

Bruce,

Before I go on the the 2015 AGM minutes I would like to take a minute to offer kudos to the Falmouth Yacht Club and its members and particularly to its Sonar members for hosting a wonderful 2015 Sonar World Championship regatta. The setting and the facilities were great. The organization and the execution reflected great preparation. The on-water (even when there was no wind) and on-land events were to the highest standards. A great regatta; a great time was had by all.

## THE AGM MEETING

Saturday's racing was aborted due to a lack of wind so we were off the water early and Sonarians had time to go back to their hotels, get cleaned up, get back to the club, and get an early start to the evening's festivities. As a result the AGM meeting was a little late getting started, was a little raucous yet was a good meeting and it led into a wonderful Lobster Boil dinner.

### Roll Call of Fleets.

The following fleets were represented .....

- Fleet #1, Noroton Ct.
- Fleet # 9, Rochester Ny.
- Fleet #12, St Petersburg Fl.
- Fleet #14, Marblehead Ma.
- Fleet #16, Falmouth Ma.
- Fleet #22, Kings Point NY.
- Fleet # 23, Nyack NY.
- Fleet # 28 Martha's Vineyard Ma.
- Fleet # 35, Luneberg NS

### Nomination/Election of Class Officers

As part of the program to expand the reach and influence of the Sonar Class two Sonarians, Jonathan Chiasson of Fleet # 35 in Luneberg NS and Ken Stieers of fleet # 5 in Minnetonka, MN. were nominated for class officers. Their nomination was unanimously approved and we welcome them.

Standing for re-election were class officers President Bruce McArthur, VP Rick Doerr, VP Michael Lucas, Treasurer Jean Galloway, and Chief Measurer Lee Morrison. All were unanimously re-elected and we thank them for agreeing to serve another term.

### Class Officer Reports

Most of the class officer reports are in the attached folder.

Financial Report. The class remains financial solid with approximately \$21,000 on hand to cover expenses.

Additional Measurer Comments. Gene is still dealing with the batten issue, remove or leave in, and the British rudders and keels issues and has all under control

### Old Business

We acknowledged and thanked Skip Shumway for all that he has done for the Sonar and the Sonar class. His years of support and encouragement were integral to the success of the boat and the class. Again we thank you Skip and we hope that you and Dawn will stay active in the class as we move on.

It was discussed that there is serious demand for good used Sonars yet, and troubling, class growth remains flat. However the outlook appears positive. Although the Marblehead fleet has been disbanded there are new and old fleets showing growth and activity including fleet 25 on Weatherby Lake, Kansas; fleet 5 on Lake Minnetonka; fleet 1 in Noroton. There are now 8 Sonars on Lake Sunapee N.H. and we hope that will soon become our newest fleet.

It is expected that Rondar will help us re-energize the class. Rondar having a backlog of boat orders is certainly a good thing. They are in the process of delivering 13 boats to NYYC.

It was also mentioned how important it was all of us active Sonarians to stay active, to sail regularly, and attend regattas; to be seen is to be noted.

## New Business

Sonar North Americans - Fleet 5 sailing on lake Minnetonka would like to, and will be, considered for hosting the next Sonar North Americans. That will be discussed as we finalize the 2016 regatta schedule but due to previous scheduling they may have to wait until 2017. The 2016 schedule will, obviously, be finalized over the winter.

Sonar 2017 Worlds – The 2017 Sonar World Championship has been awarded to the Lunenburg Yacht Club in Nova Scotia. The Sonarians from Lunenburg put on a short yet interesting presentation extolling the virtues of their club. Their club is beautiful, they sail in protected waters, the race course is a 30 minute sail from their mooring field, it all sounds great. Let's all try to get there for this event. Yes it is a long ride but then, these are the North Americans.

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The meeting was then adjourned and the Lobster Boil Dinner served to the smiles of everybody.

Bruce,

I think that I have covered most of the meeting; the highlights at least. I trust that all of this makes sense to you. If you have any questions or if anything needs clarification do not hesitate to contact me.

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