

North Channel Yacht Club  
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## Newsletter

### Commodore's Cruise

It's a good feeling when your boat slips off its winter cradle into its natural environment, ready to take you wherever you want to go. Each week more boats are either at the dock or on their moorings.

Commodore Gary Campbell and first lady Carole Lynn invite you all to the season's first function on the water, when Camivero will anchor for the traditional Sail Past, to be followed by the Commodore's Cruise. Depending on the wind and weather, Gary will choose an anchorage for the annual raft-up, where we wander from boat to boat to share refreshments and stories. Then as night beckons, we break apart and find a private spot to anchor.

This will happen immediately following the Safety day on Saturday, June 18. Please come and join the fun.

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### Fleet Captain's Report

Safety Day will begin early on Saturday, June 18, with a demonstration of the safe operation of the winch. The winch must only be operated by trained club members, with agreed upon signals. Mast hoisting requires a sufficient number of personnel, a properly executed plan, and the utmost care. Even those who have had the training can benefit from a refresher course.

There will also be a demonstration of the safe use of the fire pump, where you can direct the hose and feel the force of the flow. Some long term members will remember the night when it was used to keep the boats in the yard from catching fire as the former Dockmaster's house burned.

Always be aware of safe practises when working around the club. Use appropriate safety equipment and review the rules and regulations posted on our website. We want everyone to have a wonderful, safe boating season.

Dave Oberg, Fleet Captain

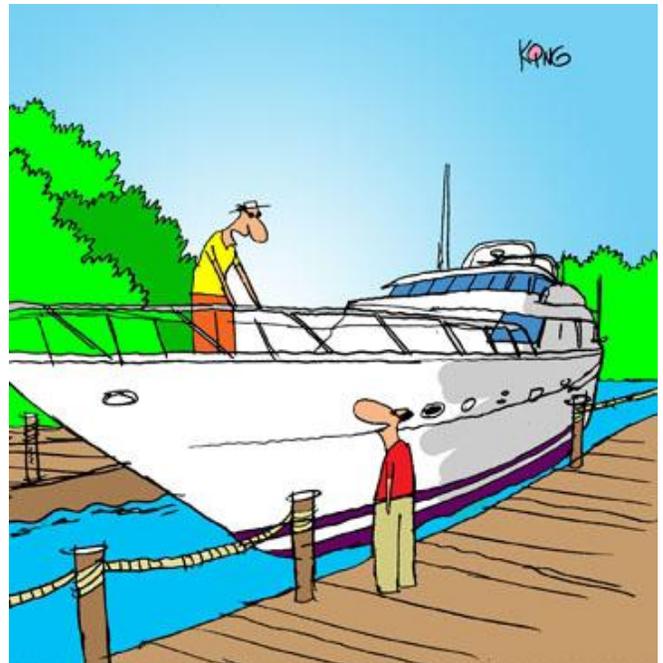
## Summer 2011

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome several new members to the club. Don Harben's boat *Life* will arrive soon, to be followed by Barbara and Carl Miller from Holland Michigan on their boat *Sunny-Blitz* and Bruno Kraft and Debbie Symington who are sailing their Mirage 33 from Windsor.

Summer members are Michel and Yolande Desloges, due to arrive from Little Current soon, and Dale Boucher on his *Pearson 29*.

Please introduce yourselves to the new members and give them a warm NCYC welcome.



*"Paying for the boat was easy...but thanks to price of fuel, I can only take it out once every three years."*

**Please note** Fuel dispensed at the North Channel Yacht Club is ethanol free. Our Dockmaster Cal is the only person who has been trained to dispense diesel and gas, and his hours will be posted on the dock. We will be set up for credit card and interact use from June until the end of September.

## Summer Events

Mark your calendars

June 18 - Safety Day

June 18 - Commodore's Cruise

August 20 – Family Fun Day

August 20 – Club Cruiser Race

September 3, 4, 5 - Labour Day Cruise  
and Corn Roast



## Family Fun Day

**Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Join the Pirates of the North  
Channel Yacht Club For a Fun filled  
day of Adventure**

Thinking about all the fun we had last year at our Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, I asked the membership if we could have a Pirate themed fun day, for kids of all ages. Our Family Day Picnic will be on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Club.

Activities will start at noon with a lunch of Pirate Bone Soup with toasted cheese sandwiches. While you eat your lunch listen to **tales of Buried Treasure, of the Nasty Pirates of the North Channel and what is in store**. Join the Treasure Hunt, all Little Pirates welcome .... Some Big Ones also ... and beat the Nasty Pirates to the Treasure first !!! Help us capture the Nasty Pirates ... throw them in the brig , Walk the Plank or lock them in a Stockade ...**Fire a real cannon!**..

**Prizes** for the best costumes, Pirate themed boats ... Kayak and Laser races. To end it all we will have a Pirate Banquet (Supper ) of hamburgers and hotdogs.

Volunteers are needed to help organize, act as Good pirates and a few Nasty pirates, cooks, race marshals, treasure hunters and people of all ages who want to have fun.

If you are interested please contact Daryl Park @ ( 705 ) 674 – 8898 or email [daryl.park@cambridgcollege.ca](mailto:daryl.park@cambridgcollege.ca)

### **Dozer profit**

Thanks to Bob Smith, we have been able to dispose of our defunct bulldozer to a scrap metal dealer, who came and took it away. When expenses were deducted, the club made about \$1,400 profit. Well done, Bob!

## **Work Party Hours**

It may seem confusing to new members, but work hours completed in 2011 will be credited to 2012. That means that every full member must work at least 20 hours on approved club projects during this year or be charged at the rate of \$30.00/hour on your 2012 Invoice.

There's a reason that full service marinas are more expensive; they have to pay employees to maintain their docks, equipment, water systems, boat yard and buildings as well as to launch and haul boats. We rely on our members to keep the club running, which also keeps our fees low. We understand that for various reasons it will not be possible for everyone to put in the hours, and the \$30 per hour payment can then be used when we have to hire workers to perform these tasks.

Prior to this year, the initiation fee was divided into two parts, with \$650 as the initiation fee plus \$400 to compensate for the previous year's work party fee. After the last Annual General Meeting, it was decided to combine the two amounts into a single initiation fee of \$1.050.

### **!!Danger!!**

No swimming will be allowed off the main dock There have been several recorded incidences of electrocution due to leakage of electricity at other marinas, so please do not swim off your boat when at the dock.

There are no power outlets at the service dock, so it is safer to swim there on the shore side, always keeping watch for boats approaching. The Fleet Captain will put a rescue ring at the service dock.

### **Members' News**

Our deepest sympathy to **Margaret DeVries** on the recent death of her mother. Frank and Margaret have sold *Stella Maris*. The new owner will sail her to Montreal in August. They will be missed.

Deep sympathy too to **Carolyn Smith**, whose birth mother died of cancer in April. Carolyn had a heartwarming reunion with her birth mother and ten siblings just a year ago. It's sad they had such a brief time together!

**Jack Behrend** promises to stay in touch after *Night Watch* moves to her new berth in Washington. He will remain an Associate member.

Former member **Bob Sullivan** has enjoyed many sailing adventures on the west coast and sends greetings to his old friends at NCYC.

That's all until the Fall.. Have a safe and happy summer. Norma Young at 705-671-3396 or [ddyong@sympatico.ca](mailto:ddyong@sympatico.ca)