

Fleet Captain Report 2021 AGM

I would like to thank all the members who did work at NCYC this year. As you know NCYC is a self-help club. Work hours is the way the club thrives and prospers.

Due to Covid-19, the sailing season had a later start. The official club opening did not occur until May 22, 2021.

This fall there will be approximately 45 – 48 vessels stored on the rails. Storage was made easier due to the Rail Yard Committee's work at renewing and extending the rails on the north-west side of the yard.

Work performed under the FC's areas of responsibility included:

1. Updated the mooring field chart and had it posted;
2. Updated the mooring inspection list and had it posted;

It was difficult to have work parties in the spring due to Covid-19 factors but some work needed to be done so that the club could open safely.

Work Performed either at the Work Party on September 11, 2021, or earlier included:

1. Due to lower water levels, the old barrel docks wooden decks were removed from top of the main concrete pier where they had been placed last year during high water months;
2. The old dinghy dock decking that has been placed under the service dock ramp was removed;
3. The beach area was cleaned up
4. The Club House and White House were cleaned and sanitized due to rodent droppings;
5. A tree by the fire-wood stack by the Club House was cut down as it was seriously diseased and was a safety hazard;
6. Chains were tightened on the main docks and the service dock;
7. Most electrical outlets in the rail yard were changed to GFI hardware;
8. 2 electrical towers were repaired and 2 outlets were replaced. [Note: more outlets need replacing next year]

A list of Closing Work Party Tasks and Club Closing Tasks was prepared and shared with Dan Puddester who is assisting in coordinating the work.

In December 2020, 200 feet of 5/8" galvanized chain were purchased. Some chains on the service dock have now been replaced but more needs to be done. Hangers [holding the floats to the frame of the dock] need replacing on the service dock as well. There are some 30 hangers. All need to be replaced due to corrosion and wear over the years. Materials have been purchased but installation still need to be completed.

A portion of the main docks that came from Gore Bay [i.e. the walk-way to the finger docks] needs to be replaced. Materials are at the club. This work needs to be completed next year.

The barge floats were checked and 2" of water was discovered inside the floats. This needs to be monitored and a remedy devised.

A Work Party was held on September 11, 2021, and some 16-20 members attended. Work performed then or in the days leading up to it included:

1. 3 rail sidings were re-installed;
2. Ballast was installed and levelled on the first 3 rails that were installed previously this year;
3. New water line was installed in the rail yard;
4. Pump-out pump issues were investigated due to leakage at the pump diaphragm and high pressure in the discharge line. The discharge from the pump is 3", but a reducing bushing has been used to reduce this to 2". Earlier in the season, the 2' line came apart at a union of two sections by the roadway between the service dock and the rail yard. It is recommended that the 2" discharge piping be replaced with 3" piping to reduce pressure in the line.
5. The Shower Building was painted inside;
6. Chain tensioning on the main dock was performed;
7. Plywood under the ramp from the concrete pier to the main docks was repaired and screwed down as it had come loose;
8. Septic tank outlet to field bed line was investigated due to "sink holes" appearing in the Back 40 north-west of the field bed. The manhole was opened and found to be "dry" leaving some suspicion that sewage was not making it to the field bed. This needs to be further investigated next spring.

Work Still Needing to be Done:

1. Items indicated above;
2. Electrical cables feeding the north-west rail yard area need to be moved and then the Rail Yard bank by the roadway needs to be graded;
3. Some rails need to be extended to 60 feet in length to allow for better storage of vessels and cradles.
4. Service dock maintenance replacement of hangers, rotten deck boards, and chains;
5. The Dinghy dock project which was not done this year;
6. Fire Extinguisher Covers need to be replaced.

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[Note: The above report was prepared from handwritten notes delivered by Gilles and interpreted by me. I may have misunderstood his handwriting or intent. Due to some personal constraints, he has not vetted the typed version and so any errors are mine.

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