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Merry Christmas



December 2015



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From the Editor...



The holidays are here, although it does not feel like it outside. Matter of fact, as I write this article it is 41° degrees and sunny outside this weekend. In fact, the weather has been such unusually warm, that I just shrink-wrapped the boat on December 5th.

I would like to wish all the NCYC Members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy the holidays with your families. I also look forward to working with all the new directors in 2016. I can't wait to get back to club activities next boating season!

Look inside this issue for the up and coming events: *First-Mates Women's Holiday Party, Commodore's Ball, and 2016 Week Managers sign up list.*

See you at the Ball,

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Commodores Comments...



Renee and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season. Please be careful wherever your travels may take you as you spend time with family and friends. It's the time of year to reminisce about all the good times and to give thanks to all

The November General Membership meeting held on November 14th went very well this year. For those who could not attend, Treasurer Frank Corcoran presented a detailed review of the 2015 finances and the 2016 budget based upon recommendations from the Finance Committee and with full Board approval. Please give your full support to the 2016 Board of Directors so they in turn can make our experience special at NCYC.

This past year we made historical progress in preparing the club for the future - the addition of air conditioning and heat, audio system upgrade, new bar Point of Sale system with member charging privileges, kitchen floor and sink upgrade, improved communications with marine radios at bar and on Fins, new call box in the parking lot, and the start on a new floor under the bar. With the strong financial position with which the club currently stands after a record year of participation and consumption at the bar we should be able to continue to make the necessary additional improvements moving forward.

Thank you to the Board of Directors and all appointees, week managers, weekend OD's, event planners, food servers, cooks and clean-up crews, members of our many committees and a huge thanks to you, the membership for your support. The 50th year was one we can all be proud of.

It has been a privilege serving as the Commodore of this great club this year. I want to thank my wife Renee once again for standing behind me and for all of her help and support; I couldn't have done it without her.

Commodore Brian McEvoy



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Vice Commodores Comments...



Time marches by, Thanksgiving 2015 has come and gone. I hope you each got to spend quality time with your families, Sandi and I did just that. With the official start of the holidays underway, make sure you don't fall into the additional 10 pound trap. I know the food (and drinks) start and never stop until after New Year's Day.

I want to thank all those that came to the November General Membership meeting. It was a good meeting. The attendees approved the Forward Planning committee plan as well as the 2016 Budget and Capital projects. It was an enjoyable time spent with fellow NCYC members.

The club lingered open with the Elite Brigade working hard up until the weekend before Thanksgiving rebuilding the bar floor. It is now almost completely decked and we will be ready to start the tile subfloor effort in April. We are on a good track to have the bar better than new and ready for opening weekend. Thank you to all the people who came out for these late work projects, it couldn't get done without each of you.

Please stay in touch through bowling each month. Come and visit even if you are not a bowler, we would love to say hi! Randy Pagel and Tom Martin have filled the weekend OD schedule. Harley still needs your help to fill the week managers. Find another couple and make it a fun week to be shared.

Don't forget about the Commodore's Ball 2016. Sandi and I are looking forward to sharing this NCYC great tradition of pageantry with you on January 23, 2016 at Penna's in Sterling Heights. The formal invitations will be going out the 2nd week of December.

See you soon,

V/C Chuck Stroh



Rear Commodores Comments...



December is here and 2015 is slowly winding down. I would like to congratulate and thank Commodore Brian McEvoy and First Lady Renee on a fantastic fun filled year. Their hard work and dedication to the club will not be forgotten. Also, many thanks to outgoing Directors Hugh Vestal, Don Reiss, and Brian Malik for unselfishly giving their time in helping to improve our club.

Let's not forget our newly elected board members, Scott Greenfelder, Bill Calihan, Tom Martin, and Brian Fringer, may they keep their enthusiasm elevated for the next three years.

Upcoming Club events that you don't want to forget are the First Mates Women's Annual Holiday Party on Dec 8th and of course, the 2016 Commodores Ball on January 23rd.

Nancy and I, along with our family, wish everyone from the NCYC family, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your Holidays be safe.

RC Pat



A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...

This month has been somewhat quiet except for news of two of our members. These folks are Kathleen McKeown and our RC Pat Carroll. Kathleen had hip surgery, which went very well. Rear Commodore Pat's mother passed away. Please pray for these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Below is the obituary for Everitt Lacaster's father. Losing a family member anytime is difficult but especially hard celebrating the first holiday without them. A thoughtful card or message are welcome. Please accept our sincere condolences, Evereritt and Jodi.

Glen W. Lancaster

January 3, 1930 - November 29, 2015

Passed away on November 29, 2015 at the age of 85. Predeceased by his wife Mary E. 'Betty'. Lovingly missed by children Claudia (Jeff) Kampe, Richard (Mary) Lancaster, Jolaine (Ken) Swartzendruber and Everitt (Jodi) Lancaster; his grandchildren Paul (Nicole) Kampe, Emma Grace Kampe, Brian (Emily) Lancaster, Michael (Rebecca) Lancaster, Anne (Brandon) Wootan, Elizabeth Lancaster, Christy Kuczynski, Richard (Jessica) Swartzendruber, Olivia Ottenbacher, Nicholas Ottenbacher and Grace Lancaster and great grandchildren Jackson Kuczynski and Ella Kampe as well as his special friend Marian. Family and friends are invited to join us at the Walter D. Kelly Life Celebration Centre (519-252-5711) for visitation on Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm and again on Friday, December 4th, 2015 at Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church (3200 Woodland Ave.) from 9:30am until the time of his funeral service at 10:30am. Cremation to follow. If you so desire donations to The Paulin Memorial Church Fund would be appreciated.

During this holiday it would be nice to send all of our members who have been mentioned in this column during this year a cheery card letting them know that they are remembered.



You might like to think about the following as the Holiday Season approaches

"I Am The Christmas Spirit"

I enter the home of poverty and cause pale-faced children to open wide their eyes in wonder.

I cause the aged to remember their youth...and to laugh.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world. I cause the prodigal to pause and send to an anxious family some little tokens of love.

I enter a dark prison cell, causing scarred manhood to remember what might have been and pointing to better days ahead.

I enter the home of pain, and their lips that are too weak to speak, simply trembling in silent, eloquent gratitude.

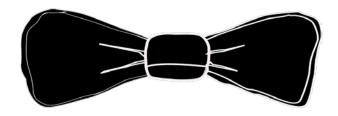
In a thousand ways, I cause this weary old world to look up into the face of God and, for a few moments, forget everything that is small and wretched.

You see, I am the Christmas Spirit

Author Unknown



Commodore's Ball 2016



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There were 14 people at the November Business Meeting.

There were 24 people at the November Luncheon.

The next Business Meeting is December 8, 2015 at the Moose Lodge at 1:00 P.M.

The December Luncheon will be at Terry's Terrace, 36470 Jefferson at Crocker Rd., Harrison Twp. at 1:00 p.m. on December 17, 2015.

The January 2016 Business Meeting is January 12, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. at the Moose Lodge.

The January Luncheon is January 21, 2016 at Jimmy Dees, 43820 N. Groesbeck in Clinton Twp., at 1:00 P.M.

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First Mates Mention

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andHappyNewYear!!



This is a joyous time of year; enjoy your time with family and friends.

Thank you to our outg0ing board members Anne Malik, Josette Campbell and especially our outgoing President Mary Marini, great job ladies!!

Thank you to everyone who supported all the 2015 First Mates events. We have had another successful year and we could not have done it without you. Thank you to all who contributed their time, treasures and talents.

Mark your calendar for the 2016 Annual Fashion Show. This year's show is April 30, 2016 at Avante Banquet Hall in Clinton Township.

I have enjoyed serving this past year as your Publicity Director, thank you for all your support.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Respectfully,

Cathy Criner



North Channel Yacht Club

Women's Annual Holiday Party

Sponsored by the First Mates

Who: NCYC Members, First Mates, Family and Friends

When: Tuesday December 8, 2015 5:30-9:30 PM

Time: Cocktails 5:30-6:30 pm, dinner, installation, entertainment and raffle to follow

Where: Avante Banquet Hall, 36217 Gratiot, Clinton Township

Dinner: Chicken Picante, salad, potatoes, vegetables

Cost: \$35 per person including an open bar

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8	RUSS ADAMS
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10	TOM FORD
11	TOM MCHUGH
12	DENNIS BIEL
13	JOHN ANDERSON
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	Fitting Out		ABYA		Open Weekend		Kids/Family Day		NCYC	
	GM Meeting		Dinner Dance						Rendezvous	
Date	5/27	Work	6/3	Work	6/10	Work	6/17	Work	6/24	Work
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Races				Rendezvous				Event	
7/1	Work	7/8	Work	7/15	Work	7/22	Work	7/29	Work
S. Greenfelder	Hours	Penzien	Hours	Brent Malik	Hours	Corcoran	Hours	Blackburn	Hours

Week	11		12		13		14		15	
	Float Down		Open weekend		Karaoke		NCYC St. Clair		GM Meeting	
							Rendezvous		Labor Day	
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Golf Outing		the Water		Open Weekend				Haul-Out	
9/9	Work	9/16	Work	9/23	Work	9/30	Work	10/7	Work
	Hours	Latowski	Hours	P/C Romatz	Hours	R/C Pagel	Hours	Calihan	Hours
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						P/C Huntley			
						D. Gronbach			
						J. Wyss			
						S. Martin			
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North Channel Yacht Club Board of Directors - Regular Meeting



Call to Order

Commodore, Brian McEvoy

Commodore Brian McEvoy called the meeting to order on October 15, 2015 at 7:04 pm. The meeting was held at Rosie O'Grady's.

Roll Call Secretary, Randy Pagel

		Present	Absent
FLAG OFFICERS			
Commodore	Brian McEvoy	X	
Vice Commodore	Chuck Stroh	X	
Rear Commodore	Pat Carroll	X	
Directors			
Transportation	Darryl Campbell	x	
Harbor & Grounds	Don Reiss	X	
Activities	Kim Miedema	X	
Treasurer	Frank Corcoran	X	
Publications	Brent Malik	X	
Secretary	Randy Pagel	X	
Membership	Brian Malik	X	(Teleconference)
Supplies	Ian Blackburn	X	
Club House	PC Hugh Vestal		Excused
IMMEDIATE PAST	PC John		Funnand
COMMODORE	Anderson		Excused
APPOINTED POSITIONS			
Fleet Captain	PC Rick Romatz	X	
Board Recorder	Sue Reiss	X	

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema to approve the agenda. Seconded by RC Pat Carroll

Motion Carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:



MOTION: Moved by Don Reiss to approve the minutes. Seconded by Randy Pagel.

Motion Carried.

Commodore Brian welcomed Bill Calihan, Scott Greenfelder, Tom Martin and Peter Frame as guests to the Board Meeting.

Commodore's Comments:

Commodore, Brian McEvoy

Thanks to the new directors for being here tonight. You will all be sitting around the table with us next year, and I look forward to it.

Vice-Commodore's Comments:

Vice Commodore, Chuck Stroh

Welcome to our guests. I am pleased with the election results and look forward to working with all of you.

Rear-Commodore's Comments:

Rear Commodore, Pat Carroll

First, I would like to congratulate and welcome our newly elected Board to be members to their first board meeting. Although your new positions require a lot of hard work and commitment, your will also find them rewarding and quite enjoyable. Don't hesitate to ask questions, the Flag and Board are always willing to share their experience and knowledge. Remember, we were all new to this as well.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to the first fall work party last Saturday. We got a great jump on the bar project along with all of the normal winterization tasks. I hope the turnout for this week's work party keeps pace with the first.

There are some important items on the agenda this evening, let's stay focused and try to be out of here by midnight.

<u>Financial Report</u>

Treasurer, Frank Corcoran

Net income for September was \$6,000. Revenues were \$33,000, primarily bar revenues and event revenues. Expenses for September were \$27,000, consisting of normal cost items. Year to date revenues at \$322,000 are \$30,000 higher than last year, due to dockage, initiation fees, bar sales, and contributions. Expenses YTD of \$193,000 are up \$10,000 over last year with no unusual fluctuation in any category. The balance sheet continues to be strong with cash on hand of \$152,000 and a continuation of declining debt level to \$83,000 at September 30. The NCYC Federal tax return, Form 990, was finalized and filed during the month.

Motion Moved by RC Pat Carroll to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Brent Malik.



Motion Carried

ABYA Report: P/C John Anderson

Absent - No Report.

In PC John's absence, PC Rick Romatz reminded everyone that he has tickets to the ABYA Commodore Ball and also raffle tickets.

Correspondence:

A member wrote a letter concerning carrying trash on Fin's 2 & 3. He stated that only Fin #1 should be used to haul trash off the island. Commodore Brian will contact the member.

A letter was received from JYC concerning their suspension from having rendezvous' on our island. They apologized for the incidents that occurred and have addressed the issues with their offending members. They have asked that NCYC reconsider the suspension. It was determined that the suspension will remain in effect. A letter will be sent to JYC.

A letter was received from Down River Goodfellows asking for a donation. Typically, NCYC does not give donations to other organizations.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS

Activities - Kim Miedema

Thanks to everyone who participated in the events this year. It was a very enjoyable year. Haul out was amazing: the costumes, the food, the band were great fun.

The un-audited addition to the club revenue from activities is \$12,191.76. A big thank you to the volunteers who put these events together to generate FUN and this extra club income. You help keep the dues down for everyone.

Clubhouse - PC Hugh Vestal

In PC Hugh's absence, Commodore Brian stated that Hugh was concerned about the electrical outlets in the kitchen getting hit and breaking them. Member, Ron Draper offered to fix the problem at a discount, charging only for materials needed.

Motion: Moved by Randy Pagel to approve the \$1,000 needed to fix electrical outlets, but funds to be expended in 2016. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**



Harbor & Grounds - Don Reiss

Thanks to all of the members for all of their hard work. We have 99% of the harbor & grounds work completed.

Membership- Brian Malik

A letter was received from Tom Szott requesting a change in status from Boating to Senior Boating. Status change approved.

Brian reviewed the 'work or pay' list.

Publications- Brent Malik

No Report.

Secretary - Randy Pagel

Randy sent out 2 letters to members concerning the dog issue. To date, there has been no reply from members.

Supplies- Ian Blackburn

Coke came today and winterized the pop system. They also removed all the lines around the bar in preparation for the renovation.

Ian wanted to thank V/C Chuck Stroh and P/C Harley Burris for returning the left over Kegs after the Haul Out weekend.

<u>Transportation</u> – Darryl Campbell

Fin #1 has a cracked windshield. The member responsible has offered to pay for the repair. The generator will be winterized this weekend.

Fleet Captain - PC Rick Romatz

No report.

I. OLD BUSINESS



Topic # 1 Annual Membership Dues Process - Frank Corcoran Proposed Motion:

- * Establish **February 1** as due date for full Annual Dues payment.
 - a. Split Payments: Members may continue to use the split payment option. One half of the dues in the first check dated by February 1st and the second check dated May 1st. Both checks **must** be sent together on February 1.
- * If amount of Annual Dues not paid by **March 1st,** membership privileges are suspended under Article V, Section 2.
- * A Late charge penalty of 25% applied to Annual Dues amount if paid after March 1st.
- * If full amount owed (including late charge) is not paid by **April 1st,** the member is expelled under Article V, Section 2 as follows:

If such dues or indebtedness due to the Club shall not be paid within 60 days, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to expel such member.

Motion: Moved by Don Reiss to approve the Annual Membership Dues proposal. Seconded by Kim Miedema. **Motion Carried.**

Topic # 2 Appointment of CPA Firm - Frank Corcoran

In accordance with the recent By-law change regarding the annual review, Treasurer, Frank contacted five CPA firms. It was recommended that we hire the firm of Bultynck & Co LLC for our 2015 review. The firm was one of three recommended by First Merit Bank. The report will be available for the Memorial Day General Membership Meeting in May 2016.

Motion: Moved by Randy Pagel to hire Bultynck & Co LLC for the review. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**



II. NEW BUSINESS

Topic #1 Forward Planning Report - RC Pat Carroll

RC Pat Carroll presented the Forward Planning report that will be presented to the members at the General Membership Meeting in November.

Immediate Needs:

- 1. Repair floor under bar area.
- 2. Hook up water at all pedestals. (2each)

5 Year:

- 1. Investigate exact detail and cost of pool.
- 2. Update all power pedestals. (30 amp 120V and 50 amp 240V)
- 3. West Harbor upgrade. (to accommodate larger boats)
- 4. Clean and paint clubhouse. Set standards.
- 5. Replace seawall and decking as needed.
- 6. New NCYC sign on North Channel.
- 7. Add door and walkway to south side of clubhouse to provide egress to walk in cooler.
- 8. Add air conditioning and heat to 2nd floor rooms.
- 9. Add backdrop curtains to Fin III.

10 Year:

- 1. Repair seawall and deck as needed.
- 2. Replace Fin Runner #1
- 3. Prepare for East Harbor lease negotiations.
- 4. Repair clubhouse roofing as needed. Inspect yearly.

Motion: Moved by Don Reiss to approve the Forward Planning Report and present to the members. Seconded by Ian Blackburn. **Motion Carried**

Topic #2 Guidelines Committee Recommendations - PC Rick Romatz



PC Rick Romatz presented the recommended changes in the Guidelines for NCYC. The proposal was distributed and discussed. The Board will review these changes and report back at the November Board meeting.

Good of the Order:

The results of the Friday Night Dinner Survey were tallied and the key points have been shared with Bob from Legas. We are discussing possible improvements. We will report back any changes for 2015 when they are agreed upon.

Member of the Month:

Archie and Patti Archibald were presented as Members of the Month for October for their work on setting up the November General Membership Meetings and for all of their work for the Ancient Mariners. **Motion:** Moved by Randy Pagel to approve Archie and Patti for Members of the Month. Seconded by RC Pat Carroll. **Motion Carried.**

<u>Adjournment</u>

MOTION: Moved by RC Pat Carroll to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Darryl Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

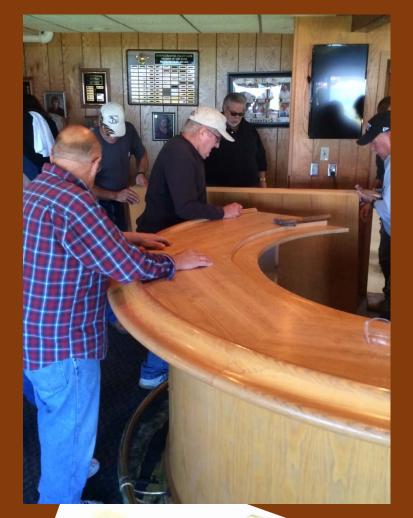
Next Meeting

Date and Time: November 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Location: Rosie O'Grady's

Respectively Submitted,

Sue Reiss Board Recorder

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