the public marina, the tugboat basin, and the wall. Whether there should be docking assignments, basin assignments, etc. was discussed. It was agreed to put the multi hulls and cruising fleet at the fishing dock and the racers at PDYC; and that the Cruise announcements and instructions would announce this. Hadley also said there would be a shuttle bus running between the tugboat basin to the club.

Dan Ward (BCC/BYC) outlined the events to be held at BCC (and he had the attached one page handout on same).

It should be noted that the highlights of the 50th Anniversary Interclub Cruise will be six days of racing, two bands on Friday night with dinner available at EYC, a pig roast and band on Saturday night at EYC, the recognition during the week of "Long Pointers" (participants with 25 or more years of Dover crossings), fireworks and a second band on Saturday at EYC, a Monday band at PDYC and the perennial BHSC rum party plus a fish fry at PDYC on Monday, a band and steak fry on Tuesday at Colborne, a lobster boil and band on the beach at BCC on Wednesday, a formal BCC bridge presentation with pipes and retirement of the colors on Wednesday at BCC, a Bloody Mary breakfast in the canoe house on Thursday at BCC and bands, a barbeque and a champagne toast concluding the 2007 50th Anniversary Cruise on Thursday at BYC.

In the process of reviewing the 50th Anniversary Cruise it was the consensus of the meeting that the Dover to Colborne race should somehow be shortened. The race

committee indicated that it would start the race in Dover, the same as before, but set a finish mark west of Colborne to accomplish the objective of a sooner finish.

There was a discussion on Canadian and US Customs. The Canadian Customs are going to be at their old dock outside of the Port Dover Bridge rather than at PDYC. For the return to the US, everyone was encouraged to complete and remit in advance the US Customs forms which will save everyone time. These forms should be available with the Application.

Jim McBrier (EYC) reviewed the sponsor program and recruited someone from each club to sell sponsors as follows: PDYC - Hadley Jackson, BHSC - Louis Johnson, BYC - Peter Johnson, EYC - Jim McBrier, DYC - ? (no one in attendance), Sugar Loaf Sailing - ? (no one in attendance), and BCC – Kevin Gregory.

Next, Tom Lewin gave a report on the 2006 photo contest. These contests are successful each year. It was suggested that he put together a slide show that could continually run somewhere and sometime each year. This was Ted Johnson’s idea and he offered to make it happen.

The 2007 race course was made clear in the above-referenced preview of the 2007 Cruise. It is:

Date	2007 Race Courses
June 23 (Saturday)	Erie Triangle
24 (Sunday)	Erie to Dover
25 (Monday)	Dover Triangle
26 (Tuesday)	Dover to Colborne
27 (Wednesday)	Colborne to Buffalo Canoe Club
28 (Thursday)	Buffalo Canoe Club to Buffalo (Downtown)

The 2008 race course was next discussed and established as follows:

Date	2008 Race Courses
June 28 (Saturday)	Erie to Dover
29 (Sunday)	Dover Triangle
30 (Monday)	Dover to Colborne
July 1 (Tuesday)	Colborne to Buffalo Canoe Club
2 (Wednesday)	Buffalo Canoe Club to Buffalo (Downtown)

Next occurred a discussion on whether we needed another meeting in order to finish planning the 50th Anniversary Interclub Cruise. It was the consensus of the meeting that enough progress had been made at this meeting. John Dunn (EYC) moved and it was seconded and unanimously approved that the officers could fill in all of the details not specifically resolved at this meeting. In this context, the officers are the

Chairman, the two Vice Chairmen, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Also, the resolution included the joinder of any applicable committee chairman for matters within their jurisdiction.

Perpetual trophies were next discussed. It was observed that the location, engraving, condition, etc. of the trophies was in some disarray. Ted Johnson offered to get all of the trophies located, updated and available for the 50th Anniversary Cruise.

“Branding” of boats with a sticker was discussed. If certain sponsors require them we will have to oblige. It was agreed that we would not number the boats or identify the fleet with these stickers. We would stick with identifying flags for fleet identification.

The last item of business was Hadley Jackson’s request for articles to be submitted for the history of the Interclub Cruise which is being prepared. It was hoped that Hadley and Gib Loesel (EYC) could put together a written history with pictures. This was discussed in more detail at last year’s meeting.

There being no other business before the meeting, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m. and so it was.

Respectfully submitted,

I. John Dunn (EYC), Secretary

Attachments:

1. Roster of December 6, 2006 Board Meeting at BYC (Downtown)
2. J.P. McBrier’s one-page Budget for the 2007 50th Anniversary Lake Erie Interclub Cruise (dated 12/06/06)
3. Four-page Lake Erie Interclub Cruise 50th Anniversary Event Outline
4. Dan Ward’s (BCC) one-page Event Outline