



# *The North Channel Yacht Club*

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## **COMMODORE's MESSAGE**

I would like to welcome Michael Leahy as the Club's new Newsletter Editor. Jacob announced his retirement as Editor in the last newsletter. Thank you Jacob for all your wonderful newsletters that you have given us over the several years.

The major project that was accomplished this year was the boat storage yard drainage and grading project. This project improves safety, eases the manoeuvring of boats in the yard and increases boat storage space by offsetting of the rails. Having a contractor doing this type of work has certainly proved to be good practice. The excavation was completed in less than three days and completed to great satisfaction. I would definitely encourage the hiring of contractors for this type of work again. We need to be more cost effective with our work party hours. Special equipment and skills are work that should be contracted out.

The club is still seeking a member to fill the position of Vice-Commodore. Remember that the club relies on having members volunteer for Management Committee positions. The club could not exist without the Management Committee and is a crucial part of operating the club.

I would like to give a large thank you to all the members that have contributed their work hours to the club this year. The club could not maintain its low operating costs without their contributions.

A big thank you for Mary Lou Hansen and Christine Wolff for their hard work with Family Day.

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It is with some trepidation that I have taken over the editorship of this newsletter from Jake Cornelis. Jake has done a terrific job and has left large shoes to fill. We all owe him a debt of thanks.

As is inevitable with such transitions, there will be some changes. You will likely see some small design changes and some new 'columns'.

I look forward to carrying on the work that Jake has so ably done for the past nine years and hope that the results please you, the readers.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please don't hesitate to make them. I can be reached at [mwleahy@great-lakes-sailing.com](mailto:mwleahy@great-lakes-sailing.com)

Michael Leahy (Perfect Peace)

## IN MEMORIAM – CROSSING THE BAR



We lost a much-loved fellow member this summer when Ed Perchysyn (Vesper II) passed away.

Ed had been a member of NCYC since 1996. Ed passed away on his boat – doing what he loved best ... ‘messing around with boats’, surrounded by the people he really liked – us members of the club.

Ed will be remembered as a quiet man, always willing to lend a hand, always with a humorous or wry comment and always having a moment to spare to help a fellow sailor. He will be missed.

## AGM

### Synopsis of Management Reports

Each club officer's report has been sent to every member. If you haven't already done so, I would urge you to read the reports so that you have a sense of what is happening regarding the management of the

club. However, I thought it might be useful to provide a short synopsis of each report to provide an overview of the clubs operations in the past year. If there are dominant themes running through these reports they are that 1) it takes a LOT of work to keep our club operating smoothly and 2) this can only be accomplished if everyone contributes to the effort.

As Editor, I take responsibility for the summaries and trust that they are fairly presented.

**Commodore: Mike Dupuis**

Mike made a very detailed presentation on the clubs current fiscal position and some planning challenges facing the club over the next few years. His powerpoint presentation was quite detailed and looked at a number of situations we may need to deal with.

He also spoke about the extensive work that was done this year. Without a doubt, the work in the yard was the most extensive as can be seen in the pictures.



He also outlined some changes regarding work party hours and others which are noted below.

**Vice-Commodore:** Position vacant

**Nominating Committee:** Dave Margetts

Dave took the position last year as there were no volunteers for it. He chaired the Nominating Committee and assisted the Commodore and Treasurer in their various duties. He notes “There are no perks for being on the Management Committee except for being credited for 20 work hours ... This is a self help club that can only continue to prosper by members volunteering their time and efforts for the benefit of all.”

**Rear Commodore:** Trish Oberg No report

**Treasurer: Bill Goulding**

Bill took on this formidable task last year. His extensive report formed the basis for a robust discussion on a number of important points he raised. His report was received for discussion but acceptance of the report was put forward to the Spring Planning Meeting when a report based on the fiscal year can be presented.

Bill did not stand for re-election and Andre Udeschini volunteered to take on this important role.

**Buildings: Andre Udeschini**

No major work to buildings was done this year. The shower building deck was repainted. Funds were budgeted for re-tiling the men's shower stalls but that work was not done. Andre noted that there are no major concerns regarding any of our buildings.

**Equipment: Mac Nussey**

Mac referred to a number of repairs and/or alterations that were completed during the year such as rebuilding the fire pump check valve, the new pump-out nozzle and its stand, the riding lawn mower and some comments about maintenance of the backhoe. He noted "We have an amazing variety of skill sets among our members and without volunteers jumping in and getting things done a Club like ours could not operate".

**Fleet Captain: Gilles Brunet**

The Fleet Captain has a big job at our club as it entails the operations of the yard. Gilles report was extensive and members would do well to read it carefully to get a sense of the many things that have to be addressed so that the yard runs smoothly and we can launch and haul without worries. Gilles noted the excavation and work on the rails (the 'big dig'), the work parties organized to carry out many jobs in and around the yard and docks and the juggling to ensure everyone can launch and haul as easily as practical. He also noted that no-one has a dedicated space in the yard for their cradle/boat, that boats can only be plugged into the club's electrical system if the owner is present and, most importantly, that NCYC is a self help club. Work hours are the way the club succeeds and prospers.

**Water System: Charles Brinskelle**

This year, we had our 4-year water system inspection. It was noted that we exceed the permissible number of water outlets allowed under regulations (outlets - each building is 1 outlet, so we have 3 buildings, 2 dock outlets and the rail yard outlets). Therefore some changes will have to be made - most likely in the number of water outlets in the yard. Charles also mentioned the daily water tests that need to be done. These are easy to do and something that all members can assist with as the MC member responsible for this cannot be on-site 7 days a week. Overall, water consumption is substantially down, resulting in an inventory of salt that we can use next year.

## Millard Presentation



Following the AGM, members were treated to an excellent presentation by members Judy and Aubrey Millard. With slides and commentary, they described their adventures crossing the Atlantic in their Ontario 32 and their explorations of European and Mediterranean waters from Norway to Israel. It was a fascinating description of an adventure that many people dream of undertaking.



## Dinner

Our very full day ended with a feast! The pot-luck dinner brought out the culinary skills of many members and we had a wonderful dinner full of excellent and varied food accompanied with good wine and much good conversation. It was a great way to end off the day.

## THE GEORGE OLDENBURG AWARD

The George Oldenburg Award is given each year to the member or members who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club. The winner of this award is chosen by the membership as a whole on an annual basis.

This year's winners are John & Gilda Marquette and Mary Lou Hansen. Congratulations to them on their recognition for the hard work they have done for us.

## NEW MEMBERS

We wish a warm welcome to our three newest members, **Aubrey & Judy Millard** (Antares Spring), **Sam Taylor** (Innishfree) and **John Haight** (Vesper II).

## CANADA DAY CRUISE

This year saw our second successful club cruise to Gore Bay for Canada Day. Eleven boats participated. Like last year, we all had a very good time. The marina staff were welcoming and helpful, the beer at Split Rail Brewery was cold and refreshing and the fireworks were terrific. Some of our members tried out the new Rocky Racoon Cafe on the waterfront and were entertained by Chef Robin Kumar Pradhan's stories. The return sail was a bit rough but overall, everyone had a great weekend. Another positive that came out of it was the creation of a Membership Card for NCYC members. This could certainly be useful when cruising to new harbours and marinas.

## COMMODORE'S CRUISE

The Commodore's Sail Past was held at the Yacht Club with the Commodore's yacht anchored just off Herman's Point where yachts saluted the Commodore.

Following the salute, the Commodore led the fleet to that distance anchorage – Long Point, where he hosted a weekend raft-up. Rumour has it that a great deal of socializing took place. Proof positive that you don't have to go far to enjoy the splendid scenery of our North Channel or the warm friendship and terrific hospitality of our fellow members.



## NORTH CHANNEL RACE WEEK

Ray Hortness ably represents our club on the organizing committee for the North Channel Race Week. This year saw another great week of racing, eating and discovering new friends that have the same love of the sport as you have. NCYC was ably represented by Ray Hortness' CADENA, later joined at NCYC by Charley Anderson on SHADOW. Lots of fun and a few (mis)adventures but as they say ... "what happens on the boat stays on the boat".

The race attracts boats and sailors from all over our area. Beginning with a great breakfast at Hilton Beach, over 5 days, boats raced via Thessalon, Blind River, NCYC and Gore Bay to Little Current. Each day's 'leg' was capped with an excellent dinner put on by the local community. The best was that

hosted by us – and no, I am not just being biased – it was spoken about in glowing terms by many of the sailors.

There was lots of wind and we had some terrific ‘rides’.

The race culminated in an outdoor dinner at Little Current accompanied by awards and flags. (Ray and Charley are still debating some finer points!). The only thing that was missing was more members from NCYC participating. Talk to SHADOW’s skipper, Charley or Andre Udeschini about the fun and knowledge you can pick up by placing your boat and knowledge up against others. The North Channel Race Week will be run again in 2019. So, go to your calendar and circle July 22 to 27 for another great week of racing. Well done to Ray and Charley and their fearless crews for representing the club so well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Suggestion Box**

Feedback from members is vital. In an effort to increase the opportunities for two-way communications, the club now has an electronic ‘suggestion box’. The address is [\*ncycsuggestionbox@gmail.com\*](mailto:ncycsuggestionbox@gmail.com). If you have a suggestion or great idea you would like to share, please consider using this method to pass it on to the board.

### **New docks update**

The dock floats have been delivered to the club and plans are to begin working on the docks soon. The plan is to accomplish the majority of the work over the winter months. Stay tuned for winter work parties as small work forces will be required in order to prepare the docks for a spring launch.

New causeway docks are also required as there are two dock sections beyond repair.

### **New Work Party Hours Levy**

The Management Committee has brought in a change regarding Work Party Fees. Members shall meet the following mandatory requirements. Members must attend a minimum of one work party and/or at least convene one club event and/or serve on the management committee. All members shall contribute a minimum of 5 hours of work on approved club projects or otherwise pay a \$100 levy.

### **New Power Cord Ruling**

A reminder to all that beginning the summer of 2019, boats cannot be plugged in to the club electrical system unless they are using a proper marine power cord. If you have any questions, please speak with our Fleet Captain, Gilles Brunet. For your information, all outlets now have GFI protection.

## Shore Power Cord Standards Rules

3.9 Shore Power: Effective April 1, 2019, all vessels plugging into the dockside shore power system shall comply with the following: 3.9.1 The shore power cords shall be a minimum of 30 amp marine use compliant with ABYC standards.

3.9.2 The power cord shall have proper end connections.

3.9.3 The shore power cord shall not have any alterations or modification unless compliant to current electrical codes or ABYC standards.

3.9.4 The shore power cord shall be maintained to manufacturer's specifications so as to not cause any damage to any NCYC property or the property of others. [added SPM 2018]

## Vice Commodore

This position remains vacant. Why not consider getting involved? Our club is as good as the effort each member puts into it. You may not have fellow members saluting you smartly as you pass by but your contribution will be important and valued.

## Toronto International Boat Show

The Toronto International Boat Show opens its doors for the 61<sup>st</sup> year from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 27, 2019. This is the largest boat show on the Great Lakes and one of the largest indoor boat shows in North America. It is an outstanding show and well worth visiting. There really is something for everyone. As in years past, yours truly will be presenting a very popular seminar on cruising the Great Lakes. Why not talk to some fellow members and come down as a group. It's a lot of fun and certainly helps break up the mid winter season between lay-up and launching!

## MEMBER'S ADVENTURES

In our club, many members focus on cruising. It quite common to have members roaming all over the North Channel, Georgian Bay, northern Lake Huron and beyond. I think it would be interesting if some of our adventurous members would share their experiences of exploring this wonderful cruising ground. Not looking for a re-write of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. Just a short 200-400 word description of a summer trip and a picture or two.

I know that one boat went off and explored Les Cheneaux – the group of islands in the Straits of Mackinaw, someone else circumnavigated Manitoulin and Catherine and I went northwest into Lake Superior. I think if we shared some of our adventures, it may encourage others to go out and explore a new (to them) destination. What do you think?

Also, some members will continue their sailing adventures in distant waters over the winter and I am sure many would love to hear about their exploits.

## SAILING LORE

### Admiral Sir Henry Bayfield

Many of us are familiar with the name '*Bayfield*'. It appears as the name of 2 towns on the Great Lakes plus 2 other and topographical features such as Bayfield Sound and Bayfield Inlet. Henry Wolsey Bayfield joined the Royal Navy in 1806 at the age of 10 rising to Lieutenant in 1815. After numerous postings around the Atlantic Ocean, he was made Admiralty Surveyor for North America in 1817. Between 1817 and 1825, he surveyed lakes Superior, Huron (including the North Channel), Georgian Bay and Erie. His work was a monumental effort and much is owed to this outstanding historical figure. He retired in 1866 as Vice-Admiral of the Red and lived out his life in Charlottetown, PEI.

For those who may have sailed due south to Bayfield Sound, when you enter, you will find a group of small islands. These are all named after Bayfield's family. as are the large bays: Fanny Is. (his wife), Gertrude Is. (his daughter), Henry Is. (himself), Elizabeth Bay (his mother) and Helen Bay (his sister). Wolsey Lake of course takes its name from him middle name.

## LOST & FOUND

Lost in the yard during haul-out in September – a gold signet ring belonging to Michael Leahy. If found please contact him directly or turn it in to a member of the Management Committee.

## CORPORATE SUPPORT

Many thanks to CAMECO for their continued supported

