

ITCA AGM February 20, 2016
Sequim Bay Yacht Club, John Wayne Marina
Minutes

Attendees: Dale Dunning (President), Craig Burnell (Treasurer), Doug Bolling (Int. Measurer) , John Lynes, Duane Emnott, Seven House, Jaime Storkman, John Bennett, Joe Daubenberger, & Ed Josberger.

By Teleconference: Wendy Loat (Secretary)

Regrets: Sean Kane (Vice President)

Meeting called to order at 13:05 pst.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion to approve by Craig Burnell, seconded by Wendy Loat. Approved.
2. **Fleet Reports**

Fleet 1 report for 2015
Respectfully submitted by Ed Josberger

2015 was an active year for Fleet 1, consisting of a potpourri of racing and rendezvousing (is there such a word?). We began the year in March with a road trip to Port Townsend to visit the rapidly growing Fleet 33. Despite moderate rainfall, 6 members of Fleet 1 were greeted by Fleet 33. We toured the boat shop with a wood bird under restoration that will be a beauty when complete. We toured T-Bird row, checking out an impressive flock of T-Birds. We finished the day with lunch overlooking the Point Hudson marina and copious amounts of T-Bird chatter. Many thanks to Fleet 33 and Joe Daubenberger for their hospitality.

The season began in earnest with the traditional May Series sponsored by the Gig Harbor Yacht Club. This series consists of a race every Thursday evening of May, inside Gig Harbor, twice around if the winds allow. Dodging, crab pots, boats at anchor, kayaks and paddle boards boosts the fun meter. Flying sails are not allowed, which is probably a good thing. Eight boats made it to the races; enjoying a warm spring that was to become a hot summer.

Results of the 2015 May Series

Sail	Name	Place
1069	Magic Bus	1
1020	Snowbird	2
9	Fandango	3
1232	Cuatro Vientos	4
1030	Bounty Hunter	5
1167	Longbow	6
11	Kiya	7
2	Pirouette	8

For 2016, not only will there be a May series but there will also be a June series. The latter series may have different themes. This includes a junior at the helm night, a woman at the helm night, and more. In any case the racing will continue through the summer. Go to the GHYC Website to get the details.

Saturday, July 25, brought a welcome respite to the 90 F heat wave that enveloped Western Washington. However the racing at the T-Bird Rendezvous and Regatta sizzled. Twelve "Birds" convened at their primordial home, the Gig Harbor Boat Shop for some low key (oxymoron) racing and high level partying. The event was co-hosted by Thunderbird Fleet 1 and the Gig Harbor Boat Shop and both groups are looking forward to more cooperation and collaboration.

A strong southerly made the racing on Saturday seem like speed dating. Short courses located at the North end of the harbor and strong gusty winds kept the fleet together and in each other's way all around the course. Also, the fleet elected to sail under white as there was no time to set the chute. In fact, the first race was over in 15 minutes. In a couple of hours, six races later, the race committee and sailors had had enough and returned to the Boat Shop for a well-deserved libation. (see photos at?????)

The ensuing party at the Boat Shop brought together not only T-birders but also the Gig Harbor sailing community and its friends. It was a perfect evening in a magical setting, the lasagna dinner and deserts from fellow T-Birders, Mike and Suzanne Tunney, were outstanding, stories were told and probably enhanced a little. Trophies were awarded and 4 of Ed's model T-birds were distributed by lottery. The evening wrapped up with a presentation by Mark Hoppen, son of Ed Hoppen, on life in the boat shop and the impact of the Thunderbird design and success on subsequent sail boats.

To wrap things up, on Sunday a smaller fleet raced from the mouth of Gig Harbor to Pt Richmond, 3.5 miles to the north. With 4-6 knots of breeze from the south east, it was ideal for a spinnaker broad reach to the mark. The trick was to find favorable current and to play the wind shifts. Of course having an auto pilot makes flying the chute a lot easier for the shorthanded crews.

Results of races at the Rendezvous Regatta July 25, 2015

Boat	Number	Total	Place
Fandango	9	10	1
Warrior	1198	17	2
Swan	1008	20	3
Magic Bus	1069	23	4
Valkyrie	974	37	5
Snowbird	1020	37	6
Orca	1264	46	7
Hussy II	953	50	8
Kyia	11	51	9

Whitebird	1031	56	10
Yare	100	60	11
TuTush	39	71	12

Fleet 10:

Only about 5 boats left as the rest have been sold to members of Fleet 5 in Boston. We used the remnants of the "fleet kitty" to purchase a wheelchair for a long time fleet supporter who has been debilitated by stroke. One boat, Who Knows, has been sold within the fleet and we hope he will be racing come summer.

Fleet 15

In Geelong there are 14 thunderbirds and 6 of them are active in mixed class racing. The others are generally not used much.

still have my thunderbird White Pointer #1225 and I am racing on a larger yacht with a group of former thunderbird owners.

White Pointer is lightly raced, but is used for family enjoyment and social activities, especially for my 2yo granddaughter who loves it.

In two days I will be meeting Bruce King, Barry Walker and Dave Collins from our Predator days and it will bring back lots of good memories.

The Pacific Northwest has been a significant part of my life for 35 years (since Vancouver worlds in 79)

I also remember sailing with you in your t/bird at Oak Harbour. It was enjoyable catching up with friends at that regatta.

In recent times we met Ed & Sue Edwards from Port Townsend when they visited Geelong and enjoyed their company.

I hope you have a very successful thunderbird meeting and I look forward to any notices that may be sent out. (I have cast a ballot with Wendy).

3. **President's Report:** Repaired and updated the website just in time for the domain name to expire. Content is now up-to-date but much more is needed. Dale requested that members and fleets send news and photos for posting on the website so that we can again look like an active organization.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Craig reported that the revenue collected and expenditures showed for balanced books, but that providing funds of up to \$1000 for the host fleet to run the Internationals may not be sustainable. Craig was successful in negotiating with the bank to cancel fees (way to go Craig!) saving ITCA \$15+ each month.

ITCA 2015 Financial Report

1/1/2015 through
12/31/2015 **Beginning Balance \$3,436.55**

Date	Description	Amount
INCOME		985.87
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Income		985.00
Interest Inc		0.87
EXPENSES		-460.49
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Bank Charge		-90.00
Conferencing		-57.49
Postage		-128.00
Web Hosting		-185.00
OVERALL TOTAL		525.38
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Ending Balance \$3,961.93

5. **Measurer's Report:** The templates have been handed over from Duane Emnott but no new boats have been built, thus none have been measured. We do not believe that any of the molds are in existence any more. All have been destroyed.

6. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary thought she was past president, so had nothing to report. She had planned to put out a newsletter, but no articles were forthcoming so failed to act.

7. **Old Business:**

There was much discussion surrounding Fleet 33's suggestion that they host the International Championship Regatta as a three-day event over the long Labor Day weekend in 2016(Labour Day). This suggestion was not well received, as it would be extremely unlikely that anyone would come from outside of the region for such an event on such short notice. Moved by Craig Burnell and seconded by Wendy Loat that the next Internationals be held in 2017 and hosted by Fleet 33 with four days of racing planned over five days. Motion passed.

Moved by Craig Burnell, and seconded by Wendy Loat that Fleet 33 be sanctioned to host the 2016 North West Regional Regatta. Motion approved.

8. **Black Book Change to the Mast Rule:**

A few concerns were raised about the proposed change including its possible affect on the overall weight of the boat. Several owners have added weight to the bottom of their masts in order to add weight to the boat. The proposed rule does not change the overall boat weight. It had also been suggested that dropping the minimum mast weight as proposed was too much, and that owners who had added safety features such as lights and radio antennae would be disadvantaged. Dale indicated that most owners currently carried between 16 and 18 pounds of lead in their masts, hence the amount the mast weight was to be reduced.

Craig Burnell noticed that the mast weight stated in kilograms was incorrect and moved an amendment that it be changed to 34.109 kg. Amendment approved.

The motion to approve the new mast weight of 72 lbs or 34.109 kg was approved with a vote of 21 for and 2 against. The Black book will now read as follows:

7.2.1 Mast weight shall not be less than 75 lb. (34.019 kg)

Sections 7.22 and 7.23 are deleted

9. **Other Business:**

It was suggested by a member of fleet 33 that the Genoa be removed as a sail from the Black Book. This suggestion was met with horror by some (why make the boat slower?) but it was agreed that Fleet 33 could experiment by racing their events with jib only.

One member suggested a move to roller furling and removing the requirement for hanks on the jib. It was decided that such issues would be great for discussion on the website.

10. :

Sean Kane's term as Vice President is up, but he has agreed to stand for another three years.

Craig Burnell's term as Treasurer is also up, and he has agreed to stay on for one more year until he finds a replacement.

Motion to confirm these two positions was made by Dale Dunning and seconded by Wendy Loat. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 15:06 pst.