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Commodore's Report

The 2012 season has begun. Your management team and committees are hard at work designing, prioritising maintenance jobs and managing the day to day affairs of the club.

Al Kenney and his team have been busy designing an impressive yet practical concept for constructing replacement docks. I am reasonably certain that we will get a look at their work at the Spring Planning meeting; I think you will be impressed with their thought process and design work.

It's nice to see the days are getting longer. Many of us have been combing through our old boating magazines and catalogues and planning for the summer to come. Some have been to the boat show and still others are off to warm sunny places or snowy cold places with hills, but it won't be long till we're all back at our club, and I for one can't wait.

A copy of the upcoming calendar of events will be posted on our web site at www.ncyc.ca. I am pleased that Anne Phillips has agreed to be our social convener again this year. There are still openings for those of you whom wish to convene an event. Anne can be contacted by email at tapp@tyenet.com

I have decided I would like to try something a bit different than the traditional Commodores sail past and raft up. We will have the Safety Day in the morning followed by Safety Awards and a Commodores social. Unlike many yacht clubs that have an early season launch day, we tend to launch as it suits each of us best. As a result not all the boats are in the water by the Commodores Cruise, but there are a lot of people around preparing to launch.

By having the social at the club I am hoping there will be many more people who can participate. Details will follow at a later date as I really haven't decided on the overall format of the day; I am open to suggestions.

Family Day has been a well-attended and successful event. At this time I am not sure what this event will include but the cruiser race and dinghy racing are a given.

We are implementing a new more manageable procedure for seasonal, monthly and weekly members' dock rentals. As in the past there will be four seasonal dock spaces available and three additional spots for monthly or weekly rentals. All requests for dock rentals must go through the Fleet Captain. Written/mailed requests will be accepted after March 1st, on a first come first served basis. Don't assume you can get a spot if you only see three yearly rentals on the dock; the spots may have already been paid for and allocated.

We have one planned major maintenance project in the works at this time, rail and track offsetting. Unfortunately this type of work can only be done after the majority of the boats have been launched and must be completed by the end of August. This means a work party during the height of the season; late July or early August. While we always need bodies it's our intention to rent the equipment needed to do the majority of heavy lifting and digging.

The Green Machine remains a safety concern; many thousands of dollars have been spent on maintenance over the years in an attempt to fix the brakes, with limited success. The prudent thing to do is give it its well-deserved retirement before a serious mishap leads to an injury or death. We will plan our projects accordingly and do our heavy lifting when we have the appropriate equipment on the grounds. Our intent is to try and manage without using the green machine, if at all possible. Stringent safety measures will need to be implemented and enforced if we have no other choice but to use it. We may find that we cannot function without a heavy lift capacity; if that's the case we will need to carefully consider replacement options.

Ken Barnes, Commodore

Honorary Life Membership

NCYC Bylaws, Article 5.8.9.1:

“Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon an individual, with or without voting privileges by resolution of the Board of Directors subject to confirmation by resolution of the membership at an annual general meeting of members. Honorary Life Membership is the highest honour the Corporation can bestow on a non-member for contributions to the Club or boating generally”

Notice to all NCYC Members:

I am pleased to report that the management committee has conferred an Honorary Life Membership on Gary Campbell.

As most of us now know, Gary and Carole Lynn have sold Camiviro and are retiring from boat ownership. The Campbell's have had a long and proud association with our club. Gary has always been one of our go to guys, willing and prepared to jump head long into any project, emergency or disaster. He could always be counted on.

Gary and Carole Lynn have contributed considerably to the success of our Club. Gary and Carole Lynn joined NCYC in 1980. From 1983 through to 1986 Gary served on the management committee as the Member at Large for the Yard, Fleet Captain and then Vice Commodore.

From 1987 to 1990 Gary and his family took over the job of Dock Master. Gary served as Fleet Captain in 2003 and 2004, Commodore in 2005 and 2006, Rear Commodore in 2007 and 2008, Commodore for the year 2011 and presently serves as Rear commodore. During his 19 years as a club member Gary has been on the management committee for 12 seasons and Dock Master for 4, an amazing contribution.

A club like ours does not survive without people just like Gary and Carole Lynn, true champions. I hope we will have the pleasure of your company around the club for many, many years to come. Congratulations Gary and Carole Lynn!

Ken Barnes, Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

As soon as we returned home following the AGM last fall, I made an appointment to see a dermatologist about a lesion on the tip of my nose. The spot had bothered me most of the summer. A biopsy confirmed my suspicions, the spot was a Basil Cell Carcinoma, a form of non-malignant cancer that is most certainly caused by UV over exposure. I have been foolishly lax at safeguarding my skin for more than 70 years. I started sailing as a teenager, canoeing and skiing as a young adult, and since I retired ten years ago, I've managed to maximize my sailing and skiing to almost a total of 6 months every year. All the while I neglected to protect myself adequately from the sun.

Mid-November I had Moh's surgery on the tip of my nose. It was done at an outpatient clinic with a laboratory where special dyes are used to determine if the margins of the skin are free of cancer cells. The surgeon had to take a second swipe, leaving a dime size hole in the end of my nose. Removal of the cancer was the easy part. To fix the damage, the plastic surgeon cut a four inch tall key hole from my eyebrow to the crown of my head. The skin was twisted down and stitched on to the tip of my nose. It was such a large patch, a vein was still needed to supply blood, temporarily. The flap of skin was left attached from tip of the nose to my brow for three weeks. After three weeks, this skin flap was removed and the remaining stitches were done. During that time I could not wear my glasses, so I could not drive. Luckily, I am near sighted, so I could still read.

I now have a new numb nose and a scarred forehead face lift! It is marvelous what modern medicine can do, even if the process is less than fun. My point in relaying this experience is to suggest if you want to avoid a similar fate, you should routinely protect yourself from excessive UV exposure with a broad band UV sunscreen, such as one for extended outdoor activity, a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.

Dave Oberg, Fleet Captain

Editor's Note: Thanks to Dave for sharing his experiences. We love the sun, but must protect ourselves from its damaging UV rays.

Annual General Meeting Report

In 2012, for the second year, the AGM date was advanced to coincide with the Batten Down Barbecue. This allowed our many Snow Birds to attend before flying south to the sun or west to the ski slopes. Although many miss the Christmas party, the majority voted to make the second Saturday of October the permanent date for the AGM. Highlights from the meeting:

- Gary noted the difficulty faced by the Treasurer in compiling our Annual Report in the short time between NCYC's year end, the end of September and the earlier date for the AGM. Leighton reminded us that the law does not allow us to change the date of our fiscal year in NCYC's By-Laws without advance notice to the membership. Thus the change of date will be proposed and made law by a vote of members at the Spring Planning Meeting
- Renting dock space to members has been lucrative. Chris Margetts recommended that we put the \$3,000 earned from member dock rentals toward the dock renewal fund. A decision was deferred to the 2012 Spring Planning Meeting. The Dock Replacement Fund now stands at the \$5,000 we were required to set aside from our 2011 funds.
- Al Kenney reported on several options being considered for dock replacement.
- Diane Kenney moved that special committees as appointed by the M.C. be recognized with time towards their work hours; Ray Girard seconded the motion. Jon Gill proposed an amendment, that "at the discretion of the Management Committee, assign the number of hours for the approved project." The amended motion was carried.

Norma thanked those retiring from the Management Committee. Kudos to Gary Campbell, who despite health concerns discharged all his duties faithfully, to Len Kitchener, who stepped in to serve as Vice Commodore with responsibilities for liaising with new Dockmaster Cal Rodgers, and to Dave Ferguson, whose job as Member at Large, Water, was much more onerous than expected. He dealt with freezing water lines and government regulations competently and with

good grace. Past Commodores all, they deserve our grateful thanks.

She then introduced the proposed slate of officers for the 2012 Management Committee, as follows:

Past Commodore – Gary Campbell
Commodore – Ken Barnes
Vice Commodore – Bob Ducharme
Fleet Captain – Dave Oberg
Secretary – Carol Piper Curtis
Treasurer – Carolyn Smith

Members at Large:

Water – John Marquette
Equipment – Daryl Park
Buildings – Tom Baader
Yard – Tim Ruthenberg

Ray Hortness moved that nominations close, and the slate was declared elected.

The Batten-Down Barbecue followed. Thanks to Anne Phillips and all the crew for providing a delicious meal.

George Oldenburg Trophy

Congratulations to **Ray Girard** the 2011 winner of the George Oldenburg Trophy. Ray has always been a valuable and hard-working member of NCYC, serving as Fleet Captain, Vice Commodore and Commodore on the Management Committee. He has been a leader and innovator on several projects. Not content to rest on his laurels, he can always be counted on to helpful and welcoming to new members

A well-deserved honour!

From Cruisers' Net News – January 2012, Roy Eaton writes:

The Great Lakes Cruising Club is offering over 30 webinars this season. They address almost everything pertinent to Great Lakes cruising, from 'how to' courses to weather, navigation, provisioning, and, of course, our core curriculum focusing on cruising overviews and planning tips for exploring the most popular areas of our five Great Lakes. Classes are available to GLCC members and non-members alike.

There is a nominal fee for these courses but on Monday, January 23rd at 8:30 pm EST, I will be

conducting a FREE webinar entitled “**Little Current Cruiser's Net - Your Daily North Channel Lifeline.**” In addition to talking about the Net, I have included a number of photos entitled “hiking in the North Channel”

You have to register in advance for any webinar but thankfully it is an easy process. Just go to the following link and follow the steps.

http://glccschool.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=0

Hope to see some of you join us on the 23rd and add your own comments, enriching the presentation.



“I said, Hike!”

Members' News

Several of our members have lost loved ones recently. Our deepest sympathy goes out to all. To **Paulette Roslyn** who lost her brother-in-law to a sudden heart attack on December 18, to **Bob Ducharme** whose brother passed away in the Fall, and to **Carol Piper Curtis** whose brother died in November.

Sympathy goes out to the **Craig** family as well on the death of **Joan**. She and Keith sailed from the North Channel Yacht Club on **RAJ** for many years, and Keith was the second recipient of the George Oldenburg Award in 1996.

Commodore **Ken** and **Sharon Barnes** with **Heather Clarke** and **Robert Godbout** are looking forward to two weeks sailing in the Caribbean beginning January 20. They plan to charter a boat together.

Maybe they'll manage to meet our other cruising members, **Pat and Dianne Sharpe**, who have picked up **Sharpie's Dream** to continue their odyssey, and **Anne Phillips** and **Terry Polkinghorne** on **Quality Time**.

Just before Christmas **Jake Cornelis** and **Carol Piper Curtis** traveled to Toronto to sing Handel's Messiah, along with the entire audience at Roy Thompson Hall – it raises goose bumps just thinking about all those voices singing in harmony.

They were able to meet **Louise Buckingham** for brunch while she was visiting son Eric and daughter in law Jen. This promises to be a busy and interesting year for Louise. She plans a break from winter in Varadero Cuba, where she will visit long time member **Debbie Armstrong**, Then in March she and Mollie will move from her apartment to a lakeside house right beside **Kevin Lavigne**, Pauline, Noemi and Chloe. Louise will be a Grandma again come June, so plans to launch Lady Lou early, to be free for family time.

Social Calendar

The calendar of events for the 2011 boating season is attached. Convenors are needed for most events. Convening an event is a fun way to put in work party hours and get to know fellow club members.

Although Social Convenor Anne Phillips is cruising the Bahamas with Terry in their new boat, she can be reached to sign up to convene an event, or to answer any questions you might have about convening an event. She will be pleased to respond to emails (tapp@tyenet.com) and provide you with full details, including how many work party hours each event earns.

That's all for now. The Spring issue of the NCCY Newsletter will be sent out in March, just before the Clubhouse opens.

