

North Channel Yacht Club  
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## **Newsletter**

### **Commodore's Report**

Spring has Sprung! Although we can't really complain about our winter, we are somewhat concerned about the low water levels in the Great Lakes and at our launch dock. An email with photographs from Ed Perchyshyn indicates that we may have to do some serious work on our launch rail once the ice is out.

The Management Committee has held monthly meetings to plan for the coming season. Two events don't appear on our Events Calendar. Colleen and their children plan a Celebration of Al Penniston's life at the clubhouse on May 29. Al was truly a valued friend and member, so it seems appropriate to say farewell here, where he and Colleen shared so many happy memories. Details are on page 4.

The other event is our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We hope to have full participation of members, and include all who have ever shared in the building of this remarkable club. There is a full report from the 40<sup>th</sup> Committee later in the Newsletter.

Before we invite past members, we hope to spruce up the clubhouse, shower building and yard. We have always given priority to maintaining our equipment and yard, and we must continue to do so, as without the winch, launch rail and boat storage we would not have a club. This has meant that projects on our buildings have often been deferred. The Management Committee feels the time has come to tile the shower building's floor for ease of maintenance and to improve its appearance. That is often the first place visiting boaters see, and first impressions are lasting. We also plan to level the clubhouse floor and install the same kind of hard wearing tile in the kitchen and serving space that we have in the dining area.

A warm NCYC welcome to new members Rick and Elaine Bradley, who purchased Tim and Karen Ruthenberg's Contessa 26, "Private Island".

We'll see you at the Spring Planning Meeting!

Norma Young, Commodore

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### **Fleet Captain's Report**

Greetings all, just a short note. As I write this it is now officially spring and boating season is right around the corner. I wish all a safe and enjoyable upcoming boating season.

To make it safe, please remember to take extra care with your Spring boat preparation tasks. Ladders should be secured. A fall from the height of most of the boats in the yard could result in a fatality. Remember that many of the cleaners and solvents you may be using could be flammable, so think as you are using them in confined quarters.

Moving and launching boats is another activity with the risk of serious hazards. Moving the boat might be easy enough for a couple of members but remember that the boat needs to be stopped safely as well, as it moves down the rails. Having some extra hands and eyes is never a bad idea. Please re-acquaint yourself with the rules and regulations on the moving of boats. There are required numbers of people for different tasks and boat sizes. It is every member's responsibility to be aware of and abide by the rules of the club. These can be easily found on the NCYC web site [www.ncyc.ca](http://www.ncyc.ca)

As Fleet Captain I invite members new and old to take part in the club's spring work parties. There will be plenty of work to be done this spring as we prepare for our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and many hands make light work. No matter what your skill level is, I will find a job for you.

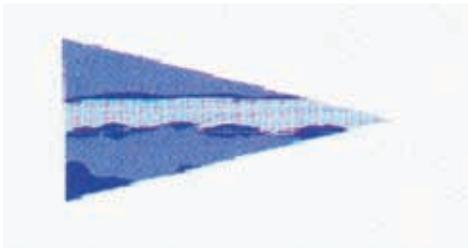
Looking forward to seeing everyone out at the club.  
Tom Delong, Fleet Captain

### **Deft Definitions**

Amidships - condition of being surrounded by boats.

Anchor - a device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times.

Anchor Light - a small light used to discharge the battery before daylight



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### Summer Events at NCYC

#### Mark your calendars

**April 10 – Club Opening Work Party**

**April 17 – Spring Planning Meeting**

**May 15 Season Opener Work Party**

**June 19 Safety Day**

**June 19 Commodore's Cruise**

**August 21/22 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Weekend**

**September 4 – 6 Labour Day Cruise  
and Corn Roast**

### Convenors Needed

Everybody likes to party, and NCYC's social functions are always lots of fun. However, we can only enjoy these get-togethers if someone from the club steps up to convene them. You are never working alone on this – anyone around will help with set-up and clean up – all you have to do is ask. Still, it takes a leader to get the ball rolling, and we can't have a function without one. Take a look at our Calendar of Events, and see if you can fill in one of the blanks. Social Convenor Anne Phillips, with the help of Colleen Penniston has developed step by step instructions to tell you exactly how to go about each event, and you can even earn Work Party hours. If you can help out at one of the club functions, please let Anne Phillips know when you can be available. She can be reached at 522-0487 or at [tapp@tyenet.com](mailto:tapp@tyenet.com)

### The History Project

Club Historian Carol Piper Curtis is working to complete the History Project before the 40<sup>th</sup> and

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wants to hear stories from past and present members about their experiences at NCYC. Send your stories and photographs from the past to Carol at [pipercurtis@persona.ca](mailto:pipercurtis@persona.ca) or by snail mail to 27 Colwill Drive, Elliot Lake, P5A 2Z6

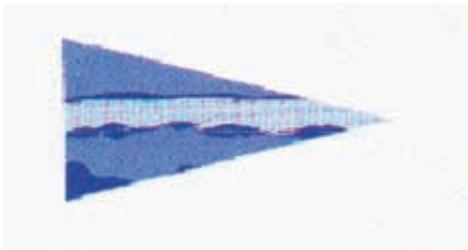
### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend

The snow is going quickly and, like most of us, I'm sure you are thinking about the boat and are making 'things to do' lists. While you are making your lists and plans for the summer, we would like to remind you of a weekend that you should 'pencil' on your calendar of events for the summer. On **August 21st & 22<sup>nd</sup>** we will celebrate the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It will be a weekend event centred around the **club cruiser race**, that will be held on the Sunday.

For the non-racing types other fun and more cerebral events are planned. An **art event** is being planned for the Saturday, where all members are encouraged to display their artistic and creative talents. A **book discussion and high tea** is also planned. This year the book to be discussed is "Medicine Man to the Inuit" by Dr. Joe Moody, one of the founding members of our club. We have a copy of the book and if you are interested in reading it in preparation for the discussion, please let us know and we'll gladly pass it around.

For the more athletic and action oriented members a number of fun events are being planned. The **cardboard cruiser** design, construction and race event should be a hoot. For the keener racers, **match laser dinghy racing** will probably be more appealing. And for the "my boat is faster than yours" crowd there's always the **kayak race**. And of course, a weekend of fun at the club would not be complete without a horseshoe competition, a bonfire, flea market tables and member entertainment.

Oh, I almost forgot! and **lots of food**....pancake, fried potatoes, and sausage breakfast; chili and



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hot dogs for lunch; roasts and all the trimmings for supper; Timmies doughnuts and coffee, as well as pot luck lunch and supper. And the best surprise of all.... **all for \$15 per person** (\$10 for those under 12) for the entire weekend.

A number of members have already volunteered to help plan and organize the activities.

We thank them all, Carol Piper Curtis, Anne Phillips, Don Young, Bob Legault, Kevin Lavigne, Chris Bassett, Heather Clarke, Al Kenney, but we will need more help.

To keep our costs down (and ticket prices at \$15) we will also need donated prizes for the various events. Consider donating a prize, if you can.

So please stay tuned for more details. Tickets will be available at the Spring Planning Meeting (April 17<sup>th</sup>). Make sure you put this on your calendar and be prepared for an action packed fun weekend.

Cheryl and Ray Girard  
[rcgirard@sympatico.ca](mailto:rcgirard@sympatico.ca) or 705-474-0544

## **Moving Boats in the Yard**

At the AGM, the Management Committee was asked to take a look at procedures for moving members' boats. It is the nature of our storage system that during launching and hauling out boats, the way must often be cleared by moving boats on the rails. Nobody has a right to a particular spot on the rails, and now that we have power on both sides of the yard, there is no longer a need to move closer to a power source to facilitate work on your boat.

After checking our Constitution and Bylaws, which are posted on our website, we determined that the rules as stated are adequate. The number of people required for various sizes of boats and the safety procedures are clearly spelled out.

Note the following from our Rules and Regulations:

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1.4.5 Launching of a sailing vessel over 25 feet in length, requires a team of at least 4 persons (not including those operating the winch) at least 2 of whom have experience in the launching process. Smaller vessels require at least 3 persons at least 1 of whom has experience in the process.

1.4.6 Launching of a motor vessel requires a team of at least 3 persons (not including those operating the winch) at least 1 of whom has experience in the launching process.

1.1.3 When moving cradles belonging to other members, ensure that all related equipment is moved with the cradle to the new location and seek their permission first if they are present on the site.

1.3.3 There are no fixed "spots" on the rails for either summer or winter positioning of cradles and the Management Committee and/or the Fleet Captain may impose restrictions and may direct the repositioning of cradles at any time.

1.4.18 When temporarily or otherwise moving other cradles/vessels, seek the assistance of the member owner if present on the premises and be sure that there are no secondary obstructions to this move. Return moved cradles/vessels to original spots on the rails where possible once the launch is complete.

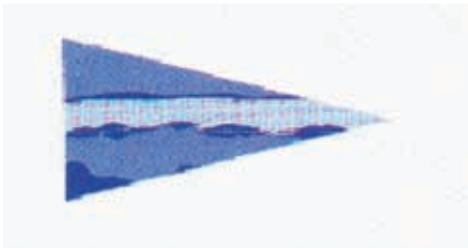
1.4.19 Keep your vessel and cradle free of obstructions at all times when on the rails so that your cradle can be readily moved to facilitate movement of other equipment.

The Management Committee must reserve the right to go ahead and clear the way, even if we are unable to reach the owner. When you leave your boat, please ensure that nothing has been left where it can fall and cause damage.

## **Website**

Check out [www.ncyc.ca](http://www.ncyc.ca) to see the latest club photos. Carol Piper Curtis has placed a batch of new ones there to remind us of last summer's fun. Great work, Carol and Webmaster Mike O'Reilly!

Check us out on a new site, at [www.FoundLocally.com](http://www.FoundLocally.com) You will find the North Channel Yacht Club listing under Sault St. Marie, as the geographical division places sites



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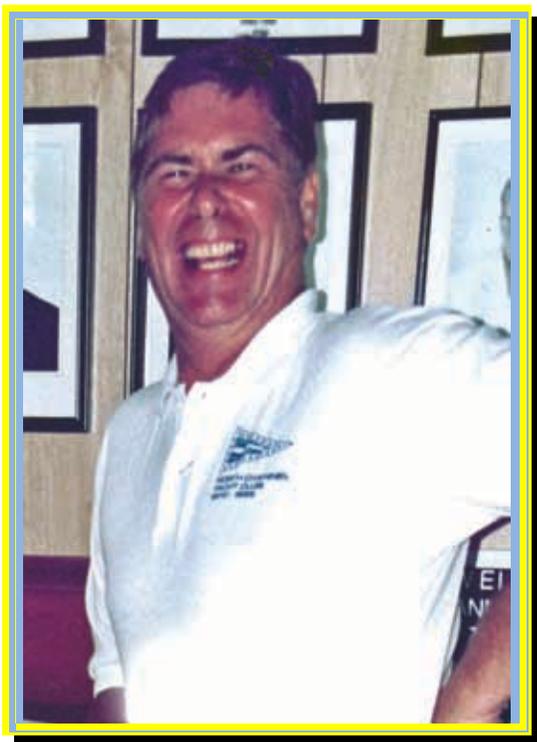
west of Highway 6 there. There is no cost for this listing, which has a link to our website.

### **Boat Surveys**

Thanks to Bob Legault, who took the initiative to contact members required to have their boats surveyed for insurance purposes. Four boat owners will share the surveyor's time at NCYC with a resulting lower cost to all. If anyone else is interested, please contact Bob at [legault@bell.net](mailto:legault@bell.net)

### **Al Penniston**

**September 3, 1943 - December 5, 2009**



Colleen, Darryl and Erin invite you to join them for a 'Celebration of Life' for Al (Skip) on May 29, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at the North Channel Yacht Club. Refreshments and food to follow.

Please dress casually, Skip wouldn't have it any other way.

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### **Members' News**

Deepest sympathy to Sharon and Ken whose much loved mother and mother-in-law, Dorothy Barnes died on February 11, 2010.

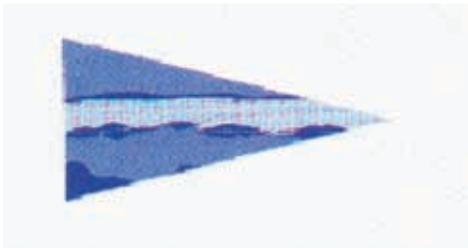
James Lloyd is selling his Nordica 20 and buying a Contessa 26. He has a mooring in the harbour at Marathon and has been single handing in 6' waves! James credits members of NCYC for his sailing skills, and says that he owes a lot to them for what he has learned about maintaining a boat, installing a mooring, etc. The family is very happy in Marathon.

James' job involves emergency and acute care, but he enjoys the experience of being involved in all aspects of nursing care, basically from birth to death, in a small hospital, Katheryne's job gives her the same vacation time as the children's schools, so she has the entire summer off. They would like to come to our 40<sup>th</sup>, and may consider trailering their boat, launching it here, and spending perhaps a week visiting their favorite North Channel haunts.

Pat and Dianne Sharpe dropped in last week, and both are looking great. While they are eager to return to their adventures, family comes first. They did manage to visit Sharpie's Dream, still in Tarpon Springs for a couple of weeks while Pat's Mom was settling in to her assisted living home. They have sold her condo, and were glad to be able to decorate her new home with familiar furniture and pictures. Plans are to continue their cruise eventually, but they may be around Northern Ontario for the summer.

Russ and Louise Buckingham had a break from winter, spending almost two months in Mexico following Russ' radiation therapy. Soon after they return, their plans are to head to the boat, although we hear that Lady Lou will have some competition after the birth of their first grandchild in Ottawa!

Please keep sending warm thoughts for healing to Barb Mawhinney, scheduled to undergo a hip replacement soon. They'll be home for the summer.



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Bill and Luce Mackasey are looking forward to a trip to Oberammergau in May. This is the Bavarian village that hosts the famous Passion Play every 10 years. They will also tour parts of Germany and Switzerland. Bill is looking forward to seeing, but not climbing, the Matterhorn!

And that's all for this edition. It is a cooperative effort, made possible with contributions from many members.

Please contact Norma Young at 705-671-3396 or [ddyoung@sympatico.ca](mailto:ddyoung@sympatico.ca) if you have a submission for the next Newsletter.

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