

## Minutes, General Membership Meeting - October 5, 2006

### Meeting called to order 7:38 p.m. by Commodore Tom Priest

22 Members in attendance

Reviewed & accepted minutes from 9-7-06 GMM

--Matt Colie motioned to accept, Bill Hartman second.

Commodore - Tom Priest

Mail - Received some info on Fiberglass Repair & Boat Handling

Amanda Krabach will update Tom Priests' email address to [sabresailor50@yahoo.com](mailto:sabresailor50@yahoo.com) and send him the minutes to publish in Starboard Tack.

Vice Commodore - Susan Ashley

2007 Slate - To be presented during New Business

Port to Port - Some entry fee's have still not been paid.

Awards Night - Previously set for Saturday, October 21st but VFW is double booked so it has been rescheduled for Friday, October 20th @ 7 pm.

Susan Ashley, Amanda Krabach & Tom Priest will begin set-up at 5 pm if anyone is available to help. Susan would like to present a slide-show.

Matt Colie gave Tina Askins a disk full of photos. Flags should be here by October 14th. PHRF & Lighthouse Challenge trophies have not been returned yet. Race Bouys - Pulled out Sunday, September 30th - thank you to John Perry. Need to be washed. C was sunk & needs to be repaired. N needs additional reflective tape. Doug Howe mentioned that ALL bouys need more reflective tape. Matt Colie motioned to budget repair of John Perry's pike pole, which was damaged during bouy pulling. Will be discussed during

New Business.

Swan Boat Club - Sent an email notifying Susan Ashley of the Western Lake Erie Racing presentation for 2006 & 2007 on October 25th @ 7:30 pm. Please let Susan Ashley or Doug Howe know if you plan to attend.

Race Committee - Next meeting scheduled for November 14th @ 7:30 pm at the Howe Home.

Rear Commodore - Jody Larrow

Today's Program - John Samuelson will be talking about his Scotland sailing trip.

Harvest Moon Cruise - Debate regarding port depths & forecasted weather conditions. John & Roxanne Shumante and Dan Williamson & Peg Hillen will be going to Put-In-Bay. This is the last weekend for bouy mooring there. Howe's will be going to Colchester. Current depth is 6 ft but do not use east docks.

Cruising Committee - Next meeting schedule for October 29th @ 1 pm at the Garbacz Home. Please bring a dish to pass.

Treasurer - Jim Sameck

CD's remained untouched since last report of \$6,100 (interest not included yet). Checking account was \$4,189.15 before checks were written today. All bills are paid to date. Upcoming expenses include: Flags at \$1,500 - \$1,800 & trophy engraving.

ILYA/MORC - John Perry

No Report. Next meeting is in November, will report in December.

PHRF - Doug Howe

No Report.

Video Librarian - Fred Krabach

Thank you to everyone who returned missing videos.

The following are still out: Close Encounter, Andrea Duane 7/7/05, Ocean Adventure, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05, Stupid Boat Tricks, Dave Gardner, 8/4/05

Membership - Tina Askins

Clifford Smith, Larry's father is visiting with us tonight.

No new members.

Activities - Tina Askins

Halloween Party - Saturday, October 28th. Cannot find an affordable venue, will gladly accept suggestions. Expected attendance is 15-20 Frankenmuth/Birch Run - Saturday, November 18th. Susan Ashley has friends who own a transportation business and have offered to take us via bus for the cost of fuel & a gratuity. Susan will follow up and report at November GMM.

Chicago Boat Show - Howe's suggested Susan also discuss busing for 2007 show. Susan will follow up and report at November GMM.

Christmas Party - December 9th @ Tom Priest home.

2007 Commodore's Ball - Saturday, March 24th @ The Hungarian Rhapsody 6 pm to 12 pm.

New Business

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### Awards Night

Previously set for Saturday, October 21st at VFW on Grosse Ile has been rescheduled for Friday, October 20th @ 7 pm.

### Currents

October 20	WSSC Awards Night
October 29	Cruising meeting at Leonard Garbacz's
November 18-19	Frankenmuth Trip
December 9	Christmas Party at Tom Priest's house

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2007 Slate - Dick Synowiec presented candidates. Each is running unopposed & was approved by General Membership. Ballots will only be mailed if additional petitions arise. Amanda Krabach will send an email regarding such. Damaged Equipment - Club approved use of Bouy Maintenance Fund to repair John Perry's pike pole. Matt Colie volunteered to find replacement part(s).

Starboard Tack - Tom Priest reported that postage is up to 40 cents per issue and that he is mailing approx 30/month. He suggested charging \$5-10/year to those members who require a hard copy. Kathy Howe pointed out that Life Members do not pay dues so that is also impacting our bottom line. Numerous suggestions were made: Contact those receiving hard copies to request email, if available. Add line to Membership Application & a yearly fee to cover costs. Raise dues across board, then offer discount for email recipients. Larry Smith motioned to table discussion until a committee can review and a solution can be agreed upon. Dick Synowiec second.

Paypal - Suggestion was made to add to website for race entry fees, yearly dues, etc. Jim Sameck disagrees because there would be too many transactions to keep up with. No motions presented.

Members must notify the Membership Chairperson of any changes to email, phone, or address throughout the year if they expect to stay informed.

Adjournment 8:45 pm

**WSSC 2007 Slate**

The WSSC 2007 Slate was presented and approved by the General Membership at the meeting on October 5, 2006. All candidates are running unopposed; therefore ballots will not be mailed unless written nominations/petitions are received. Please email Amanda Krabach by Friday, October 20, 2006 if you wish to submit a nomination/petition.

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Note: Articles and minutes are not edited for correct grammar and spelling.

**Cruising Meeting**

Donna and Leonard Garbacz's house for the 29 October Cruising Committee meeting. There will be a pot-luck lunch at 1:00 followed by the meeting.



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## The misadventures of Poop deck Pappy

“Poop Deck Pappy,” is a moniker my sons hung on me, when they were all-knowing teenagers. The name stuck and to this day, my grandchildren still call me, “Pappy.” My story takes place during a painful period in my life that clouded my ability to make good decisions. I was one-year into a new job at Ford Motor Company, totally over my head and totally stressed-out when somehow, I persuaded my boss to allow me to take three consecutive weeks of vacation. Preparations for our North Channel trip were rushed and inadequate and my old Tartan 34, Esprit, wasn’t in the best of shape, either. But I needed an escape and I wasn’t about to allow a subtle feeling of impending doom alter my plans. Looking back, I now laugh about the experience.

Shortly after departure, from Grosse Ile, Esprit’s muffler blew-out its innards, causing us a half-day delay. Was this a warning of things to come? Undeterred, I repaired the exhaust system and proceeded up the river with my wife, two teen-aged sons, my oldest son’s girlfriend and our black cat, Zak. Thereafter, the trip was uneventful and just as we anticipated. We sampled every kind of weather, we climbed granite ledges in the Benjamins, swam in the shallows, picked blue berries at Croker, windsurfed in Oak Bay, anchored in the Baye-Finn pool and ate our fill of fresh whitefish. It was such a complete escape; I dreaded returning to reality. Lingered too long in paradise, I foolishly used up the extra days I had reserved for bad weather and set the stage for our disaster.

Arriving in Tobermory, late the day, I began to worry I wouldn’t make it back to work, on time. Nagging me to press-on, my evil companion, Mr. Stress, had returned. In spite of the late hour, high winds from the west and some very large waves, I departed our safe anchorage for Stokes Bay, a harbor, strewn with rocky shoals, forty miles to the south. No problem, I thought; I’ve been there twice before. The fact 1989 was a year of record low water never even entered my mind.

On a fantastic reach, with the wind gusting to thirty and the sea on our aft quarter, our spirits were high, as we watched the glorious sun sink on the horizon. By eleven o’clock, we were running down the five-mile long Stokes Bay range, at a seven-knot clip. As we rapidly approached the harbor, I darted below a half-dozen times to scrutinize the details on the ancient Canadian chart. To my dismay, I saw only a maze of indiscernible black blobs, in the dim light of the nav station. Suddenly, we felt a sickening crash, as Esprit bounded over a huge rock, then another and another. The women screamed and Zak’s tail puffed up as big as a bottlebrush. My attempt to sail off the reef only worsened our predicament and when she finally came to rest, Esprit was firmly lodged between three huge boulders. She was listing at a 45-degree angle and water was coming in faster than we could pump. To this day, the image of Grape Nuts floating, in our dry locker remains burned in my memory.

In an instant, our lovely old boat had gone aglub!  
*(To be continued in December Starboard Tack)*

### Notice of November GMM Meeting change

The November meeting has been changed to  
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early for the buffet.

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