

Minutes
General Membership Meeting
Beverly-Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron
January 2, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order at 2003 by Commander Pszenny. A quorum of 19 members was present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dan Himes and a Moment of Silence was held for our Troops in Harm's Way.
3. The minutes of the November 7, 2018 member meeting were read by Lt/C Reed and were approved with the request to correct one error: Ref. paragraph 7b, the ABC at the Hamilton Wenham Library will start on March 26, 2019.
4. Commander's Report:
 - a. Membership has been steady at 137 members since October.
 - b. The New England Boat Show IS COMING February 9 – 17 2019, and once again, District 12 will have a booth. Details will follow shortly.
 - c. New rack cards are available for distribution.
 - d. Our change of watch will be on March 6. We still have vacancies for the XO and AO positions.
5. SXO report. Lt/C Nigro reports that the recent member survey revealed a desire for more boating events which will be initiated this summer.
6. SAO report. Lt/C Tilton thanked Robert Sant Fournier and Alex Pszenny for the supper and Dan Himes for arranging for our guest speaker. Bob Dugan will speak on the subject of cruising at our next meeting on March 6th. We need a volunteer to prepare the supper. Our annual dinner at Corinthian yacht Club is scheduled for May 24th.
7. SEO report. In addition to the ABC courses, we will hold a Marine Navigation course starting on Monday, March 11 and a Marine Electrical course starting later in the spring. A "Crew at the Helm" seminar will be scheduled for a Saturday this spring.
8. Treasurer's report. Lt/C Schoenthal reported that our Fidelity account has followed stock market trends with a drop in value of \$4,000. At the end of December, the Fidelity account was valued at \$52,004. Expenses and income for 2018 were both down by nearly identical amounts (\$11,000).
9. New business: Lt/C Schoenthal proposed that the number of meetings per year be reduced. Commander Pszenny stated that this would require a change in the by-laws that ultimately would have to be approved by National. He suggested that the entire by-laws document be

reviewed to identify other desirable changes. Current by-laws indicate that this is the purview of the Rules Committee. Further discussion of this should occur at the February Executive Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the commander adjourned the meeting at 2024.

John F. Reed, AP
Squadron Secretary.