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To: NCYC Membership
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Re: 2021 AGM

It is trite to say that life, as we knew it before, has changed dramatically as a result of Covid-19.

The pandemic has proven to be life-altering globally. It would be naïve to expect that the same would not be true of life at NCYC. We have gone through disagreements about how to weather the virus at the Club, short tempers have sometimes been unleashed, and there have been many occasions of a felt sense of divide among members. That is why a Code of Behaviour is being proposed, which you will hear more about at the AGM. Well-intentioned people can differ reasonably about issues. That is human nature and to be expected. Usually, those differences can be managed and any upset can be assuaged and differences set aside by social gatherings at Club events and in mutual enjoyment of our boating passion.

But we have not been able to engage in group activities for the most part and attendance at the Club has been drastically reduced. We weren't even able to celebrate our 50th-anniversary last year. A common refrain from members has been about how quiet it is at the docks.

With the 4th wave upon us, the future does not appear to be any more promising. But I have full confidence that the Club will survive, the membership will continue to change and grow. Some members will leave – some on good terms, some on terms that are not so good – that is unfortunate, but again it would be naïve to expect that not to happen from time to time.. But new members will come. This year we had Barb and John Sbrolla join as summer members and they have now been accepted as Full Members. We also have welcomed Dax Wilkinson, Ian Dunthorne, and Andrew Barton as Full Members. Dax and Ian were extremely helpful in the reinstallation of the rail sidings in the rail yard this summer. Thanks to you both for that!

So the Club lives and breathes. Sometimes laboured breathing for sure, but still, it breathes and new life arrives and as we hopefully return to activities next season, comradery and collegiality will return and there will be more smiles and laughter as we tease each other and regale one another with our stories. I look forward to it.

This year, the major project was the next phase of the Rail Yard renewal. Rails were removed on the north-west side of the yard and then reinstalled after the rail bed was excavated and backfilled with rock for drainage. That side of the yard is "beautiful" now relatively speaking. Thank you to all who worked on this project. Fortunately, that is likely the end of major expenditure on the yard, but rails on the north-east side still need to be moved to offset them from the rails on the north-west side to allow for storage of more vessels.

Shower stalls were painted and there were some small projects undertaken despite a shortage of people at the Club. Thank you to all who completed work hours to help maintain the Club infrastructure. There is always more to do of course and we can always "do better" as well. That is what AGMs and SPMs are for and I look forward to hearing from members about their vision for the Club as we emerge from the pandemic.