



Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday August 5th, 2025 @ No Wake Bar & Grill

Meeting was called to order at: 7:06

Attendees: Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Doug Caughran, Al Ehlers, Andy and Sandra Pieri, Sue and Bruce Ambler, Craig & Lori Petersen, Mark & Michaela Havemann, John & Carol Fritz, Dan & Debbie Pearson, Sheri Braebec, Ed Gallek

Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting: Carol Fritz **Seconded:** Valerie Machalski-Robinson

Officer Reports:

Harbor Captain –Carrie Davis

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 @ No Wake Bar & Grill

Fleet Commander –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

July sponsor of the month/social had a great turnout despite the rain earlier. Thanks everyone for attending.

Next sponsor of the month/social is at Hermann's on Wednesday, August 20th at 6:00PM.

Hooky Friday was a huge success. We ended up with 91 attendees!! Thank you to the hosts: Sue and Bruce Ambler, Kief's Reef, Sharon and Randy Kobat, and Karena and John Christiansen.

Venetian Night – (post Venetian Night info) – we ended up with 34 boats. A huge success with many positive comments. Thanks to the subcommittee: Sue Ambler, Doug Caughran, Dana Bernaeyge, Kathy Biron, Allan LaBrec, Lindsay Duczak, Jennifer Thompson, Suzanne De Latour. With special thanks to Jennifer Chanda who designed the graphics for Venetian Night. Venetian Night would not have been this successful without them...they worked hard to get the word out, and it worked!!

Our Fleet 17 Facebook page has almost 1,000 followers!

It helps when people press the "like" button on the Fleet 17 events on Facebook. It will reach a larger audience if it receives a high number of likes, comments, and shares.

Membership- Sue Ambler -

Currently we have 111 members, 51 memberships, 24 Sponsors

Venetian Night Sponsors should be kept separate from the sponsor memberships.

We will give out a list of members with phone numbers in case anyone was to break down on the water that they could call a fellow member for help. But members would have to sign up and volunteer to be on the list. Andy and Doug volunteered. Please sign up if you'd like to be on the list.

We have Fleet 17 stickers printed. Small, Large and Large sponsor stickers. \$2.00 – small, \$5.00 Large. Sponsor stickers are free to sponsors.

Don't forget to write "Fleet 17" on your restaurant receipts so they know their sponsor dues are being recognized.

Sandra Pieri is selling decals of the river/chain- \$40 for an 8x10, \$50 for an 11x14

Cruise Master –Al Ehlers -

Beginning Balance = \$5,121.82

Expenses = \$3,602.58

Income = \$8,559.45

Ending Balance = \$10,078.69

Details are always available upon request.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Doug Caughran **Seconded:** Andy Pieri

Vice Commodore -Doug Caughran – Great things are going on with the club!

First Mate -Bruce Ambler – Code call some sponsors and see how things are going. Follow up with them during the fall and winter- just to check in. Maybe talking to some of the upper river, like Buddy Z's about maybe being sponsor?

Commodore –Andy Pieri – Excited about Venetian Night!

Admirals Report

Tom Fernstrom – (absent)

Ralph Wenzel – (absent)

Dave Vogeler – (absent)

Kathy Krahel – (absent)

Craig Peterson –It's been a great year for Fleet 17. NW Herald would be good to call up and tell them about an event and they may show up - Carol Fritz said she would call them. Sue said No Wake is having a big event for Venetian night...maybe NW herald would come out for that? Or maybe at Port Edwards for the after party?

Rhonda Lee – (absent)

Fox Waterway Report – None

You can find Fox Waterway meeting minutes at foxwaterway.com, under meeting agendas.

Doug – Tom Fernstrom has been going to the meetings. Doug went as did Ralph Wenzel. Only one person allowed to represent Fleet 17. It would be good to have representation. Bill Heller is leaving. He was on the board. Debbie Pearson is going to look into it.

Unfinished Business-

The sponsors for Venetian Night get advertising; shirts, etc.

New Business-

Is anyone interested in getting a Fleet 17 shirt. We have only had Fleet 17 Venetian Night shirts. Mark will do the print the shirts and sweatshirts – maybe some jackets

Sue – we talked about doing a flea market idea – it used to be done in the past. Bring your stuff and sell it, and the money or at least half would go to the club. Sell stuff you want to get rid of, kind of like a garage sale. Andy said maybe have one table and we all work together. Club would organize it. We would only pay for one table to be in it. Craig said Dillon would accommodate us if we wanted to do it here. Doug says do it in the spring before boating season starts. Advertise for Fleet 17.

Prop Sucker:

Valerie nominates Sheri – she went to the boat to get her stuff to go back on someone else's boat. She got off the boat and fell in the water. She ended up losing her phone in the water and has 3 broken ribs. Went back the next morning and couldn't find her phone. She had to buy a new one. If she hadn't had too much to drink, that might not have happened, or maybe hurt worse??

Prop Sucker goes to Sheri!!

Nominations for next year's board:

Commodore-Doug Coughran

Vice Commodore-Debbie Pearson

Cruise Master-Al Ehlers

Harbor Captain-Carrie Davis

Fleet Commander-Valerie Machalski-Robinson

First Mate-Bruce Ambler

Membership Chair-Sue Ambler

Meeting adjourned at: 8:20

Approved by – Andy Pieri Seconded: Doug Caughran

(argggghhhh!!!!)

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*From Inception to Present - Admirals
Past Commodores) are:*

Greg Tricker, Dan Streit, Thom Hastings, George Gurns, Bill Kirn, Tom Seger, Bud Rosek, Tim Swoboda, Teresa Saxton, Bob Jacobs, Bill Silverthorne, Steve Hicks, Jeff Consdorf, Tom Wilke, Lynn Doone, Scott Topp, Lynn Consdorf, LML, Heidi Flanagan, Dave Vogeler, Tom McCrindle, Tom Fernstrom, John Biba, Joanie Van Allen, Bob O'Day, Dale Reeder, Stephanie Reeder, Roy Huckabay, Ralph Wenzel, Dennis Ryan, Kathy Krah, John Biba, Rocky Hornsby, Craig Peterson, Andy Pieri, Rhonda Simzer-Lee

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