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Commodore's Report

WELCOME TO 2011

The days are becoming longer, we are on the downhill run to summer.

As your new (and old) commodore, along with our outstanding management committee, we will do our best for the club this year, and hopefully into the future.

Remember, the club depends on you to participate on the management team.

The longevity of the club depends on it. It is all part of belonging to a "self help" club.

The inherent benefits of a "self help" club are reflected in our low costs to belong to it, and more importantly, the social aspects that bind us together as a caring group that have a lot of fun together, and share our common love of boating.

It will be a great season. **Gary Campbell,
Commodore**

Annual General Meeting Report

Holding the AGM in October meant that several members who have usually left the area for winter retreats were able to attend. There were 45 members present and six proxies were received. It was a productive meeting, chaired by Vice Commodore Al Kenney. Worth noting are the following:

- Dave Margetts, Member at Large, Water informed us that our Water costs will be substantial in 2011 as a result of the Risk Assessment study done by the Department of Health in August. They mandated several costly upgrades to our system, with large fines for non compliance by the July 1 deadline.
- A motion put forward by the Management Committee to change the Boating Fee to an area based charge, multiplying the length of the boat by the beam and charging the same amount to all was carried, as was an overall increase in the fee. Based on current membership, this would increase our income by close to \$5,000.

- The proposal to initiate a Dock Replacement Fund by placing a minimum of \$5,000 aside each year also carried.
- A motion to eliminate the work party fee in the first year of membership and increase the Initiation Fee by \$400 to a total of \$1,050 came from the floor, and passed handily.
- The work party cost will be increased from \$20 to \$30/hour. While this won't impact those who normally put in their 20 hours of work, it may encourage others to work it off rather than pay the increased amount.
- A Planning Committee will be formed, with one of its purposes being to determine the best method of improving and/or replacing our docks. They will also be looking at the cost of installing a level winder for our winch and other matters.
- Projects approved in Principle are kitchen and clubhouse improvements, consideration of the Dock Box policy and implementation of the water upgrades in accordance with the government mandate.
- Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws with regard to items left by departing members.

Al thanked those who have retired from the Management Committee, having served us well in 2010, and in most cases for much longer. They are Ray Girard, Al Kenney, Tom DeLong, Anne Phillips, Paulette Roslyn, Grant Moffatt, David Margetts and Jakob Cornelis.

Your 2011 Management Committee was elected as follows:

Past Commodore - Norma Young
Commodore - Gary Campbell
Vice Commodore - Len Kitchener
Fleet Captain - Dave Oberg
Secretary - Carol Piper Curtis

Members at Large:

Water Dave Ferguson
Equipment Darryl Park
Buildings Tom Baader
Yard Tim Ruthenberg

Carolyn Smith was elected Treasurer at the first meeting in 2011 of the Management Committee, so all positions are now filled.

George Oldenburg Trophy

Congratulations to **Cheryl Girard** the winner of this year's George Oldenburg Trophy. Cheryl led the committee that worked so hard to make our 40th Anniversary Celebration an outstanding success!

A well deserved honour!

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

Dock Box Condo

John Marquette was disappointed that so few members responded to his request for those interested in purchasing a share in the Dock Box Condo. The Obergs did respond, with the following arguments in favour of the project. Those who do not already have a dock box, read on....

Dave says: Because we live 670 kilometers away and across one international border, we have a real need for storage at the club. So we've given the dock box condo idea a lot of thought.

Pros:

- * First class structural integrity and security.
- * Therefore, it could be located out of sight.
- *The area around it requires no special policing.
- *Cost is better than virtually any alternative (see below).
- *Won't fall apart in five years or less.
- *Truly weather tight.
- *Vermin resistant.
- *Very little maintenance.
- *Much less clutter in yard.
- *Insurance should be the responsibility of the box owner.

Cons:

- *Requires the cooperation and buy in of a number of people.

If we can, in fact, buy a 40 ft. storage container for \$2400, have it delivered to club for \$600, pay taxes, prepare a foundation, and subdivide it for an additional \$2000, then the gross cost would be \$5000.

An 8 x 8 x 40 ft container with a 3 ft wide center aisle could have:

- *26 units of about 55 cu ft. at \$193 each (36" x 27" x 8').

*20 units of about 72 cu ft. at \$250 each (48" x 27" x 8').

*16 units of about 100 cu ft. at \$313 each (60" x 27" x 8').

*10 units of about 144 cu ft. at \$500 each (96" x 27" x 8').

* or any mix of unit sizes at reasonable cost.

The Rubbermaid units that we are all acquainted with cost:

*16 cu ft dock box is about \$165.

*32 cu ft vertical box is about \$300.

*52 cu ft vertical box is about \$400.

They are guaranteed to be weather resistant. All one needs to do is look at the fire pump storage box to ascertain structural integrity and vermin protection of these storage boxes.

A look in the West Marine Catalog showed fibreglass reinforced polyester dock boxes go for:

*13.5 cu ft - \$400

*32.5 cu ft - \$800

If Dave's arguments gave you second thoughts, please let John Marquette know that you could be interested. His email address is igamarquette@hotmail.com or he can be reached by phone at 705-578-2403. This will only fly if there are enough interested parties. There is no obligation until the project is ready to go.

Suggestion Box

The Management Committee wants to know what you think about the club. A Suggestion Box will be placed in the clubhouse early in the Spring. Please use it when you have an idea for improvement, a complaint or even a compliment. We're listening!

Long Term Planning Committee

Al Kenney has volunteered to Chair this committee and is looking for input from you. So far, Ken Barnes, Jake Cornelis and Frank DeVries have offered to sit on the committee. There's room for more members; they require a minimum of five, so please contact Al if you have ideas on the direction the North Channel Yacht Club should go in the future. Terms of Reference for the committee are available from Al. His email address is at svletitia2@ntl.sympatico.ca



Russ Buckingham 1955 to 2011

Russ was happiest on Lady Lou with his beloved Louise and Molly at his side. When Lady Lou first arrived at the Club, some secretly wondered what he and Louise had been thinking about. We now know, as his vision of what she could be became a reality.

He had a vision for our Club as well, and kept working to make it a better, safer and more fun place for all to enjoy. He always had a smile on his face, and he will be sorely missed.

His family knew how much we all cared when so many members braved the winter weather to say good-bye. Others, at too great a distance, kept Louise, her sons Eric and Jess, Scott and Jen and granddaughter Olivia in their thoughts and prayers at that time. Louise has asked that if anyone wishes, they can send donations in Russ's memory to NCYC or the Power Squadron. We have already received some donations, and if any of you wish, please send your cheque to the North Channel Yacht Club with In Memoriam Russ on the bottom left. They can be sent to the club address, or to Carolyn Smith, our Treasurer, at P.O. Box 284, 5 Bishop Court, Wahnapiatae, ON P0M 3C0. We are not able to issue tax receipts, but donations will be acknowledged, Louise will be informed, and we will put the funds toward a suitable memorial for Russ.

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 and Terry are cruising the Bahamas in their new boat,

you can reach her to sign up or if you have any questions about convening an event. She will be pleased to respond to emails (tapp@tvenet.com) and provide you with full details, including how many work party hours each event qualifies for.

Members'

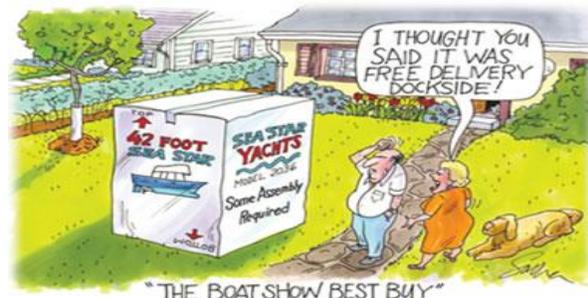
News

Gilles and Lona Brunet became proud first time grandparents on December 27 with the arrival of Finnley Vaughn, son of their eldest son. He weighed in at 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. You can be sure that Lona will be burning up the highway to Toronto so she can hold him and watch him grow!

Some folks, like the **Tammis** and **Obergs** hit the ski hills, others, the **Buettels**, **Nick and Colleen**, the **Leftleys**, **Winters** and others leave winter behind to seek the sun down south. **Ray and Cheryl Girard** make it possible for kids to tread the boards in North Bay. Congratulations on their successful efforts to win \$98,000 in the Aviva Insurance Community Fund competition for the Dreamcoat Theatre. Cheryl makes the costumes and Ray helps build the sets. Many of you helped by voting for them. With their winnings they plan to expand the stage and put up new curtains at the high school where the kids practise. A storage container for the costumes is on Cheryl and the sewing team's wish list. Check out www.dreamcoat.ca for photos of their current production, Jungle Book. There they have posted pictures of the sets being built, and you might recognize "a bald-headed, old guy, with a tool belt getting ready to put up a small 'fly'."

Anne Phillips and Terry Polkinghorne are live-aboards and loving it on their new boat "Quality Time", a Catalina 400 that they plan to bring back to the club in the spring.

Dave and Chris Margetts have a new boat, too. It's a Ranger R25 Power boat, and they can't wait to bring it to the Club next Spring!



.Please turn over for the Calendar of Events..

Calendar of Events 2011

<u>Name of Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Convenor</u>
Spring Work Party (Open clubhouse etc.)	April 2, 2011	Not Convened (Bring your own lunch)
Spring Planning Meeting (1300 hrs) & Opening Supper 1700 hours	April 16, 2011	
Season Opener Work Party (Used to be Dock Launch)	May 14, 2011	
Safety Day Safe Use of Winch, Fire Hose, Pressure Washer, etc.	June 18, 2011	Dave Oberg, Fleet Captain
Commodore's Cruise and Sailpast	June 18, 2011	Gary & Carole Lynn Campbell
Family Fun – Pirates Day	August 19	Darryl Park
Club Cruiser Race	August 20, 21 2011	
Labour Day Cruise & Corn Roast	September 3 to 5, 2011	
Fall Work Party	September 10, 2011	Not Convened (Bring your own lunch)
AGM and Batten Down BBQ	October 15, 2011	
Season Close-up (Used to be Dock Haul Out)	October 16, 2011	