



The North Channel Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

As our Commodore is currently away sailing, we will dispense with a Commodore's message this issue. However, I am sure that he would reiterate a point made in the email that was sent to all members with the minutes of the Spring Planning meeting attached.

The lifeblood of our club are our members and we rely on volunteers to complete the many projects that have to be done to keep the club viable. If we don't have volunteers, the work either doesn't get done or we have to pay contractors which directly affects our fees. The choice is really quite simple.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

There is a lot happening this spring that will require many hands. However, the end result of all the work will be well worth it. There are several events coming up that will be fun to participate in. Also there are some information points that everyone should keep in mind.

There are a number of new members this year and everyone should make an effort to welcome them and help them get accustomed to our ways of doing things.

Remember, I can be reached at mwleahy@great-lakes-sailing.com

After a winter that seemingly went on for ever and ever, the snows have melted, winds warmed and a frozen North Channel has returned from its slumber. And signs of a new season are certainly everywhere to be seen at NCYC.

The most obvious – boats riding at anchor in the mooring field and tied to the docks. While there are still some to be launched. Here are some pictures of the beginning of a new season.



SPRING PLANNING MEETING

By now, everyone has received their report on the Spring Planning Committee meeting. Rather than repeating the contents, I would ask everyone to refer to Debra's email and take a few moments to look it over.

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There are presently two vacancies on the Management Committee. Please consider volunteering for a position in order to help the club function effectively. Your experience here, what you get out of NCYC is directly proportional to what you put into it. So please, give this some thought. Its certainly a great way to get a good understanding of not only how the club functions but also why things are done in a particular way. Please contact Mike Dupuis [EXPECTATIONS] at ncyc.commodore@gmail.com.

SECURITY

Security is always an important matter at NCYC. The Club is reminding members of the following:

Upon entering or leaving the premises, if the gate is found locked, the member passing through the gate stops after passing through and relocks the gate.

If you arrive to the club later in the evening, even if the gate is unlocked, please make sure to lock it behind you.

DOCKAGE:

3.1 Dockage at NCYC is limited and is on a first come first served basis.

3.2 Vessels are NOT left at the dock unattended overnight except as follows:

3.2.1.1 If there is a problem with the vessel that prevents it being safely returned to the mooring or the vessel is part of the special summer dockage program; [*amended AGM 2015*]

3.2.1.2 Each member is granted one week following launch of the vessel at the dock for rigging and commissioning. However, the vessel should be removed to a mooring as soon as possible; [*amended AGM 2015*]

3.2.1.3 If the vessel is being commissioned or provisioned for an extended voyage away from the Club of at least 3 months;

3.2.1.4 At the end of the boating season, when there remain only 15 or fewer vessels in the water, vessels may be left at the dock and need not be returned to a mooring. [Added AGM November 28, 2009];

3.2.1.5 The Management Committee grants an exception of up to one week. [Added AGM November 28, 2009].

3.2.1.6 Vessels left unoccupied at the dock after June 15th are to pay a fee of \$10.00 per night. [*added AGM 2017*]

3.3 If a vessel must be left unattended overnight at the dock, the member makes prior arrangements with the Fleet Captain. [*amended AGM 2015*]

3.4 The Club may rent or lease some slips for summer dockage purposes as determined by the Management Committee from time to time. Such slips as are designated for this purpose are not to be used by members except when no other slips are available, and then only for short term dockage while

loading or unloading their vessel. The slip locations are to be assigned by the Fleet Captain. [*Amended AGM 2017*]

3.5 Vessels are not left connected to Club electrical supply, either at dock or in the boatyard while the member is not on the premises.

3.6 Barbecue only on shore. (Fire hazard for surrounding boats + ensuing liability)

3.7 Remove dinghies to the "dinghy dock" area or otherwise remove them from the finger dock area after arriving at the dock. A dingy left floating at either the bow or stern of a vessel at the dock impedes other vessels and may cause damage.

3.8 When a guest is invited, the inviting member ensures that such member is present on the premises for the entire duration of the guest's visit.

PERSONAL ITEMS

We are noticing that The Club is becoming cluttered with items left everywhere (rope, bumpers, pieces of wood and piping, ladders, fishing equipment, cushions in white house, anchors on dock, clothing in clubhouse,....)

Everyone has a cradle and dock box dedicated for storing personal items. The telephone booth, ice hut, the white house and the clubhouse are not places to store or deposit your personal items. Please claim these items so we can keep the grounds, yard and buildings tidy.

In that vein, lets keep the following in mind:

1. Clean up after yourself.
2. Do not add any more material to the burn pile.
3. Take care of the club equipment and put it away after you are done using it.

Lets treat our club the way you would like your own home treated.

INSTALLATION OF NEW DOCKS

The club is installing new docks and this will require many hands. The dock work will be carried out the week of June 24th. The club will require people for June 18th and 19th for prep and planning work.

Members will be needed for the week of the 24th (June 24 - 28). A minimum of 6 people each day is needed in order to carry out the work. Tasks are barge operators, backhoe operator, winch operator, conveners for lunches and general labour. We will require some basic tools and screw guns.

All boats must be off the docks and out at the moorings by June 23rd in order to carry out the dock move and new dock sections being installed

This major club project needs all the help possible. The success of the dock movement highly depends on the membership. All those available to help or have questions should contact the Fleet Captain. ncycfleetcaptain@gmail.com

PROOF OF INSURANCE

The club is required to maintain records of proof of liability insurance for all vessels.

Since the policy renewal date does not necessarily coincide with payment dates, all members need to send proof of current insurance to the Secretary so Files can be updated.

The following is extracted from the **NCYC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Procedures:**

2 ARTICLE II – INSURANCE:

2.1 A member having a vessel at the Club is required to maintain minimum liability insurance coverage of \$2,000,000.00.

2.2 Proof of insurance is provided to the Club Treasurer or Membership Recorder each year with payment of the first installment of membership fees. [amended AGM 2015]

2.3 If proof of insurance is not provided on or before March 1, of each year, the member's vessel will not be permitted to be launched until proof of insurance is provided.

2.4 If the insurance policy period expires during the boating season, the member provides proof of renewal to the Club Treasurer in advance of the expiry of the policy period.

2.5 If proof of renewal is not given before expiry of the policy period, the member may be required by the Management Committee to haul the vessel out.

An important note for members represented by COWAN Insurance brokers. COWAN's policy underwriter recently changed and the changeover has been far less than smooth. While coverages remain completely in place, the new carrier decided to change all policy numbers with the inevitable furball of confusion. The net result is that renewal notices have not been sent out nor has Proof of Liability Insurance coverage. The club is aware of this. At least two members are caught in this If your insurance is carried by COWAN Insurance Brokers, simply let the Secretary know and be prepared to forward that proof of insurance as soon as it has been received..

NEW MEMBERS

There are a number of new members to NCYC. Our very first responsibility is to make them feel welcome. Easy for us to do as this is a very warm, welcoming community. If you meet someone new, take a moment to greet them and introduce yourself. Offer to answer any questions – regardless of someone’s sailing experience, being here is new.

If you have sponsored a new member, please ensure that you have briefed them well about our club rules and regulations. No-one wants the embarrassment of inadvertently contravening a regulation they knew nothing about.

Safety is a critical issue. As a sponsor, ensure that the new member you sponsored is briefed and trained on using the various equipment at the club. The obvious briefing is the launching and hauling of boats. If you have any questions or concerns about what to include, seek out the Fleet Captain, Gilles Brunet [SANMITSU]. He will be happy to advise you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMODORE’S CRUISE

The annual Commodore’s Cruise is a fun event designed in part, to get members ‘off the dock’. This year’s cruise to a yet-to-be announced, near-by anchorage will be a fun gathering. Due to our late season start, the Cruise will be held June 22nd. Watch your email box for more details.

CANADA DAY CRUISE

Each year, NCYC organizes a fleet to sail over to Gore Bay to participate in their Canada Day celebrations. The town puts on a great party. There have been rib dinners, an open-air dance, parade and a general good time. We have enjoyed early morning coffee in a terrific cafe, lunches in restaurants in town and by the bay, visits to the local museum, stops at Gore Bay’s outstanding craft brewer Split Rail Brewery and dinners at Buoys overlooking the harbour. Afternoons have been spent relaxing in the park by our boats.

The Town gives us a 10% discount on the marina fees and we are able to dock as a group. Make sure you have your membership card for docking. There’s no charge to participate. Join the fleet and have a terrific weekend with your fellow members. To see what the town has planned, check out their brochure at <http://www.gorebay.ca/events/event/canada-day/>. For more information contact Michael Leahy [PERFECT PEACE] at mwleahy@great-lakes-sailing.com

NORTH CHANNEL RACE WEEK

The North Channel Race Week bills itself as ***Five Days – Five Races***. It runs from July 22nd to 24th.



The race begins in Hilton Beach and ends in Little Current with stops in Thessalon, Blind River, North Channel Yacht Club and Gore Bay. In the past, we have been ably represented by Ray Hortness [CADANA] and Charlie Anderson [SHADOW] and their intrepid crews. If you were interested in participating, the race is organized by the Little Current Yacht Club and more information can be found on their website at <https://www.lcyc.ca/>

50TH ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary next year and need to begin the preparations for a wonderful event. If you are creative and/or wish to lend a hand please contact Debra Maher [BEN KERR] at ncycsec@gmail.com. We have had some truly outstanding social events at the club over the years and the common element was a big group of people all pitching in – and they sure seemed to enjoy themselves as they did. So lets all pitch in to make this a great party for ourselves!

NORTH CHANNEL ANCHOR PROGRAM

In June, 2018, the North Channel Marine Tourism Council, based in Little Current, developed a plan to raise awareness of the incredible beauty of our North Channel and what it has to offer to sailors. Part of that plan was the **Anchor Program**. As described in the Manitoulin Expositor, the Anchor Program “seeks to link boating history with the 21st century by harnessing the power of social media through the use of the hashtag #NCDiscovery and a travelling life ring. The idea is simple enough: a white life buoy will be passed from vessel to vessel by boaters travelling the waters of the North Channel.”

Each crew will sign the buoy and hopefully take a picture with it at a favourite anchorage and post the picture on social media before passing it on to a fellow boater.

The buoy has already been from Little Current to Hilton Beach and is making its way back east. It was passed to Michael Leahy and Catherine Bart [PERFECT PEACE] last September in Thessalon and is currently at our club awaiting handover to the next boat heading east. Any takers? Be part of the lore of the North Channel and contact Michael or Catherine (mwleahy@great-lakes-sailing.com) for more information.

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