



Fleet 17 Boat Club - Meeting Minutes Tuesday May 6th, 2025 @ No Wake Bar & Grill

Meeting was called to order at: 7:12pm

Attendees: Valerie Machalski-Robinson, Carrie Davis, Doug Caughran, Sue and Bruce & Bruce Ambler, Sandra & Andy Pieri, Ed Gallek, Carol & John Fritz, Dan & Debbie Pearson, Nancy Van Broekhoven, Mike Rein, Skip Robinson, Sheri Brabec

Motion to Accept Minutes from previous meeting: Andy Pieri

Seconded: Valeri Machalski-Robinson

Officer Reports:

Harbor Captain –Carrie Davis

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025 @ No Wake Bar & Grill

Fleet Commander –Valerie Machalski-Robinson

- April Sponsor of the Month at Dead End had a good turnout. Thank you everyone for attending.
 - May Sponsor of the Month will be at Cary Ale House on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm in their back room.
 - Fleet 17 Breakfast and vessel check is Saturday, May 31 at No Wake Bar & Grill. 8:30am starts the vessel check. No Wake opens at 9:00am for breakfast. THERE WILL BE A BLESSING AROUND 9:30AM.
 - Venetian Night subcommittee is moving along. We should be ready to post everything this month. Our main focus is getting the word out. We will be getting 3x5 and 3x10 banners to advertise venetian night. If anyone wants them for their pier, please let me know.
- There was a lengthy discussion about reversing the parade and start at Port Ed's instead of ending there or starting/ending at a different spot. There was concern about how many boats are able to dock safely at Kief's Reef. We didn't really agree on a clear decision other than keep it as is this year.
- The 2025 calendar is finally out. Sorry it took so long! Had a hard time getting a hold of places.

Some members will be getting flags to post on their decks to advertise venetian night. We are almost ready to go live with that.

-June is a busy month. We have:

- Family Picnic on Saturday, June 14th at 1:00pm at Ralph Wenzel's house.
- Poker Run is Saturday, June 21st
- Thursday, June 26 is the Sponsor of the Month at our new sponsor Spirit Water Brewery in Cary. They don't offer food, so either eat prior or you can bring food in. Nancy suggested we all bring an appetizer to share.
- Weather permitting, a raft off is scheduled for Sunday, June 29th. No wake area before Port Eds at 1:00.

Poker run- Hermann's, Kiefs Reef, No Wake, Dead End, Port Ed's. Starting and ending at Pearson's house. You could buy a card at the end for \$10 if you don't make it to all the stops?

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 87 members, 42 memberships, 20 Sponsors

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 - absent

Beginning Balance = \$4,618.25

Expenses = \$3,556.00

Income = \$1,064.20

Ending Balance = \$2,126.45

Details are always available upon request.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report – Bruce Ambler

Seconded: Skip Robinson

Vice Commodore -Doug Caughran – Flyers for venetian night will be going out soon. Great looking flyers!

First Mate -Bruce Ambler – nothing

Commodore –Andy Pieri – Gary will be bringing extra guys for the vessel check. Still waiting to hear back from McHenry county sheriff.

Admirals Report

Tom Fernstrom – (absent)

Ralph Wenzel – (absent)

Dave Vogeler – (absent)

Kathy Krah – (absent)

Craig Peterson – (absent)

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-

N/A

New Business-

N/A

New members get a free small fleet 17 sticker

Prop Sucker:

John Fritz is still the holder of the prop sucker!

Meeting adjourned at: 8:19

Approved by – Skip Robinson

Seconded: Debbie Pearson

(argggghhhh!!!!)

2025 Board

Commodore- Andy Pieri

Vice Commodore –Doug

Caughran

Cruise Master - Al Ehlers

Harbor Captain – Carrie Davis

Fleet Commander – Valerie Machalski- Robinson

First Mate – Bruce Ambler

Membership Chair – Sue Ambler

*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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