



MINUTES
FISHING AND BOATING CLUB MEETING
Friday, March 6th, 2026

The March meeting of the KCB Fishing and Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Tim Husel at 6:00 p.m. at Marble Hall. A safety briefing was performed addressing emergency exits, fire extinguishers, AED and first aid kit locations. Emergency exits and gathering location in case of evacuation identified. Members were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance after which he stated the purpose of the club was to provide boating, fishing and good fellowship among members. Veterans, first responders, past commodores and volunteer captains were asked to stand. Members were then welcomed.

Commodore Husel called for a motion to accept the February 6th, 2026 minutes which was motioned by Freddie Foster and seconded by Bruce Vieth. Anyone wishing to address the membership or its executive committee were asked to raise their hand and once recognized, were to approach the podium, stating their name and pose their address keeping oneself to one subject and one minute duration.

He reminded the membership that their two year term was coming to a close and at the January and February meetings, as per Article VI, this March meeting we would be electing our executive board for the 2026 to 2028 two year term. Nominating committee Chairman Joe Schmidt and member Ted Fischer advised the group that the only applicant who submitted their interest was member Tim Koritz for the soon to be vacant position of Tournament Director. It was pointed out to the membership by Commodore Husel that in the case where no applications were received for a position presently held, an executive member who has elected to continue in the position they presently hold, which was all executive members with the exception of Tournament Director, such executives would automatically be successful in continuing in the role that they currently hold. He then, on behalf of the board, congratulated Tim Koritz on his bold move and we looked forward to his contribution to the team and the board would work with him closely to make his transition as smooth as possible. The commodore then asked the membership as to why they would not want to be a part of the executive of this great club and to think about it as he was confident in saying he expected a few vacancies becoming available at the end of this next term of office in 2028.

Commodore Tim Husel presented the Treasurers Report in the absence of Treasurer Tricia Evangelista who was absent due to her son-in-law being called up from the reserves for deployment. The club's prayers go out to her family for a safe return. The treasurer's report was accepted by Florence Schmidt and seconded by Jay Lutz.

Membership Secretary Pat Fischer reported that 123 people were at the meeting, far above the number that RSVP'd and that it was not fair to those preparing the meal as well as those that did advise their intent as designed. She added that there were 96 tickets sold of the 120 tickets available to the End of Season party with entertainers Rick & Dayna and for those interested, now was the time to secure tickets to attend.

Commodore Husel advised the group that recording secretary Ellen Ashooh was absent due to attending an out of state funeral of a very close friend and apologized ahead of time as he would be issuing the minutes of the meeting and they are what they are.

Director at Large Joe Schmidt advised the membership to keep charter member Chet Dunn in their hearts and prayers as he is heading home after a setback in his health. He also reminded members to wear red on Friday's to signify "remember everyone deployed" and he thanked those that donated blood at this past Thursday's blood drive and that One Blood will be visiting once more in April for those wanting to donate before returning to their home destinations. After being commended by Vice Commodore Carman Slusher for all he does for the membership, leading a flawless and one of the smoothest Clambake events to date, Joe surprised the executive and membership advising that he was passing the wand to member Tim Doane, had Tim stand for recognition, adding that he would still be there as support and mentorship.

Director of Fundraising Freddie Foster advised that he had nothing to add and that he would be diligently working hard next season to raise additional sponsorships and donations for the club.

Director of Fundraising John Fruhmorgan addressed the membership advising that his LaNina initiative will be working hard at securing his bicycle project and will be looking at the club and membership for money to support this project for the unfortunate kids unable to afford the luxury of a bicycle. He added that the City of Key Colony Beach has agreed to purchase bike helmets and locks as a safety measure for those kids receiving the gifted bicycles.

Tournament Director Dean Williamson thanked those members that attended the Coast Guard Auxiliary's boat safety seminar prior to this membership meeting. It was well received and many items brought up educated those that did not know or were not up to date on recent changes and requirements. He asked past fisherpersons of the year to stand. The new 2026/2027 Tournament Director Tim Koritz was invited to sit on stage and assisted Dean in the distribution of February's tournament winners that were announced. Winners will be posted on the club's website "keycolonyfishing.com". He also advised he had secured a new sponsor "Shelter Bay Marina" for the 2026/2027 season.

Commodore Husel also advised the membership that effective April 1st, 2026, lane snapper size requirements has been increased from 8 inches to 10 inches however the number allowed in a day has been increased from 10 to 20 fish. He also, on behalf of the membership and board, expressed his great appreciation for the past two years of dedication Dean has displayed.

When called upon, Past Commodore Suzan Redding advised the group that they still had room for a team at the KCBF&B club's March 14th Golf Tournament. This year's event is being handled by her assistant (Captain) Bob Merna.

Vice Commodore Carman Slusher then addressed the membership and stated that he could not say enough about the Clambake, the Captains, the Volunteers and the effort that went into making this the best, most organized event ever. He recognized Gerry Dubois of the Moose Lodge who handled the food orders, deliveries and savings the club enjoyed through his efforts for the club. He again commended Director Joe Schmidt for all he does to make the clam bake successful, the babying and close monitoring of food stuffs on ice over the weekend at the maintenance building and Craig Green for managing the bar and the babying of keeping the beer kegs cold and under ice over the weekend prior to Monday's event. Carman was then recognized for all the effort he put in to also make the clambake the success it enjoyed.

Commodore Husel thanked the Captains for filling out the documents supplied as the information is critical in assisting in the purchasing, planning and execution of next year's event. Because of the dedication by the Captains, the executive have decided that the captains can forgo the admission charge and get to attend next year's event free of charge. Also, wanting to recognize those non-members who volunteered at the clambake, going forward non-member volunteers will have their entry fee to the clambake reduced from \$50 to \$35.

The club raised \$11,348 in ticket sales and \$11,985 in raffles, tee shirt sponsorship and sales, and of that, a whopping \$8550 in silent auction sales. Kandy Kelderman was then asked to address the membership where she thanked all those that donated to the silent auction, those volunteers that assisted in the success and to correct the commodore to advise they raised over \$9600 at the auction.

And speaking of captains, Commodore Husel wanted to commend Captain John Misa of the club's Barracuda Races at the recent Community Association's Annual KCB Days, who, along with his team of many (individual names read out loud but too numerous to include), managed to raise \$1749 for the club. It should also be noted that Commodore Husel apologized to those named for eviscerating the pronouncing of their names, while at the same time, eviscerating the pronouncing of eviscerating, to which many members heard a very different pronunciation.

Commodore Tim Husel stated that he should officially announce the 2026/2028 Executive Team that will be taking place effective November 2026. This list includes:

Tim Husel as Commodore, Vice Commodore Carman Slusher, Director at Large Joe Schmidt Membership Secretary Pat Fischer, Director of Fundraising Freddie Foster, Director of Fundraising John Fruhmorgen, Treasurer Tricia Evangelista, Recording Secretary Ellen Ashooh, Tournament Director Tim Koritz and Past Commodore Suzan Redding.

Commodore Husel asked the membership what they thought about the March 3rd Sunset / Blood Moon Raft Up to which the membership had nothing but kudos for the event. Full credit was given to member Ron Teke who personally covered the cost of the entertainment, Rick & Dayna. A similar event will most certainly take place next year however longer.

Member Ron Teke then took to the podium thanking all for the success of the raft up and then went on to ask membership who, if any, would be interested in another planned fishing trip to Costa Rica and as well, interested in a possible cruise vacation. After a show of many hands, Ron took the response as a positive one and will research possibilities to put forward to the membership for consideration.

Commodore Tim advised the group that the theme for the End of Season Dinner being held on March 29th at the Moose Lodge will be to celebrate the 250th Year Anniversary (party as well as semi quincennial) since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Wear anything patriotic.

And speaking of events, Commodore Husel announced we have successfully secured Rick & Dayna for our annual New Years Eve party as well as our 2027 Presidents Day Clam Bake. However, he pointed out it came at a cost and the \$15 entry fee paid at last years New Years Eve Party will see an increase this year. Members are to plan accordingly so that the extra \$5 or \$10 increase won't break your bank.

Last month's membership meeting saw one of the biggest turnouts compared to past years with a number of 165 persons. Much of this was to the credit of Ron Teke and his smoked brisket and sides. BUT, it was also pointed out that the club had donated the bar replenishment fund of the past two months to a couple of needy causes and a request was made for members to be generous and again build up our replenishment fund. Well, guess what, the bar fund in February totaled \$288, on a cost of \$570 to replenish the bar resulting in average of \$1.75 cents per person being coughed up by the membership to the bar replenishment fund last month. So this month, in addition to the fund jar at the bar, the passing of the hat would also be taking place. Please be generous, booze is not free.

Please remember, our club relies heavily on sponsorships and asks that members please take the time to identify who our sponsors are and support them as much as you can. While we try and promote them as much as possible at our monthly meetings and mail outs, members can identify them by going to our website "keycolonyfishing.com" where all of the club's information is readily available.

Recognizing the winds have been brutal, any boating excursions planned? If so let us know and we will send out at blast to the membership

A reminder, if you make a mess, please clean it up. Members are responsible for ensuring the chairs are stacked and put away and the floor is left clean for whoever is using the facility next.

Please don't be put out when the executive bypasses the line to get their drinks or meals.

Commodore Husel reminded the group that there are still some of this year's tee shirts for sale at \$25, he has reflectorizing that was donated for boat lifts, and he has tagging packages with instructions for mahi should you catch one and plan on releasing it.

Thank you to tonight's volunteers:

- Set-up: George & Jane Wilson, Jerry Ong, Jim & Mimi Reagan, Bill Caudill and Captain Larry Eliassen
- Greeters Jack & Sue Bartkus
- 50/50: Kitty Sutton & Jan Pflueger
- Meal Prep: Tudor & Jimmy Austin, Julie Koritz and Wendy Misa (excellent meal)
- Servers: Mimi Reagan, Lynne Benton, Ken & Ellen Jones and Mike & Amy Fischer
- Bar: Mike and Emily Guarino & Kirk & Irene Diehl
- Servers: Tim & Julie Koritz, Mimi Reagan and Dennis Peters
- Meal Cleanup: Dennis Peters & Tom Lee
- Breakdown – Captain Larry Eliassen and volunteers

Motion was made to adjourn by John Fruhmorgen and seconded by Mel Ardis.

50/50 Draw - \$150 Won by Ken Jones

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Tim Husel, Commodore