

ITCA Annual General Meeting
February 10th, 2018
Sequim Bay Yacht Club at The John Wayne Marina

Minutes of Meeting

Attendees: Dale Dunning (President), Gary Davis (Treasurer), Doug Bolling (International Measurer), John Lynes (Fleet 33, 542 Thatuna), Joe Daubenberger (Fleet 33, 242 Dorado), Jim Henmann (Fleet 33, 542 Thatuna), Fred Ehrlich (Fleet 13, 595 Flair), John Bennett (Fleet 13, 1179 Bottom Feeder), Jamie Storkman (Fleet 1, 9 Fandango), Ed Josberger (Fleet 1, 1020 Snowbird), Rick Creatura (Fleet 1, 1264 Orca), Steven House (Fleet 1, 1062 Rooster)

The meeting was called to order by Dale Dunning at 12:02 pm.

Minutes of the previous AGM which can be found online were approved.

Treasurers Report – Gary Davis

1/1/17 through 12/18/17

Beginning Balance	\$4775.88
Income (dues, sales of plans, misc.)	\$955.00
Expenses	
2017 Internationals – seed money	\$1000.00
Postage and Stamps	\$ 35.80
P.O. Box Mercer Island	\$ 132.00
Total Expenses	\$1167.80
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$212.80)
Ending Bank Balance	\$4563.08

Measurers Report – Doug Bolling

No new boats were built during the year. Boat #105 was scrapped, and the keel went to #31, the mast to #1190, and the Rudder to #150. Measurer requests notification of any boats that are scrapped so that he can update the records. Doug is also looking into potentially changing sail material Black Book requirements as technology is changing rapidly in this area. There was also some discussion of allowing grooved luff pieces so that reefing furlers could be used. This would allow more casual cruisers to also race.

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Fleet Reports

Fleet 1 – Fleet has had a mediocre year and have lost 2 boats.

Fleet 2 – No Report

Fleet 5 – Boston: Greeting from the Right coast. Boston has been a busy little fleet again in 2017. More boats have arrived VIA the U.S. and Canada interstates. The Thunderbird class is currently the biggest and most active one design fleet in Boston.

We enjoyed a mostly rain free summer with only one Thursday night race canceled due to fog and no wind, I think...

The winds were uncharacteristically light this season n Thursdays so good(any) boat speed was key to success. WE worked out most of the kinks on our new boat Strange Device to sail consistently enough to win the series. The highlights included 10+ boats on most races with a max of 13. A few years ago, it was an easy job for my father to do race committee with only 4 boats on the line. He has needed to recruit my 11-year-old son and friends to help keep us on the proper side of the course. The finishes have been as exciting as the starts with multiple boats overlapped almost every race. Full results can be found on www.regattaman.com .

Our fleet champion was crowned by combining results from 3 weekend series. In an utter dominant fashion, Ken MacLeod on Flying Gull was unbeatable. He was not happy that he needed a tie-breaker over Strange Device to win the Lipton cup, so he left no doubt when the finishes were scored for Quincy Bay, and Spirit Series regattas. Again, the winds were mostly light just the way Ken likes it. We will be working on getting more boats involved in the weekend series. The Spirit series was great having 8 boats attending.

Every now and then we decided to venture over to the other side of sailing and attend a few PHRF pursuit races. As always, we did not embarrass ourselves with very nice finishes in the Great Chase Race as 3 birds finished in the top 14 of 88 who made it all the way around the course in light air... again; Tank- 10th, Flying Gull – 12th, and Strange Device – 14th.

The final highlight was the Boston Light Pursuit race hosted by Savin Hill. Finally, we had a breeze! We also had rain, and lightning too. After a delay, 4 birds of 25 boats braved the conditions. It was a memorable day as Tank finished 2 seconds behind the Elite 37 Sparkle Pony for first overall. Strange Device 8th and Mysterious Ways got 9th of 22 who survived the conditions. The course was basically an 8-mile slog into a 20-30 knot NNE and seas building to 6+. (In the rain) I kept telling myself that the surf ride home was the reward. And surf we did! Three birds were rewarded with speeds at easily 10+ and some near wipeouts. Unfortunately, Don Kavanagh on Thunderation was dismayed less than a quarter mile from the windward mark. The skipper and crew were fine and managed to retrieve most of their sails and rigging. A helpful hand from the coast guard was needed and all are safe.

Every season Massbay Sailing crowns a “Competitor of The Year”, and we are happy to announce that Steve Kavanagh and Mysterious Ways has been recognized for the honor. Steve and his crew have attended (and won) more than any boat in the recent years on the Massbay sailing circuit, and it is a well-deserved accomplishment.

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Since the end of the season, another two boats have arrived at Savin Hill. It has been great to watch our fleet see the recent success. The new owners are coming from all kinds of situations. We have crew from bigger boats, 1st time boat owners, and even co-owners of bigger boats like the Elite 37 Sparkle Pony buying their own bird to race for bragging rights among themselves.

Good luck to the other fleets out there... and we hope to see a few visitors to Boston in 2019.

Fair Winds,

Sean Kane – 1240 Strange Device, Ex-154 Chikanery, Ex-875 Sante.

Fleet 13 – Edmonds/Everett. There are now 5 active boats in the fleet. Efforts are being made to grow the Edmonds fleet. During the spring we race on Sundays and after Spring we race on Wednesday.

Fleet 33 – Like Boston, Fleet 33 continues to grow. PHRF racing has all but died in Port Townsend where racing is now dominated by the Thunderbirds. There is an active group of approximately 14 boats. We regularly get 8 to 10 boats on the line for the PTSA races.

The Internationals were a big success featuring 17 races (yes, you heard that right!). Grant Chyz on 1236 Raptor became the first Thunderbird skipper to win a Third International Championship. After expenses the Fleet broke even on costs.

The Port Townsend fleet's races begin in February with the Shipwrights Regatta and run through end of October so there is plenty of opportunities for participation.

Old Business

2019 Internationals in Boston – Details regarding dates will be forthcoming.

New Business

60th Anniversary Rendezvous – Gig Harbor. Fleet 1 is trying to organize an event to celebrate the 60th. Tentative dates for the event are June 8-10th. They need extra docks for the event and are trying to piggyback off another event. The plan is to have an informal regatta on Saturday and maybe a long distance race.

West and East Coast Championships – Dale Dunning proposed that we change the name of our regional championships to the East Coast Thunderbird Championship and the West Coast Thunderbird Championship. Since most of the Thunderbird activities are occurring in either Boston or Port Townsend, the name change will clarify the event and should help in the promotion of the events. This is a non-binding ITCA suggestion so there was no vote but the attendees agreed in principle with the suggestion. Port Townsend will host the West Coast Thunderbird Championships over the Labor Day weekend.

Election of Officers

Sean Kane was nominated and voted to be President of the ITCA.

John Bennett was nominated and voted to fill the Vice President's position

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Dale Dunning was nominated and voted to be Secretary

Your ITCA officers for 2018 are:

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John Bennett - Vice President (Term ends 2018)

Dale Dunning – Secretary (Term ends 2020)

Gary Davis – Treasurer (Term ends 2019)

Doug Bolling – International Measurer (Life Sentence)

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm