

Corrected Minutes 12/4/2025

Quick recap

The Detroit Yacht Club general membership meeting covered budget approval, honor reports, and officer elections for the upcoming year. Updates were shared regarding changes to the Peters Trophy eligibility criteria and various squadron activities, including a successful fall conference. The conversation ended with announcements about upcoming events and changes to parking arrangements, followed by brief discussions with specific members.

Summary

America's Boating Club-Detroit Annual Meeting:

Location: Detroit Yacht Club

Date: November 6, 2025, 7:30 PM

A quorum was present.

The general membership meeting was held on November 6th, where members discussed various updates and announcements.

Treasurer P/C Joseph Tatham reviewed our income and expense progress through the fiscal 2025 year. P/C Tatham discussed the proposed 2026 budget with revenue projected at \$21,900 and expenses at \$21,900. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Dennis Pierce and seconded by Mike Murphree. The proposed budget was approved by the members in attendance.

The D9 Conference report by P/C Delphine Cooley highlighted the successful hosting of the D9 Fall Conference by the Detroit Power Squadron, which included Detroit-themed giveaways.

The nominating committee report announced the nomination of new officers for 2026:

Commander: Wendy Caldwell

SEO: Vincent Cooley

Treasurer: Joseph Tatham

Secretary: Joyce Strey

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Bodnar

Board of Directors year 1 of 2yr term:

Christian Sandvik

Karl Bloomquist

Board of Directors year 2 of 2:

Kurt Lyons

Michael Murphree

The membership voted by proclamation to approve all the candidates for office. Voting for a new Bridge was the highlight of the evening.

The conversation ended with reminders about updating contact information and upcoming change of watch ceremonies for Mount Clemens and Flint squadrons, as well as ABC-D's Change Of Watch on December 4, 2025 at 19:30

Peters Trophy and DYC Updates

The meeting discussed changes to the Peters Trophy, including modifying the eligibility criteria to allow multiple wins and reducing the required bridge command time from three to one year. DYC announced upcoming events, including a general membership meeting on December 4th and a Change of Watch on December 9th in Birmingham. Mitch informed the group that the parking lot at Polonia no longer charges for parking, allowing for earlier arrival times. The conversation ended with Ken and Sonia from Grosse Pointe Power Squadron providing associate members with updated rosters.

Next steps

- [All committee chairs: Submit reports to Secretary Joyce Stray and Assistant Secretary Dan Bodnar before the Change of Watch in December](#)
- [Maureen Smith: Update member records with any changes to addresses, emails, or phone numbers as members provide them](#)
- [Members: Notify Maureen Smith of any changes to address, email, or phone number](#)
- [Peters Committee and Board: Formally discuss and approve proposed language changes to Peters Trophy criteria at a properly called meeting](#)
- [Delphine Cooley: Collect basic household items and cleaning products at the Christmas party on December 11th for people transitioning from or at risk of homelessness](#)
- [Vince Cooley : Research and implement the new online and in-person exam scoring process](#)
- [Brian: Switch squadron banking account from Huntington Bay to Bank of America due to fees](#)

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Any member can review the entire audio-visual recording from the Zoom meeting. Contact the Secretary to make arrangements to view the meetings proceedings.

Submitted by,

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