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## Newsletter

Fall 2009

### Commodore's Report

After a very busy spring at the club, it was nice to take a break and go sailing. The weather was not great this summer, but as 'they' say "any bad day of sailing is better than having to cut the grass". Now that we are fully recharged, it is time to tackle the many fall activities and requirements.

The September 12th work party was well attended. Thanks to all those who came to work. The water line to the Dock master's house is now winterized and ten more rail ties have been replaced. Brush and weeds were cut and trimmed and modifications and improvements were made to the docks.

A full report and account of this year's activities and budgets will be given at the AGM in November but I would like to take this opportunity to provide some insight into what will be presented at that time.

A lot of capital infrastructure work was done this year. Most of it was planned, but some was not. Consequently our capital budget will likely be fully spent.

This spring we installed a new potable water line to the main docks and foamed and repaired one of the main docks.

We needed an electrical inspection this spring because of the installation of the new electrical circuits on the west side of the storage yard and to get our fuel permit to sell gas at our marina. The inspection revealed several electrical deficiencies that had to be repaired by a qualified electrical contractor. We were fortunate to have the work done by Don Harrison, a former yacht club member, who coordinated the work and gave us real value for work done. The entire club electrical infrastructure is now up to the latest electrical code and has been approved. We need to ensure that all electrical works in the future meet the requirements of the electrical code.

Our fuel distribution system was also inspected and needed some improvements that could only be done by a qualified fuel contractor. The work was done, inspected and is now approved. All we need now is an annual fuel dispensing permit.

All this work was essential to maintaining and improving our infrastructure. Unfortunately, it was expensive and messy. The only outstanding capital work for this year is the main docks. Recent underwater inspections reveal that our main docks require more anchors. Most of the old anchor blocks are buried in the mud and could not be found and most of the anchor chains and cables have rusted away. We are currently working on a plan to build concrete

anchors this fall to stabilize the docks for the winter. More permanent work may be required next spring.

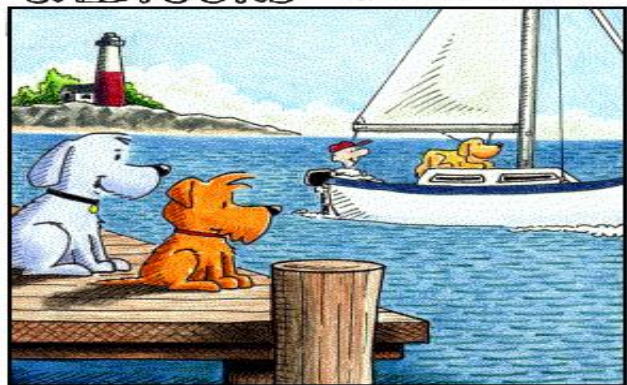
Because of the extensive work that was done over the last 4 years, our infrastructure is now in much better condition. Next year, without sacrificing needed infrastructure and maintenance items, I suggest that we concentrate on projects to make our club facilities look better. We couldn't do that this year because our budget and workforce was dedicated to major capital projects. Next year, we should concentrate on the beach and waterfront, as well as painting, building improvements and major clean up. Next year will also be our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we should all make an extra effort to make our club look good for our guests and for ourselves.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many, many convenors, planners, volunteers, committee members, and workers that work hard, sometimes behind the scenes, to make our club what it is. I also want to acknowledge your hard working management committee who not only put in untold number of hours, working from home and coming to out-of-town meetings to plan events, arrange for work parties and club activities and to make the club administration work, but who also put in more than their fair share of physical work at the club. Thank you all.

Hope to see you all at the Batten Down, the close up work party and the AGM.

Ray Girard, Commodore

### SAILTOONS by Michael Malzone



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD  
OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome Tom (a.k.a. Tomtom) and Jocelyn Baader as full members of the North Channel Yacht Club. They are enthusiastic new sailors on Summer Rainbow. We also welcomed Summer Member Bill Sellars and his able crew Jeanie MacVoy, who sailed Nemo all the way from Chicago to cruise the beautiful North Channel. We trust they enjoyed their summer despite the unseasonably wet, cool weather.

## Fleet Captain's Report

### Boat Storage

Under the current rules there is no assigned or reserved rail storage. Rail storage is on a first come first served bases; up to the point where we need to start packing the boats in to make best use of our available space. We may **then** have to move **your boat** to another rail.

Boats should not be moved unless absolutely necessary or to facilitate efficient boat storage. If you are hoping to get a specific location, it is up to you haul your boat early enough; but you are not guaranteed that you will stay there.

Some common sense is required. If possible it is always best to store powerboats on the west side of the yard, their long bow overhangs are then over the ends of the rail, maximizing the available rail space behind them.

There are several boats that are especially heavy, the less distance that they have to travel down the transfer rail, the better.

If you have not launched your boat this season it may be moved to the north end of the yard so that members who have launched get storage closer to the launch rail.

We have several consistent early launchers who have their boats in the water in late April or early May. It is in everyone's best interest to allow them to locate in a position that accommodates them. Once these boats launch, it opens up the whole yard and makes it considerably easier for everyone else to launch.

When locating your boat in the yard, make sure you do not trap a cradle behind or north of you, do not block access to other rails. If your boat can't be moved up to fill a vacant rail we may have to move a smaller boat to fill in that space.

Please preplan your moves so that cradles and boats that have to be moved are moved before you haul. Make sure all boats and cradles moved are securely chained and own up to any damage you may cause.

Safety of person and property are of the highest priority, it is everyone's responsibility to stop any unsafe acts or risky activities.

Your cooperation is necessary in all matters related to mooring and rail storage, consideration for our members is what makes this club work. Remember, it only takes one inconsiderate member to adversely impact the smooth operation of the club.

**Mooring Floats** – Members who have not launched their boats this year are advised to check the condition of their winter mooring jugs or risk losing their mooring. Many of the moorings not used this summer have broken or flooded jugs and deteriorating lines.

**Identify your Floats** – After removing your mooring for the winter, please identify your floats with the alpha numeric location of your assigned mooring.

**Gate Keys** – Remember to bring your gate keys when you come down to the Club. After the Batten Down Barbecue, Dan will keep the gate locked. Please re-lock the gate after you enter and when you leave.  
Ken Barnes, Fleet Captain

### Used Oil Tank

When the used oil in the tank becomes corrupted with antifreeze, nobody wants to take it, because it is difficult to separate and re-use the oil. The person who usually removes it when it is full had trouble cleaning it out before he could use it.. So please **do not add anything but oil to the tank**

Many people have been using RV nontoxic antifreeze in their engines with good success and they don't have to worry about disposing of it next spring. If you prefer to use the toxic type then please dispose of it responsibly. This can be done by taking it to the Hazardous Waste depot in Elliot Lake or Sudbury. Contact the municipal offices for dates if unable to make the following times:

- September 24 at Elliot Lake Public Works Depot will collect Hazardous Waste from 11:00am to 7:00pm
- Saturdays till Oct 31 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Frobisher St. Facility in Sudbury. There is no charge.
- Canadian Tire on Regent street accepts used antifreeze but charges \$ 3.00 for 5 litres
- Canadian Tire on Barrydowne may accept it but they don't make it a habit.
- Canadian Tire in Elliot Lake does not accept used antifreeze

### NCYC History Project

Club historian Carol Piper Curtis has been collecting memories of the club. She would like to hear from anyone willing to share stories and memories - knowledge of how the club began, where the original infrastructure came from, how you decided to become a member– anything that would help to clarify our history.

It would be great if she could have a copy ready to share at the Clubhouse when we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next summer. Send your stories and photos to Carol via email at [pipercurtis@persona.ca](mailto:pipercurtis@persona.ca) or mail them to her home at 27 Colwill Drive, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2Z6 or to the club address, P.O. Box 175, Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2J7.

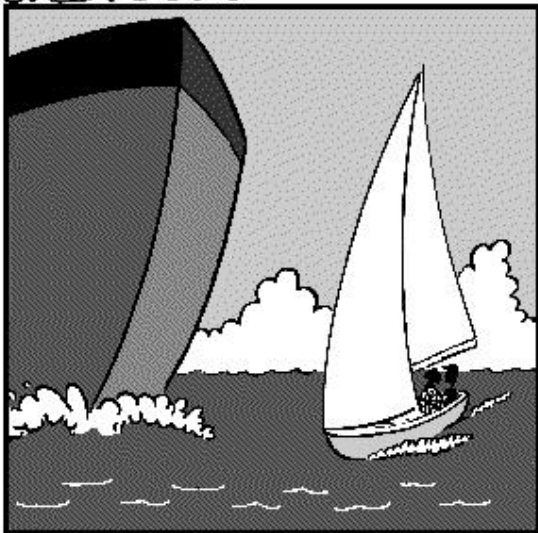
## Summer Club events

Many thanks to Bob and Lucille Legault for convening the **Club Cruiser Race** and Potluck. Eight boats left the start line with high hopes for some wind. Mother Nature did not cooperate, so the race had to be called, much to the disappointment of Meri Koti's skipper Eino and crew John Gamble, and Sea Biscuit' Bob and Lucille. Others had bowed to the inevitable and retired sooner. In no particular order they were Sea Section, skippered by Dave Margetts and crew of Chris, Tomtom, Marina and Ken Westlake, Perfect Peace with Ray and Cheryl Girard, visitors Wayne and Bonnie and dog Chelsea, Hista Napa skippered by Chuck Brinskelle with crew Lori, Erin and Jeff, Private Island crewed by Tim and Karen Ruthenberg, Night Watch with Jack Behrend ably assisted by Bill Sellars and Jeanie MacVoy and visiting boat Sensation 1, with Janice and Mike Skelmoze.

We hear that our Commodore made a few interesting port/starboard calls. The true Potluck couldn't have worked out better if we had planned it, and was enjoyed by all of the competitors and many other members.

## SAILTOONS

by Michael Mazone



**Don't worry... according to the rules  
they have to give way to us.**

The **Corn Roast** was a great success, ably convened by Pat and Dave Ferguson. Although winds were light, the sunshine was much appreciated by all who sailed or motored across to Gore Bay. Members enjoyed barbecuing together, the corn was sweet and delicious, and the companionship excellent. We celebrated two birthdays on September 5. Peggy's Cove has reached the exalted age of 55, and still going strong. Chris Margetts shared Peggy's

Cove's birthday, and brought a delicious cake to share, after we all sang Happy Birthday twice. This was the final boating event of the season, and it was a winner!

Two other events of the summer did not appear on our calendar. An impromptu potluck was held to honour and celebrate the marriage of Jake Cornelis and Carol Piper Curtis. We almost felt like Cupid, as NCYC is where they met, and where their courtship flourished. Our congratulations to two great people who make a formidable crew! May their honeymoon last forever!

Another fun happening was the celebration of Eino's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Hi children and grandchildren invited club members to dinner at the clubhouse on July 25. Eino's friends and admirers at NCYC came out in force. The family had developed a slide show of Eino's life, and were wonderful hosts to all who came to honour their father.

How many yacht clubs can boast nor one but two accomplished sailors over 80 years of age. Congratulations are also due to Jack Behrend, who reached that exalted age just ahead of Eino. Both are unmatched as skippers, and we are glad to count them among our members

## And Still to Come...

The **Batten Down Barbecue**, to be hosted by Anne Phillips is the season's last social event at the Clubhouse, to be held on Saturday, October 3. As usual the men will sip while they barbecue pork and beef roasts later to be served with baked potatoes, turnip or squash, and salads. Hors d'oeuvres will be served along with BYOB drinks at 5:00 p.m. on, followed by dinner and dessert and coffee. Everyone is welcome. For further details contact Anne Phillips at [aphillips@hrsrh.on.ca](mailto:aphillips@hrsrh.on.ca) or Norma Young at 671-3396.

The **Season close-up** is the final work party of 2009, to be held on October 24. By then the boats are ashore under winter covers, and it's time to turn off the water, and winterize the clubhouse, docks and equipment. A delicious hot lunch will be provided for the workers by Judy Sewell.

## Annual General Meeting & Christmas Party

The A.G.M. will be held in Elliot Lake on Saturday, November 28, followed by our Christmas Dinner and Dance, to be convened by Chris Margetts and Colleen Penniston. It will be held in Elliot Lake at the Renaissance Senior's Centre which is the old union hall and is beside the Legion at 20 Albert Road.

Advance background information with the Notice of Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of the 2008 AGM, proxy form, and other

information will be emailed or snail mailed to all members ahead of time, so that you can make informed decisions. Please give careful consideration to the package

### George Oldenburg Trophy

The Management Committee is looking for nominations for this important honour, named for a member who made significant contributions to our Club. While the Management Committee makes the final selection, we would appreciate written or emailed submissions, outlining the contributions made to the club by your nominee. Members of the Management Committee are not eligible for this award.

### Members' News

This summer two NCYC couples celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries. Congratulations and best wishes to **Gary and Carole Lynn Campbell** and to **Chris and John Bassett** for achieving 40 years of wedded bliss!

**Al and Colleen Penniston** should be congratulated on the truly professional job they did to refinish Isle of Skye and repair the salt water damage. They were at the club most days despite the rain and wind, and completed the job in August. It was good to see Isle of Skye at the Corn Roast in Gore Bay. They have been taking advantage of the warm September days to get in as much sailing as possible.

Several members are following **Dianne and Pat Sharpe's** progress on their blog at [www.sailblogs.com](http://www.sailblogs.com). Do we detect just a hint of envy in their comments? We wish Pat and Dianne well on their journey, and look forward to more postings, so we can enjoy their adventure vicariously. Will they connect with Jon and Candy Gill on their travels, or see Debbie Armstrong in Cuba? Stay posted!

Word from **Nick Houben and Colleen Ross** came with their regrets at missing the Batten Down Barbecue. They received our invitation while Nick was helping with the harvest in Saskatchewan! It seems they have a farmer friend who was very glad to let Nick "play on" his farm machinery to help bring in the crops. They went on to visit Colleen's daughter in Edmonton, and by the time of the barbecue expect to be in Oregon en route to California. Much as they enjoy land cruising, they miss sailing and hope to settle down some day and rejoin us at NCYC as active sailors.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The North Channel Yacht Club celebrates a big birthday in 2010. It will be 40 years since five forward thinking sailors formed our club. We all owe them!

Cheryl Girard and her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee are busy planning for the big celebration, to be held in August 2010. We are hoping for a homecoming of all current and former members. It takes time and imagination to put on a truly memorable two day party. Several ideas are percolating for special activities. Here's just one of them...

### NCYC's Got Talent!

We know there are a number of artists (painters, sculptors, quilters, photographers, film makers etc.) in the club...both experienced and budding!

Here's a chance to display (and maybe even sell!) a piece or two. This is a call for anyone who wishes to display one to five pieces of artwork at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in August 2010 to get your creative juices flowing!

Please indicate your interest to Chris Bassett. We'll need to know if we have enough interest to proceed so please let us know as soon as you can. We can provide table top easels or you can provide your own if you wish.

We also need some people who are willing to work with Chris to organize the show. Do we want to have a theme for the show or should it be open to all subjects?

If you are willing to help on a committee please let Chris know at [\\*john.bassett@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.bassett@sympatico.ca)

Jack Behrend has another great idea; you'll hear more details about the anniversary party in a later Newsletter.

And that's all for this edition. Thanks for reading it. The Newsletter is a cooperative effort with input from many members, whose contributions are gratefully acknowledged. If any member of the North Channel Yacht Club has information to be shared through your Newsletter, please contact Norma Young at [ddyong@sympatico.ca](mailto:ddyong@sympatico.ca) or at 705-671-3396