

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly – Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron

May 4, 2016

Supper prepared by: Jack Reed

Attendance: 42

Our speaker was Mr Doug Stewart, a freelance writer, who gave a talk on “Essex county and the Nineteenth Century China Trade.

The business meeting was called to order by Commander David Graham at 2020. Jack Reed declared that 32 members were present and thus we had a quorum.

Commander’s Report: Commander Graham stated that he had filed a report with D12, and that he was impressed by the volume of activity conducted by our squadron. He urged everyone to sign up for the “Kickoff diner” at Corinthian yacht Club on May 20th and our evening cruise aboard the Schooner Adventure on August 19th. Both events are subsidized by the Squadron.

SEO’s Report:

- The Squadron is engaged in five separate ABC classes in five different locations this spring. ABC Courses were/will be held as follows:
 - April 13, Gloucester High School-20 students completed course and passed exam.
 - ABC Courses soon to be completed: May 3rd, Hamilton-Wenham Library - 13 students enrolled. May 16th Bass Haven Yacht Club, Beverly 14 students enrolled.
 - ABC Courses beginning soon: May 2, Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, 23 students registered. May 11, Marblehead, VFW Hall, 44 students registered.
 - The Squadron offered the Piloting course this spring. Final "take-home" exam to be distributed May 24th. 8 Students enrolled.

- Additionally, we have 7 Vessel Safety Check certified examiners and hope to surpass the 92 inspections completed last year. And on May 15, our VSC examiners will examine life jackets at Rockport's Life Jacket Day.
- We are planning on running an Instructor Certification Course in the fall.

SAO's Report: We are looking for a boat to conduct on-the-water training. It should be an outboard in the 20 – foot range.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Smith submitted a draft budget for the coming year and an income statement for this year.

Audit committee Report: P/Lt/C Souza said that the committee completed an audit for the period March 2, 2015 through April 16, 2016. There were no discrepancies and the committee singled out the exemplary work of John Hagar, Dale Smith and Mark Cohen who served as treasurers of the two squadrons before and after merger.

Budget Committee: Lt/C Riley present a draft budget prepared by the Budget Committee, which was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2105.

Jack Reed, Secretary