



CHANGE OF SCENE - If there was any doubt about the popularity of keeping your boat's mast aloft for the winter, this scene should dispel it.



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Pan, pan, pan

On **Friday November 13** the NCYC Newsletter computer disposed of nearly all of its files, including all the copy for a half-completed newsletter, picture files, and publishing software (not to mention everything else). Don't ask; no, there was almost no backup - of course not -who has? (there is now). Fortunately the basic notes and reports were still surviving , so it was possible to recreate much of it, after a fashion, the result of which you find below, in a somewhat

leaner form than usual. Of course this didn't happen until after a lot of recreating, reinventing, and restoring the many basic functions needed to accomplish anything at all! So, this issue is sort of abbreviated and late, with apologies.

Membership changes

If you were a "sustaining" or "immediate-family" member of NCYC, your status has changed. As of the last annual general meeting last fall, these membership classifications have been eliminated from the by-laws. But don't worry. You are now an associate member. Moreover, you will retain, where applicable, any privileges you had before the change, in addition to those you have acquired as an associate

member.

The reason for all this was a proliferation of membership classifications that seemed to make no sense any longer. Accordingly, the different kinds of membership were reduced from ten to six.

Take sustaining membership, as an example: "Sustaining members got nothing for the money they pay," observed Ken Barnes, outgoing rear commodore, by way of introducing the changes. "It doesn't seem fair. The only benefit they enjoy is the opportunity to rejoin the club without paying the initiation fee again. They cannot visit the club without an invitation, join in any club activities, or use any of the facilities.

"An associate member can do

all these things. Clearly, being an associate member would be preferable.”

Besides Ken, the members of the bylaws review committee were Trish Oberg, Lise Paille, Leighton Roslyn, and Tom Baader.

Also eliminated as membership classifications were “student” and “junior” memberships (which, to be sure, are not even represented in the current official members’ list). The remaining categories are, besides associate membership: charter/life, full, cruising, special, and summer.

Seller beware

From now on, if a member sells their boat to somebody who is not a club member they remain responsible for all fees related to the boat until the boat has either been removed from the NCYC boat yard, or the buyer has been persuaded to become a member. This is a new rule in the bylaws, approved by the membership at the AGM last fall.

The new clause was added to avoid having boats in the boatyard that aren’t owned by a member, or, worse, have no clear ownership at all (such as Bird of Elt).

The message to a buyer, clearly, is: Become a member now (usually preferable), or get your boat out of here.

And, by the way, if you sell your boat to another member and acquire a new boat to replace it, you do not any longer have to pay a whole new

boating fee for the new boat, although there is a catch; if it is a bigger boat you are billed for the difference between your old boating fee (based on LOA) and the new one; but if the new boat is smaller, no refund.

Antifreeze heads-up

Engine antifreeze (ethylene glycol) is highly toxic. That’s why it should not be discarded in the boatyard or in the water. And not in the waste oil container (old furnace oil tank) either, says Scott Campbell, equipment manager.

“We can not have these [oil and antifreeze] mixed together,” he maintains.

As a rule, you can get rid of waste antifreeze where you bought it. It is also accepted in municipal hazardous household waste depots. Propylene glycol, popularly known as “plumbing antifreeze” is commonly labelled as “safe”.

GOM award

Bob Legault was honoured with the 2015 George Oldenburg Memorial Award for “valuable contributions” to the club. Bob, meanwhile, reluctantly resigned his and Lucille’s membership due to the distance they have to travel to get to the club. They live in Pembroke.

Leaky lines

NCYC’s yard water distribution system “desperately” needs to be redone, says Mike Dupuis. He reported to the AGM last fall as water system manager (he has since been elected vice commodore) that last year’s season started out with five leaks in the yard that had to be

repaired, and other, small leaks still remain. Mike notes that many fitting failures have been caused by people accidentally stepping on fittings in the yard. He anticipates this kind of leakage problem will be overcome by using high-quality fittings that are able to withstand the foot traffic.

Meanwhile, a new water distribution system was installed last summer to replace the club’s buried water lines which had been troublesome for many years.

“The leaks finally reached the point where we were losing 800 gallons a day,” Mike reported.

Unlike the old water lines, the new lines run on the surface, since there is no longer the necessity to supply the former dockmaster’s house throughout the winter. The lines can now be purged in the fall. As well, if repairs are required, the lines are readily accessible. However, Mike urges caution whenever work needs to be done near to where the lines now run, such as with grass and undergrowth trimming. The lines have been marked with red painted stakes.

Still members

Long-time club members Ray and Cheryl Girard put their boat Perfect Peace up for sale last year, and having found a buyer in the fall, they were planning their retirement from the club as active members. However, that turned out not so easy. The buyer demanded a delay of

taking delivery until the spring, so Perfect Peace was hauled out for the winter, to be relaunched at the start of the new season. This ensured that Cheryl and Ray were to make the trip from North Bay for a little while longer.

If that was not enough, Ray, as the designer of the new docks, agreed to lead a dock modification project this winter, which required his continued presence - on the ice, of all places.

To cap it all off the Girards were elected honorary life members with voting privileges last fall at the AGM. It seems as if there is some reluctance to let them go. They might as well get another boat.

Rescue

NCYC once again came to the rescue. A MAYDAY from a 44 foot sailboat attracted the attention of Bob Ducharme,

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WINTER JOB PARTY - At a work party, March 5th and 6th, a dozen-plus members worked off the ice to weld and install bottom fender boards to the new docks. Shown are Daryl Park and Tom DeLong welding fender board brackets.

Gilles Brunet, and Mac Nussey. The vessel, Snowgoose, owned and skippered by Keith Kestella with Karlta Zarley as crew - from Ann Arbor, Mich., reported having hit a rock in Turnbull harbour and taking on water. The threesome powered over in the club dinghy, assessed the damage, and plugged the hole temporarily "as best they could". They then pumped out the water, and guided the boat back to the club. Diver Mac did some further underwater epoxy repairs, which permitted the vessel to return home safely.

Welcome, new members

Chris Buchahan, full membership
Bill and Heather (Nolan) Goulding, with **Emlyn and Myla**, full membership
Tyler Ducharme, associate

membership

James and Debra Maher, full membership

Ivan and Kathryn Mikkelsen, full membership

Charles Brinskelle and son Aaron, full membership

Members passed

John Winter, 21. September

Eino Halinen, 17 August

Calendar of events

Apr.9/16/23(tba): Opening.wrkp.
 April.30: Planning.Meeting
 May.7: Spring.work.party
 .June.11: Safety.Day
 June.11: Commodore's.soc.
 T.B.A.: Summer.workparty
 Aug.13: Family.Day
 Aug.13: BBQ.&.corn.roast
 Aug.14: Club.cruiser.race
 Aug.14: Potluck.supper
 Sept.3-5 :Labour.Day.Cruise
 Sept.17: Fall.work.party
 Oct.15: AGM
 Oct.15: Batten.Down.BBQ
 Oct.16: Close-up