



CDSOA, Inc. -- Northeast Fleet
Minutes of the Winter Meeting
Unk's on the Bay Restaurant, Waterford, CT
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Minutes recorded by Fleet Secretary Warren Kaplan.

The meeting began at 10:00 AM informally, as members arrived from various parts of the Northeast. Hot coffee was the order of the day, as the weather outside was frigid!

The formal meeting was called to order about 11:15 a.m. by retiring Fleet Captain Michael Heintz. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Fleet Captain Heintz reviewed some of the past season's Northeast Fleet activities, including the July 4th Fireworks weekend cruise at Oyster Bay, New York. Of special interest was the fact that some of the attending boats could not find each other in Oyster Bay, in spite of the fact that Oyster Bay is this writer's home port. The highlight, of course, was the fireworks display, which was bettered by none, anywhere!!

Stan Wheatley gave a report on a preliminary consideration of Plymouth, Massachusetts, as the location for the 2004 Northeast Fleet Rendezvous. More inquiries need to be made as to the suitability and feasibility of Plymouth for the rendezvous.

Bob Emmons summarized the cruise to Maine last summer. As it turned out, his was the only boat involved in that voyage. Light winds and fog accompanied him a good portion of the way. Cruising Maine, however, was worth any inconvenience.

Mike Thorpe recounted his round trip from Massachusetts to Bermuda. No two voyages covering virtually the same route could have been so dissimilar. Outward bound, with Merrie Bergmann and Bill Slater aboard, Journey's End was beset by heavy wind and high seas. The crew resorted to heavy weather tactics including furling or reefing sails and heaving to. The Monitor Windvane earned its salt on the outward leg alone. The return trip was completely different taking only four days to travel from Bermuda to Massachusetts in almost perfect sailing conditions until they again ran into fog as they approached Martha's Vineyard. Michael Heintz was aboard for the return trip, having flown to Bermuda for the occasion.

Leo MacDonald talked about what is going on at national level of the CDSOA.

Diana Paquette displayed new additions to the Chandlery.

Elections resulted in the following slate of officers for the coming year.

Catherine Monaghan – Fleet Captain
Warren Kaplan – Fleet Secretary
Bob Emmons – Fleet Lieutenant

The vote was by acclamation.

Past Fleet Captain Heintz was presented with a poster of Michael Heintz' "stand in" Russell Crowe, doubling the genuine "Master and Commander," just retired!

Fleet Captain Monaghan suggested to the group that any member who would like to have an on-the-water activity in their area make their feelings known. There is a movement to perhaps offer more on-the-water activities of a local nature this year so that more members, with limited time available for sailing, may be able to participate locally where they otherwise might not. We can't do it without the participation of our fleet members, so please volunteer to help plan an event in your sailing area!

Lunch was served.

When lunch was over, drawings for numerous door prizes began. The giveaways were followed by the attendees splitting into groups to discuss this year's events.

The preliminary 2004 Northeast Fleet events schedule includes:

July 3-5: **July 4th Mini-Cruise and Float-In**, Port Washington, Oyster Bay and City Island, NY

(Organizer: Catherine Monahan, bcomet@aol.com)

July or August: **Rendezvous**, Plymouth, MA (Organizer: Stan Wheatley, skicape@aol.com)

July or August: **Float-In**, Aucoot Cove, Mattapoisett/Marion, MA (Organizer: Gary Lapine, Dory26@attbi.com)

July or August: **Float-In**, Narragansett Bay, RI (Organizer: Sue Graefe, graefe@mindspring.com)

July or August: **Cruise**, Tenants Harbor to Penobscot Bay, ME (Organizer: Stephen Files, neastsail@aol.com)

Oct 2: **Float-In**, Atlantic Highlands, NJ (Organizer: Catherine Monaghan, bcomet@aol.com)

The Fleet Captain stressed that the event organizers need help planning these events, so please contact them to offer your assistance.

There was a gracious invitation by Leo and Ruth Ann MacDonald to host the new Fleet Captain with a party at the Lonesome Dove B&B after the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Kaplan
Secretary, Northeast Fleet