

South Bay Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board Meeting

July 28, 2025

West Islip Library, West Islip, New York

Officers Present: Scott Gesele: Commodore Wendy Gesele: Recording Secretary
Duncan Burns: Rear Commodore

Officers Absent: Stephanie Pizer: Vice Commodore Rich Troy: Treasurer

Governors Present: John Davis Charlie Margeson Jeff Mattera

Governors Absent: Jeff Frederick Joyce Gotard Rich LaBella Bob VanTassel

Committee Chairpersons Present:

Joe Werkmeister - Fleet Captain	Dennis Krug - Historian
Charlie Margeson - Regatta Captain	Glen Bernichon - Storekeeper
Pam McCarthy – Membership	Rob Gutmann - GSBYRA
Duncan Burns - Fleet Chaplain	Sandy Carlberg & Michele Jaeger - Welcoming
Todd McCarthy - Program	Rich Mourino - Webmaster
Farley Nachemin & Susan Moran - Hospitality	

Committee Chairpersons Absent: Heather Reed- Fleet Surgeon Jeff Frederick - Corresponding Secretary
Jay Pizer - Yearbook Jeremy Wiss - Legal Chair Christine Smith - Mailing

1. Commencement of the Meeting: A quorum (15% = 5 members of the 28 Board seats) being present, Commodore Scott Gesele commenced the meeting at 19:37.

2. Approval of the Minutes as presented by the Recording Secretary:

- Motion to dispense reading of June minutes made, seconded and approved.
- Motion to adopt June minutes made, seconded and approved.

3. Report of the Treasurer: Rich Troy: for June 2025 (See Appendix for tables)

The major financial expenses (\$200+) in this reporting period include:

- Hospitality (Commissioning Day expenses)
- Postage (mailings for yearbook and new members)
- Regatta (racing misc. expenses)
- Storekeeper (merchandise)

Hospitality is showing a healthy “profit” so far this year = congratulations!

=== (Repeated from the prior Report)

The “Excess Reserves” are funds taken from savings, as previously agreed by approval from the Board. That amount slowly decreases each year as the total funds in savings approaches one year of planned budget expenses. If each line item in the budget is spent as planned, then the Excess Reserves will help balance the overall budgeted expenses.

=== (Repeated in every Report) As usual:

This report was generated after receipt of our prior monthly financial statements from our accounts at Stripe.com (for online credit card payments), Zettle/PayPal (for in-person credit card payments) and the FourLeaf Federal Credit Union (for checking/savings). The amounts in this report are fully reconciled with those bank statements.

The income totals reported by Membership will differ from the amounts reported here because this report shows:

1. the 'net income' from membership payments, reduced by our member's GSBYRA payments, sales tax and Storekeeper items given to new Members, along with
2. what was received and deposited by the end of the month being reported.

Membership payments for the 2025 membership year are counted when received from 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025.

The appendix includes the Revenue/Expense/Budget Statement and Balance Sheet.

4. Report of the Fleet Captain: Joe Werkmeister:

- 2 week cruise: Huge success!
 - Discussed how all past & participant contributed to success
 - Great weather and sailed a lot
 - Schedule changes transitioned well and all returned home safely.
 - Sending SBCC hats to the General Manager and Assistant GM of Ida Lewis Yacht Club as a thank you.
- 1 week cruise:
 - Approximately 25 boats signed up for 1+ day! (mostly at marinas)
 - Duncan is running events
 - Looking for ideas/volunteers; please see Duncan
 - Duncan discussed Sunken Forest (Sailors Haven) and learning about the area, fishing, and other ideas for activities.
 - Balloon toss, sand sculptures, seining were mentioned as ideas.
- Rendezvous: attendance for recent rendezvous has been poor (during 2 week cruise)
 - Last 2 weeks, only 1 participant; week before that, 0 participants
 - Suggestions to get more people to rendezvous when regular participants are on the 2 week cruise welcomed.
 - Have one of the rendezvous land based, Bellport (Scott Gesele)
 - Consolidate rendezvous to a “super rendezvous” and promote as such (Rob Gutmann)
 - Discussion which to eliminate (1 in middle or one on each end of 2 week)
 - Idea:
 - 1st weekend water based where cruisers may go (if waiting for weather window, i.e. Sore Thumb or Hemlock)
 - 2nd weekend: eliminate
 - 3rd weekend: Land based; Bellport
- Discussed adding an emergency contact to be filled in during application/renewal so if something happens during cruise, etc., someone other than another member can be contacted for instructions/notifications/wellness
 - Would only be accessed via Membership Program / Cruise Captain / Webmaster
 - Discussion instigated by lack of contact from member who was supposed to host a rendezvous, was a no-show, and no contact can be established
- Rear Commodore Duncan Burns asked if one can be associate members if the boat is only on the North Shore
 - Membership Chair Pam McCarthy answered yes and gave examples of past / current members

5. Report of the Regatta Captain: Charlie Margeson:

- The Babylon YC held their July 5th BYC Invitational race and had 5 boats enjoy some good weather.
- The BSIR series races had no changes to their offset handicap adjustments for the mid-summer series due to the lack of qualifying boats in the early summer series races. We also had a protest in the July 15th BSIR race but the protest was settled prior to the official protest hearing.
- The July Babylon Twilight series race will be this Thursday, July 31.
- The Annual West Island Invitational race hosted by SBCC will be this Saturday, August 2nd. See our sailing instructions for race details.
- The SBCC had 2 boats compete in the 2025 Around Long Island Race (ALIR) last week. Jim Riechel raced his J-105 Scapegoat in the Spinnaker Division #9 and came in 7th. Walther van Stipriaan raced his Tartan 33 in the new Double-Handed Division #8 and scored a 1st out of 3 boats.

6. Report of the Membership Committee: Pam McCarthy: (See Appendix for tables)

- We still have 1 member that remains unpaid and is in a NGS status.
- No members have resigned since April.
- We added 1 new member to our club last month.
- Hoping to add new members soon since I did speak to several people about joining.

7. Report of the Fleet Chaplain: Duncan Burns:

- Notified Board of the passing of Yearbook Chair Jay Pizer's mother. Gave details of Shiva and requested all to keep Jay and his family in their prayers.

8. Report of the Program Committee: Todd McCarthy:

- Discussed Hereshoff Museum in Bristol, RI
 - Looking for the film “Of Boats and Brothers” to show for Programs (thank you Barbara Burns for finding the name)
 - Rear Commodore Duncan suggested if return, to write in advance requesting a tour of the model room
 - Governor Jeff Mattera suggested the book “Temple to the Wind”, a book about the Hereshoff family

9. Report of the Hospitality Committee: Farley Nachemin & Susan Moran:

- Process of getting responses for the Blast; only 15 people and the Salty Dogs Band has responded so far (need min. 70 by 8/12/25)
 - Sent out an email invite as well as a reminder
 - Hoping RSVPs will increase; if doesn't will start calling
- Discussed selling raffles for \$100 GC for West Marine, Gift Baskets (contact person: Duncan Burns)

10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon: Heather Reed: absent; no report

11. Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Jeff Frederick: absent; no report

12. Report of the Yearbook Committee: Jay Pizer: absent; no report

13. Report of the Historian: Dennis Krug: no report

14. Report of the Store Keeper: Glen Bernichon: no report

15. Report of the Legal Chair: Jeremy Wiss: absent; no report

16. Report of the GSBYRA Representative: Rob Gutmann:

- GSBYRA held an instructors and sailing chair meeting for all clubs participating with youth sailing on the Bay.
 - The event was held at the Bay Shore Yacht Club on Wednesday July 2 and was very well attended.
 - Presentations on the new "Grand Prix" regatta format and the new regatta management software "Clubspot" were made.
 - There was a town hall type open discussion among the attendees afterward. Pizza and soft drinks were served and everyone enjoyed a very educational evening.
- Junior Regattas Completed in the Grand Prix series:
 - Wet Pants Sailing Association Friday July 11, 61 boats, 71 sailors plus coaches
 - Bay Shore Yacht Club Thursday July 17 and Friday July 18, 65 boats, 73 sailors plus coaches
 - Babylon Yacht Club "Race Week" Wednesday July 23, Thursday July 24 and Friday July 25, 67 boats, 77 sailors plus coaches
- Upcoming Junior Regattas:
 - Point of Woods Yacht Squadron Wednesday August 13
 - Bellport Bay Yacht Club Thursday August 21, and Friday August 22
- Upcoming Adult Regattas:
 - Fenner and Morgan Adult Championships, Bay Shore Yacht Club, (Racing Flying Scots) Saturday August 23

17. Report of the Mailing Committee: Christine Smith: absent; no report

18. Report of the Welcoming Committee: Sandy Carlberg & Michele Jaeger: no report

19. Report of the Webmaster: Rich Mourino:

- Slight Modification to Payment system.
 - Each Invoice has an additional line at the bottom, right after "Order total" with "Balance Due".
 - For a credit card purchase this new field will have a value of zero as it is paid (automatic).
 - For Zelle and Mail-in-a-Check, the balance due will be the order total until the funds are received and the order is updated (manually).
 - When the order is updated to "Paid" and an invoice is re-emailed, it will reflect a Balance Due of Zero to the buyer.
 - Marking the order as paid and Re- emailing the invoice is a manual function within the payment system.
 - Special ID's for Storekeeper, Membership and Hospitality have been provided so they can do this if they wish.
 - I do recommend this, as it keeps our records accurate in one place.

20. Governor's Reports:

John Davis: no report

Jeff Frederick: absent; no report

Joyce Gotard: absent; no report

Rich LaBella: absent; no report

Charlie Margeson: no report

Jeff Mattera: no report

Bob VanTassel: absent; no report

21. Report of the Rear Commodore: Duncan Burns:

- Making final changes on Job Descriptions
 - If haven't done, please complete and send to Duncan and Wendy so the project can be completed.
 - Rich Mourino will send link to web pages of all job descriptions to Duncan to send out to Chairs who can then review and modify as needed.

22. Report of Vice Commodore: Stephanie Pizer: absent; no report

23. Report of the Commodore: Scott Gesele: no report

24. Other Business/ New Business:

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Commodore Scott Gesele initiated discussion re: memorial donations
 - Went over history in Policy Book: currently reads:
"At the [October 28, 2013](#) Board of Governors Meeting, the Board agreed that going forward the Club should donate one fixed amount each year, in the name of all members who pass away during the previous year, to a sailing foundation run out of Sayville Yacht Club that focuses on special needs children and their families."
 - Made a motion to modify Policy Book to read:
"A donation will be made in memory of all SBCC members lost in the prior year to an organization, selected at the discretion of the Commodore, that promotes sailing on the Great South Bay."
 - Vote: 16 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain; PASSED

25. Adjournment: There being no further business before the general membership, Commodore Scott Gesele adjourned the meeting at 20:49.

Appendices

3. Treasurer's Report:

SBCC Revenue/Expense/Budget Statement	as of 6/30/2025 for June 2025			Green shows Revenues over budget or Expenses not yet spent Red shows Revenues not yet received or Expenses overspent		
	This Period	Start to Date	Budget	Variance	% Variance	Comments or Latest Changes
Revenues: (negative variance shows Revenue not yet received)				A negative Revenue Variance shows Revenue that is still expected to be received		
Membership Dues for 2025, net after sales tax	240.31	16,501.47	18,811.93	(2,310.46)	-12.3%	Received 10/1/2024 - 9/30/2025; reduced by sales tax
Interest Income	6.35	38.65	305.00	(266.35)	-87.3%	
Storekeeper Income	146.61	317.61	1,555.00	(1,237.39)	-79.6%	includes sales + credits for new full/regular members
Total Revenues for 2025:	393.27	16,857.73	20,671.93	(3,814.20)	-18.5%	Positive Variance Amount means actual revenue is > budget plan
Expenses: (negative variance shows budget funds not yet spent)				A negative Expense Variance shows funds were still available to be spent		
"Excess Reserves" (allocations shown below)	-	-	(1,835.18)	1,835.18	-100.0%	"Excess Reserves" are shown as a negative value to favorably impact overall budget
BSYC Trailer Storage	-	543.13	544.00	(0.87)	-0.2%	
Commodore Discretion	-	241.10	500.00	(258.90)	-51.8%	
Fleet: Cruising Awards & Trophies for last year events	102.76	1,049.55	800.00	249.55	31.2%	
Fleet: Cruising Awards & Trophies for this year events	-	76.32	800.00	(723.68)	-90.5%	
Fleet: Cruising misc	-	18.26	300.00	(281.74)	-93.9%	
Fleet: Yachting Club of America, Club Membership	-	-	500.00	(500.00)	-100.0%	
Hospitality	683.68	(2,750.14)	2,100.00	(4,850.14)	-231.0%	Deposit in 2025 from 2024 Holiday Party was \$250
Insurance	-	-	5,814.60	(5,814.60)	-100.0%	
Postage, Printing and Supplies	228.40	571.29	618.00	(46.71)	-7.6%	
Program	-	173.71	250.00	(76.29)	-30.5%	
Program: Change of Watch	-	359.76	400.00	(40.24)	-10.1%	
Regatta: GSBYRA Club Membership	-	-	200.00	(200.00)	-100.0%	
Regatta: Racing Awards & Trophies for last year events	-	723.99	800.00	(76.01)	-9.5%	
Regatta: Racing Awards & Trophies for this year events	-	56.40	600.00	(543.60)	-90.6%	
Regatta: Racing misc	261.62	261.62	500.00	(238.38)	-47.7%	
Regatta: Racing website SBCCRACING	-	276.00	278.00	(2.00)	-0.7%	
Regatta: US Sailing, Club Membership + PHRF	-	-	250.00	(250.00)	-100.0%	
Storekeeper Expenses	504.70	1,187.15	1,840.00	(652.85)	-35.5%	
Treasurer: Bank Charges & Expenses	-	-	30.00	(30.00)	-100.0%	
Web Page, Technology	15.00	133.77	490.00	(356.23)	-72.7%	
Yearbook	-	4,321.80	4,872.00	(550.20)	-11.3%	
Total Expenses:	1,796.16	7,243.71	20,651.42	(13,407.71)	-64.9%	
Total of Revenue minus Expenses:	n/a	9,614.02	20.51	9,593.51	46.5%	Positive values on this line show the total of Expenses not yet spent ↑ when positive, budget is estimated to underspent by this amount this year, including "Excess Reserves"
Other Items, not included in budget: ("Pass through" items, accumulated when received, paid annually)						
Liability: Regatta GSBYRA donations (optional \$7 pp)	-	(175.00)				accumulated from member payments of \$7 ea. Plus any additional contributions
Liability: Sales Tax set aside from Membership Dues	(26.69)	(124.77)				accumulated as member payments are received at 8.625% for NY State sales tax
PAID: Regatta GSBYRA donations (optional \$7 pp)		354.00				Last paid to GSBYRA in April 2025
PAID: Sales Tax set aside from Membership Dues		1,559.52				Last paid to NYS in March 2025

SBCC Balance Sheet	as of 6/30/2025 for June 2025	
Current Liquid Assets	Amounts	
FourLeaf/BFCU Checking Account	526.80	This account pays about 4x the interest rate compared to "savings"
FourLeaf/BFCU Money Market	37,358.10	This account pays about 10x the interest rate compared to "savings"
FourLeaf/BFCU Savings Account	5.05	This account pays very little interest, so the balance is kept low
PayPal Account	-	
Stripe Account	-	Stripe transfers funds daily; this end of month balance is usually zero next day
Zettle Account	-	
Total Current Liquid Assets	37,889.95	
Current Liabilities		
GSBYRA Payable/Donations	(175.00)	
Sales Tax Payable	(124.77)	
Other Accrued Expenses	-	
Total Current Liabilities	(299.77)	
Total Liquid Assets Reduced by Total Liabilities	37,590.18	
Non-Liquid Assets (not assigned a cash value)	Not included in these reports: Other assets such as the sound system, trailer, the hardware used by Regatta/Racing, the hardware used by Hospitality, and the Storekeeper inventory	

6. Membership Report:

Year	Reg	Sen	Hon	Assoc	Jr	Total	Paid	UnPaid	New	Resign	Deceased	N GS	Coll.	Gsbyra
2025	80	56	17	15	0	168	167	1	11	7	1	1	18095.00	564.00
2024	80	54	18	13	0	165	165	0	10	13	4	2	18130.00	522.00
2023	88	53	18	13	0	172	172	0	24	9	4	0	19820.00	576.00
2022	78	50	18	9	1	156	156	0	5	9	3	4	17440.00	543.00
2021	88	46	18	11	1	164	164	0	9	9	3	2	18475.00	517.00
2020	94	39	19	14	1	167	167	0	7	11	4	1	19065.00	364.00

New Member Name	Membership_Type	Date_Joined	Member Email
Berenice Gomez & Jose Martinez	REGULAR	2025-06-30	vertcg@gmail.com
Chuck & Diane Ulrich	REGULAR	2025-05-20	ulrich63@yahoo.com
Gerard & Jean_Ann Holwell	REGULAR	2025-05-20	capt.seaweed@verizon.net
Scott Becker & Nancy Alley	ASSOCIATE	2025-03-31	aiinvesting@duck.com
Anthony Addeo	REGULAR	2025-03-18	addeo@addeolaw.com
Rick & Marylou Nilsson	REGULAR	2025-02-24	enilsson@senecainsurance.com
Egan & Carlene Picken	REGULAR	2025-02-24	eganpicken@gmail.com
Marc Wolff	ASSOCIATE	2025-02-24	mwolff37@gmail.com
David & Susan DeRuvo	REGULAR	2025-02-24	deruvodavid@gmail.com
Georgi & Paul Sandgren	ASSOCIATE	2024-10-29	ivylyane3@yahoo.com
Aaron Laskowski	REGULAR	2024-10-29	aaron.laskowski@outlook.com

Deceased	Last_name	Deceased_Date
Lawrence	Novak	2025-04-08

Resigned Member Name	Date_Resigned	Year Joined	Member Type
Michael & Gail Goodman	2025-04-04	1979	SENIOR
James & Annmarie Mitchell	2025-02-17	2023	REGULAR
John & Alice Bopp	2025-02-13	2016	REGULAR
Jim & Donna Ferguson	2025-01-28	1981	SENIOR
Will Lovelock & Teynaum Bowen	2024-12-20	2023	REGULAR
Cynthia Lavallo & Michael Janoska	2024-12-09	2000	SENIOR
Vincent Tieniber	2024-11-03	2016	REGULAR

Not_In_Good_Stand	First_Name	Membershi	Year_Joi	home	Cellphone	Sponsor_1	Spons
Romaine	Mark & Carolyn	REGULAR	2007		631-334-8933	Eppig, Aileen	