

Well the 1952 yachting season is no longer a plan or a dream...it is here. This was evidenced by the general tone of the SBCC Meeting held at the Breckham on last Friday. There was a very good turnout, with more boat owners present, many of whom we have not seen since last Fall.

The Treasurer reported 91 paid members and a very favorable bank balance. The burgees which many paid for have arrived. Please contact Jack Held in Babylon for your burgee. We are ordering more @ \$ 3.00 for those who want them. The cap discs should arrive any day now.

Regatta Chairman Zimmerman deplored the small number of rating applications that he has received to date. If every member realized that the time required to make a few measurements is small compared to the time necessary for Ted to compute the rating of a boat, much less work out the three Classes, it is felt that more of us would hurry these blanks in immediately. Deadline for the July 5th race at Babylon YC is June 28. Better drive over with it to Babylon this weekend.

While it is acknowledged that this is a CRUISING club and we don't want to emphasize racing too much surely 2 or 3 races a year are not too much. We blew our horn to the yacht clubs about how many boats would show up. Babylon YC has purchased some nice prizes. It is only fitting that any boat that is in commission and not away cruising should show up at the rendezvous and race to get 1952 off to a banner start.

Fleet Capt Boettger discussed the anchorage at Garbage Cove for the July 4th rendezvous. Just proceed down the State Boat Channel until you see all the masts in a cove (about 2 miles west of the Oak Beach channel intersection known as "42 St")

Cruise Chairman Post will probably be calling you by phone to inquire whether you will join the cruise July 19-26. He said that he has heard a lot of promises indirectly but no firm assurances by boats intending to go. He also would like other ~~boats~~ boats to join the cruise for one or two days if they can't take the entire week off. Please phone him....BABYLON 2218 J

The Secretary discussed the Yearbook and the expense involved even though we are getting a lot of the printing done free by friends. It was moved that we charge 50¢ a copy. The Club Marine Exchange has received its first listing...the 43 ft ketch FAIRWIND #39 owned by Gene Worthly. There is also certain equipment available from members like galley sinks, mahogany doors, etc. For those who need used SAILS it is suggested that they contact Mr. Edward Quest at City Island. He has about 100 sails at reasonable prices. Under Public Relations it was pointed out that we would like to invite some of the writers from the yachting magazines and metropolitan newspapers down for the August 3rd Race. Any members who would care to take one of these men as crew in the race or who has a bunk aboard for the rendezvous Saturday night please contact Jack Young immediately.

NEW BUSINESS A motion was approved for the establishment of a SBCC Cruising Award to be given each year to the member who makes what the Committee thinks is the best planned cruise and probably the longest cruise of the year. This award is certainly called for in a club such as ours and should take precedence over the racing trophies.

An invitation was received from the Wet Pants Assoc of Sayville to attend their clam bake at Fire Island Pines, the new development between Whale Path and Cherry Grove, on August 24th. This should be a good get together.

It is hoped that more members will attend the next meeting probably in mid-July because events are happening faster than the Postal Service can keep up with and we want everyone "up" on things.

The club now has its 60 th boat.....the WESTMORELAND
JACK YOUNG SECRETARY