



**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 Captain Catherine Monaghan.*

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 -- again!

The formal meeting was called to order around 11:00 a.m. by Fleet Captain Catherine Monaghan. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, Fleet Captain Monaghan reviewed the current status of the fleet, 130 boats strong, and some of the past season's activities, including the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks weekend cruise at Oyster Bay, New York; the barbecues at the homes of the Graefes in North Kingstown, RI and the Barthels in Fairfield, CT; the boatless eastbound flotilla to the rendezvous (boatless until Buzzards Bay that is); the raft-up at Aucoot Cove; the Plymouth Rendezvous; the Maine Cruise; and the Atlantic Highlands Float-in. It should be noted that the event with the most attendance was the barbecue at the home of Sue and Dick Graefe -- the Narragansett Bay Float-in at North Kingstown, RI. And let's all give a big THANK YOU to Sue and Dick Graefe as well as Ann and Dick Barthel for opening up their homes and making each of their events special.

Michael Heintz brought his collection of original antique charts for the group's perusal. He plans to make prints of these charts available as well.

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

Diana Paquette wasn't feeling well, so we missed both her, Don and the Chandlery items.



Fleet Captain Monaghan was prepared to give a talk recounting her experiences during the 2004 Caribbean 1500 in which she and her husband Bruce Halley sailed as crew members for Mike and Merrie Thorpe aboard the Thorpe's Saga 43 *Adagio* but the group had many questions regarding the event so she fielded their questions instead.

The Caribbean 1500 is a fun race which was devised to give cruisers wishing to bring their boats south to the islands for the winter a mechanism for

reaching that goal in the company and safety of other boats. Participating boats must meet the race organizer's safety requirements and undergo and pass a safety inspection. Participants are provided with weather (Commander's Weather) and Gulf Stream data (Jennifer Clark). There are daily check-ins and chats (SSB) and for those with HAM radios there are daily HAMnet chats as well. The group of 47 boats experienced heavy weather for three of the 10 days they were at sea with only one boat not completing the race. See <http://www.carib1500.com/> for additional information regarding the Caribbean 1500.

Before the lunch break the Fleet Captain suggested to the group that any member who would like to have an on-the-water activity in their area or had any suggestions for a rendezvous event should make their feelings known when we began discussions again after lunch.

Lunch was served.

Elections took place after lunch and resulted in the following slate of officers for 2005.

Catherine Monaghan – Fleet Captain  
Bob Emmons – Fleet Lieutenant  
Joe Karger – Fleet Secretary

It should be noted that Joe Karger volunteered to take over the office of Secretary from the outgoing 2.5 term Warren Kaplan. Nominations were taken from the floor with both Catherine Monaghan and Bob Emmons re-elected for their second terms as Fleet Captain and Fleet Lieutenant respectively. The vote was by acclamation. Thanks are also in order for Warren for all the work he has done for the Northeast Fleet during the past 2.5 years. And congratulations to Joe!

After the elections, drawings for numerous door prizes began. The giveaways included items donated by Harken, SailNet, Cruising Direct, *Points East Magazine*, *Latitudes & Attitudes*, *Good Old Boat*, Raymarine, Interlux, fellow Cape Dory owner Bob Young, and the CDSOA Northeast Fleet. Items included eyeglasses straps, t-shirts, hats, gift certificates, free magazine issues and subscriptions, even a tie, wallet and backpack and several cans of Silver Lining Salmon. The piece de resistance was an automatic inflatable PFD with harness by West Marine Suspenders.

Then we began the event planning. This year, as in 2004, we would like to sponsor events at destinations that span our entire region to give those with limited vacation time the opportunity to at least participate in a local event. We can't do it without the participation of our fleet members, so please volunteer to help plan an event in your sailing area!

The preliminary 2005 Northeast Fleet events schedule includes (all tentative):

July 2-4: **Mini-Cruise and Float-In**, Oyster Bay, NY - itinerary to be announced (Organizers: Warren Kaplan, George Vandrasek and Michael Heintz) – may be replaced by a weeklong cruise with the emphasis on Oyster Bay for the fireworks (see Jul 2-9 below)  
Oct 1-2: **Float-In**, Atlantic Highlands, NJ (Organizer: Catherine Monaghan,)

**Suggested Events:**

July 2-4: **Float-in**, Bristol, RI (Clay Stalker, Joel Silverberg)  
July 2-9: **Western Long Island Sound Cruise**, Westbrook, CT to points west and back (George Vandrasek)

Jul or Aug: **Float-in**, Duxbury, MA (Angela and Tom Scieszka); or Wellfleet or Provincetown (Stan Wheatley)  
Jul or Aug: **Float-in**, Robert Moses State Park, Fire Island, NY (Bob Emmons) or Bannister Bay, Lawrence, NY (Cathy Monaghan)  
Jul or Aug: **Maine Cruise** (Casco Bay, Penobscot Bay or Blue Hill region)  
Jul or Aug: **Rendezvous**, Newport, RI (Michael Heintz)  
Other suggestions for float-ins or rendezvous: Mattituck, NY; Threemile Harbor, NY; Woods Hole, MA; Essex, CT; Milford, CT

The Fleet Captain stressed that we need help planning these events, so please contact Cathy if you can help in any way.

There was a gracious invitation by Leo and Ruth Ann MacDonald to everyone in attendance that they were welcome to attend a party at their home after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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