



NORTH CHANNEL YACHT CLUB
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Commodore's Comments

To: NCYC Members
From: Leighton T. Roslyn, Commodore
Date: 2022-03-26
Re: Spring 2022

Spring 2022 is here as are dreams of sailing again. Did they ever go away? Not likely. Hopefully, the dragons that interfered with our plans these last two years have been tamed or at least controlled. But who knows?

As we prepare for the 2022 Boating Season, some things need attention:

1. Attached is the 2022 NCYC Calendar. Please commit it to memory or at least post it in a prominent location for ease of reference later. 😊
2. **SPRING PLANNING MEETING:**
 - a. The Spring Planning Meeting is usually held in April under our By-laws.
 - b. You will see that the calendar has:
 - i. The Opening Work Party being held on Saturday, May 14th
 - ii. The SPM being held on Sunday, May 15, 2022
 - c. There are some reasons for this irregular timing.
 - i. Satellite images of Lake Huron/Georgian Bay show the North Channel as being locked in ice. See:
<https://coastwatch.glerl.noaa.gov/modis/modis.php?region=h&page=1&template=sub&image=t1.22079.1641.LakeHuron.143.250m.jpg>
 - ii. Weather forecasts for April suggest that the ice will remain through to late April and so we will not be able to have the water system installed and tested in time for an April meeting.
 - iii. While we might have had the meeting on April 30th, I will be out of the country on that day and so unable to attend.
 - iv. As I will not be returning until the second week of May, the earliest we could hold the meeting in the second weekend in May.
 - v. The MC feels strongly that returning to an "in person" meeting rather than a Zoom meeting, is important for re-establishing Club morale.
 - vi. Having the Work Party on the Saturday and the SPM on Sunday will encourage members to gather for social time on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning.
 - d. A formal Notice of Meeting will be issued later along with the suggested Agenda. Members who would like to see certain issues on that Agenda should contact the Commodore as soon as possible with your suggestions so that the MC can consider adding them to the Agenda, time permitting. See Section 6.2 Of the By-laws for specifics as to the SPM.
3. **Convenors:** We need Convenors for Club events. Please review the Calendar and let the Secretary, Vicky Wilton, know if you can assist with an event. For newer members,

there is a resource document available which “outlines” events and what might be needed to successfully convene them. We are searching for a copy of that. If any member knows where we might find that, please let me know so that we can post it on the website for future use.

4. **Club Opening** is scheduled for April 23, 2022. That may get delayed due to ice/water issues. We need to do a thorough cleaning of the Club House, the White House and the Shower Building before making use of those buildings. Carole Piper Curtis, the Member at Large for Buildings would appreciate members volunteering to assist. Please contact her if you can help: ncyc.buildings@gmail.com
5. **Mooring Inspection:** If your mooring inspection is not up to date [i.e. the inspection was required last year, but was not completed], please remember that the inspection must be completed BEFORE launching your vessel. If your mooring requires inspection this year, you may launch before completing the inspection, but the inspection must be completed during the Boating Season. See Rules: Section 1.11.12
6. **Water Levels:** The Fleet Captain advises that he has his eye on water level indicators, but it is not yet possible to predict what those levels might be throughout the season. Most likely, levels will be lower than last year. So we all need to be careful following water level charts this summer. The Fleet Captain [Gilles] and the Member at Large for Equipment [Dan] and his erstwhile side-kick [Paul] have been assessing the launch rail and winch and winch rope [Paul advises me it is NOT a “cable” and that the proper terminology is “rope”]. Some guidance may come from them over the next few weeks. Dan has already issued a cautionary note about the winch brake and the importance of NOT standing below a cradle on the launch rail unless the cradle is [properly chained. This is required by the Rules [Section 1.1.7] Members are encouraged to refresh their memory about launch procedures before undertaking that process this spring. See Rules 1.4 through 1.9.
7. **Official Documents:** As I speak to members, it becomes very clear that we do not all share the same understanding of the provisions in our By-laws and Rules. Often this is a result of our mis-remembering what the documents say. It is important to always go back to the actual wording rather than relying upon memory. This can avoid some arguments but more importantly, it can increase safety and harmony. Those documents are by no means perfect. If you identify a “gap” or “error” or ambiguity, please bring those to my attention so that they can be addressed by the Management Committee.
8. **Fees:** Invoices have been issued for the Membership Year: October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. [By-laws Schedule A section 1.4] In order to vote at the SPM, fees must be paid in full prior to the meeting. [By-laws Schedule A section 1.9.2]

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club and on the water this season.



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NCYC-2022
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tentative
Dates Subject to Change

Event	Date	Convener/Lead
Club Opening [note: water system needs to be re-commissioned before then to allow use of facilities on this day]	Saturday, April 23, 2022	Brown Bag Lunch
Boating Season Opening Work Party	Saturday, May 14, 2022	Convener Required
Spring Planning Meeting (SPM)	Sunday, May 15, 2022 NCYC	Convener Required
Safety Day (Safe use of winch, fire equipment, pressure washer, etc.)	TBA	Trainers required
Commodore's Cruise	TBA	Leighton Roslyn
Summer Work Party	Saturday, June 11, 2022	Convener Required
Canada Day Cruise	Friday, July 1, 2022	Michael Leahy
North Channel Race Week (NCRW)	July	Decisions regarding any NCRW 2022 event will be made at a later date.
Labour Day Cruise	September 03-05, 2022	
Fall Work Party	September 17, 2022	
Annual General Meeting-AGM Pot luck Dinner	Saturday, October 22, 2022	Convener Required
Closing Work Party	Sunday, October 23, 2022	Brown Bag Lunch
Club Closing [water line out]	Saturday, October 29, 2022	

To convene an event please contact Vicky Wilton, Secretary: ncycsec@gmail.com

Kindly confirm your attendance at work parties with Gilles Brunet, Fleet Captain:
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