

North Channel Yacht Club  
*Beacon*



*April*  
2015



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# From the Editor...



Members of the NCYC Flag and Board will try to make the attempt this weekend of April 4<sup>th</sup> to cross the arctic tundra (ok maybe just the St. Clair River) to awaken our glorious club house. What this reminds us, is that **Elite Brigades and Member Work Parties** are just around the corner and starting very soon. Please keep an eye out for fan-outs with information on scheduling these events. Come out and lend a helping hand, and make everlasting friendships!

Please read inside this issue the special dedication from the foundation, *'Save our South Channel Lights'* for their Founder and only President – Chuck Brockman.

Look inside this issue for the up and coming events, First Mates Fashion Splash, ABYA Boating Seminar, Clinton River Boat Cruise, Ladies Week, and club Calendar.

Brent Malik  
Director, Publications

*"a ship in port is safe, but that is not what ships are built for..."*



## *Commodores Comments...*



The weather is finally beginning to break and after a long, cold winter I think we are all looking forward to Spring. The Flag and board have been busy preparing for the upcoming work parties and everything that is involved in running this club and working to move it forward.

On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Renee and I along with fellow Flag Officers Chuck Stroh, Pat Carroll and their wives had the honor and privilege to attend the Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church in downtown Detroit. It is a very nice service held in a beautiful old church currently celebrating its 173<sup>rd</sup> year. It was such a beautiful sunny day that we all went to lunch afterwards and discussed plans for the upcoming year.

This year we have many projects that were approved. These need to be completed before the club opening and we need your help. I would like to assign team leaders from the Board of Directors to coordinate each project, with the larger projects split into multiple teams. We will begin work on these projects on Saturday, April 11 and continue each Saturday right through the general work parties on May 9 and May 16.

Projects scheduled will be as follows:

#### Air/Heat installation – 2 leaders

- Electrical run from electrical room to each of the outdoor units under the clubhouse
- Placement, installation, and wiring of outdoor units
- Placement, installation, and wiring of indoor units

#### POS System – 2 leaders

- Installation of new high speed internet modem
- CAT 5 network cable run to bar area
- Placement of POS terminals and wiring to network switch
- Programming and system validation testing
- Back office computer install
- New announcement board installation and connection to back office computer

#### Audio System – 2 leaders

- Removal of all old equipment and wiring
- Installation of new equipment in audio closet
- Placement of new speakers and zone controllers
- Wire runs and terminations to equipment and speakers

#### Communication System – 2 leaders

- Installation of marine radios on all three finrunners
- Installation of marine radio in clubhouse
- Installation and wire run to clubhouse rooftop antennae

#### Kitchen Floor – 1 leader

- Complete floor reinforcement
- Add floorboards and level
- Re-tile, grout and seal

Memorial Day comes early this year and we need to plan accordingly.

I would like to invite and encourage all of the ladies to come to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Elite Brigade work party. I know many of you will be attending the First Mates Fashion Show on May 9<sup>th</sup>, so we would like to designate May 2<sup>nd</sup> as the “spruce up the clubhouse” day. It will be too early to plant flowers outside so we can concentrate on the first and second floor of the clubhouse and plan to work outdoors on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

It will be a pleasure to meet with any and all who are interested in going to the island to begin the opening process of our wonderful club. I encourage all new members to attend as many of these work parties as possible to get to know your fellow club members better and get an understanding of how the club operates.

See you on the Island!

Commodore Brian McEvoy



## *Vice Commodores Comments...*



April is upon us and I am trying to get the winter projects finished inside the house to move on to getting our boats cleaned, waxed, polished, and prepared and ready for another boating season.

But wait a minute...we must first get our great clubhouse and grounds ready to receive our boats, families, and friends. Once again Darryl Campbell is preparing to put a Finn in the water for the NCYC elite brigades. Watch the fan-outs for the dates to start that work. The Board members are starting to plan and order materials for the work parties. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the island. The scheduled work parties are May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to put in your 4 hours of work-or-pay. Tradition has us meeting for breakfast the morning of the work efforts keep an eye out for the times and locations.

New member interviews for the applications in hand are almost done for the year. We have several new members for 2105. If anyone has any friends or family that would be a good addition to the club—please get them an application very quickly. We want them all on board to participate in the opening weekend ceremonies. We have room for all that you can bring, the more the merrier.

On Sunday March the 8<sup>th</sup>, Commodore Brian and his wife Renee, Sandi and myself, and Pat and Nancy Carroll attended “The Blessing of the Fleet” at Mariners Church in Detroit. This is the second time Sandi and I attended this ceremony. Both times, it was a very humbling and moving service. There are many commercial mariners, captains, and representatives of numerous Boat and Yacht clubs participating in the event, blessing their flags and burgees. This is a great way to kick off the boating season. We hope this blessing of the NCYC flag keeps all of us that fly it safe on the water this year.

Sandi and I attended the ABYA Spring Rendezvous in Midland again this year. There were 9 couples from NCYC that attended. Once again Rick and Jill Romatz did a great job putting the event together. The theme was the 60's and 70's and the NCYC hallway was keenly decorated with memorabilia from that time. The main event Saturday night had all of the clubs dressed up in 60's and 70's garb and listening to the music of the era. It was a fun time had by all in attendance. We hope to see more NCYC members attend next year to celebrate Rick Romatz's ABYA Commodore year. Keep it in mind.

Please do not forget about the First Mates Fashion Show this spring at Bayview Yacht Club, which is scheduled for May 9th. Our First Mates have worked very hard to put this show on, so please show your support and bring both your NCYC family and friends as well as your non-NCYC friends and their families with their checkbooks open!

Only 7 days till launch, will there be ice, or open water to accept our boats?

See you soon,

V/C Chuck Stroh

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## *Rear Commodores Comments...*



Old Man Winter refuses to say good bye, breathing his cold breath upon us, refusing to let the ice melt. He continues to tease us with an occasional few warm days but refuses to let warmth become the norm. The ice will slowly melt away, hopefully in time for us to reach the island before Easter. The Flag plans on visiting the club on April 4<sup>th</sup>, viewing firsthand how she has endured another harsh Michigan winter.

With spring comes the reality of what needs to be accomplished in six short weeks. Beyond the annual tasks of preparing the Fins, harbors, clubhouse and grounds, we also have to finish the floor repair in the kitchen, the commissioning of the new generator, and the installation and start up of our new air conditioning/heating units.

All of the above mentioned tasks require a tremendous number of work hours to complete. Plan on attending several Elite Brigade and/or regular work parties and lending a hand in helping to get the Island back into the showpiece that she truly is. The camaraderie and friendships that are created by attending and participating in these spring work parties are a large part of what makes our club the unique and special place that it is.

When all is said and done, we keep our dues and costs to a minimum by performing the majority of our maintenance tasks with member donated labor. One would be surprised by the talent pool we are blessed with at NCYC, yet we are always looking for and welcome new skills and abilities. Member participation is what moves our fantastic club forward, why not come out and find out for yourself.

RC Pat

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# A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...

During the past month, it appears that the membership was in good health. The first day of spring has come and gone. Let's hope our membership continues to stay healthy for the rest of spring and well into the summer.



A thought for Easter:

Easter, Ordinary Holiday ?

Perhaps or perhaps not, many centuries ago a man walked this earth as an emissary of God. His mission was to teach people to love and appreciate each other. As always, there were people in those days, as there are today - hoggish, egotistical and power oriented. Perhaps this means destiny was pre-arranged. No matter, he was sacrificed so posterity would be allowed to live in honor, peace and tranquility. For us who believe in this Man and the Easter incident, our lives have been made better. So this Easter, remember it is not the fine garments that we wear outside, but the truth we wear on the inside that sustains us throughout our lives, now and into the future. Easter may be an ordinary holiday, but it is no ordinary Holy Day. Be happy in it's truth and feel joy at this time.

Sue and I would like to extend Happy Easter wishes to the membership and their families. May the Easter bunny bring everyone much chocolate !!!!



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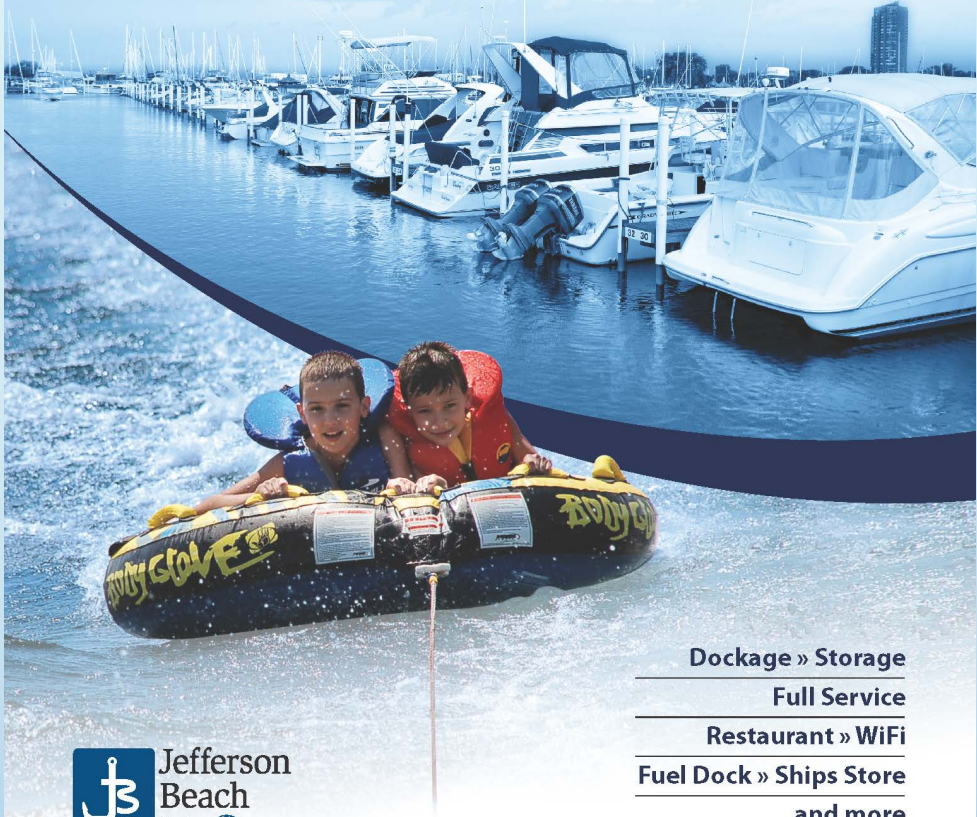
Date	Event
January-15	Commodore's Ball - ConCorde Inn
February 13-15	5th Annual Ski/Snowmobile Weekend
March-15	Blessing of the Fleet - Mariner's Church
March 20-22	ABYA Midland Spring Rendezvous
April 11	Elite Brigade
April 18	Elite Brigade
April 25	Elite Brigade
May 2	Elite Brigade
May 9	First Mates Fashion Show
May 9	1st NCYC Work Party
May 16	2nd NCYC Work Party
<b>May 22-25</b>	Opening Weekend
May 23	First Mates Patio Party
	General Membership Meeting - 1:00 p.m.
	Fitting Out Castaways Party - Flats Gang
May 24	Pride of Michigan
	Flag Raising Ceremony - 1:00 p.m.
	Complimentary Luncheon following ceremony
	Blessing of the NCYC Fleet - 3:00 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day
<b>May 29-31</b>	ABYA Spring Dinner Dance@NCYC (Saturday)
<b>June 5-7</b>	OPEN
<b>June 12-14</b>	OPEN
June 14-19	Ladie's Week
<b>June 19-21</b>	Kid's Day (Saturday) Shelby Romatz/Lauren Malik
<b>June 26-28</b>	Rendezvous - Port Huron
<b>July 3-5</b>	4th of July Weekend
<b>July 10-12</b>	Ancient Mariner's Fundraiser (Saturday)
<b>July 17-19</b>	Raft Off (Saturday) - Campbell
<b>July 24-26</b>	OPEN
<b>July 31-August 2</b>	Rendezvous - Keanes
August 2-8	Commodore's Cruise - Lake Erie
<b>August 7-9</b>	Karaoke (Saturday)
October 17	2nd Fall Work Party
November 14	General Membership Meeting

## 2015 Schedule of Events

	Captain's Breakfast (Sunday) Romatz/Kemp
<b>August 14-16</b>	Beatles Concert (Friday) - Romatz
	Float Down (Saturday) - Carnaghi/PC Dickson
<b>August 21-23</b>	Rendezvous - Mac Ray's
<b>August 28-30</b>	OPEN (Snethkamp Weekend)
<b>September 4-7</b>	Labor Day Weekend
September 5	General Membership Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - Meet the Candidates
	PC Beer Bust
September 6	First Mates Dinner - Celebrating 50 Years
<b>September 11-13</b>	Smoke on the Water (Saturday) - Latowski/Hart
<b>September 18-20</b>	Golf Outing (Saturday) - Criner
<b>September 25-27</b>	Pot Luck (Saturday) - Pagel/Swan
<b>October 2-4</b>	"Haunted Haul Out" Weekend
October 3	General Membership Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - Election Results
	Haunted Haul Out Dinner - Leitch
October 4	First Mates Haul Out Breakfast
October 10	1st Fall Work Party

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**BUT**, I need to have a final count by May 8<sup>th</sup>.



There were 7 people in attendance at the March business meeting.

The next business meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Moose Lodge.

The next luncheon will be April 16, 2015 at the Sugarbush Tavern, 19080 10 Mile Rd., Eastpointe, MI 48021. Located between I-94 and Kelly Rd.

Clinton River Boat Cruise is scheduled for Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM

Archie Archibald  
Ancient Mariners President

Fair Winds, Calm Seas.



## **Clinton River Boat Cruise 2015**



**All NCYC members come and take a leisurely fun-filled Boat Ride  
PLEASE JOIN US !!!**

*The Ancient Mariners are hosting a Clinton River Boat Cruise and we would like YOU to join us for the fun*

**The Event is being held on May 14, 2015 - Be there at 11:30 am.  
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**The DEADLINE for reservations is May 6, 2015**



## **Ancient Mariners of the North Channel Yacht Club By-Laws**

Revised January 31, 2015

### **Article: (1) Name of Organization:**

The name of the organization shall be:

The Ancient Mariners of the North Channel Yacht Club (NCYC)

### **Article: (2) Object/Purpose:**

The object of their organization is to foster harmony and friendship among the members of NCYC and to support the activities of the club.

### **Article: (3) Membership:**

Membership in the Ancient Mariners shall be from among those NCYC members in good standing and retired from their primary occupation or attained the age of 60 (Sixty) years old. The membership is also open to all the men and woman who have a spouse in the Ancient Mariners, regardless of age or retirement. The membership will allow the spouse to have the privilege to run for any position on the board and also the right to cast a vote.

### **Article: (4) Dues:**

**Section 1** The annual dues shall be recommended by Executive Committee and be approved by a vote of the membership.

**Section 2** Dues are due on January first and payable through January 31 to the treasurer. New members shall pay dues upon joining the Ancient Mariners.

**Section 3** Members failing to pay their dues by February 1st shall be notified by mail or email. Those not paying by February 28th shall forfeit their membership.

**Article (5) Officers:**

- Section 1** The elected officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Ranking in that order.
- Section 2** The officers shall be the Executive Committee, with the power to make urgent decisions. The membership shall be so notified of any such decision at the next regular meeting.
- Section 3** In case of emergency, leaving a vacant position, the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to fill that vacancy until the next regular election.

**Article (6) Election of Officers:**

- Section 1** Election of officers shall take place at the December meeting. Newly elected officers shall take office immediately.
- Section 2** Term of office is one year with a maximum two (2) consecutive terms, unless a two thirds majority of members vote to void this restriction.

**Article (7) Amendments:**

- Section 1** All proposed amendments must be submitted in writing.
- Section 2** A thirty day notice will be given to the membership before voting on the amendment.
- Section 3** Any adopted amendment will be published in the Beacon.

**Article (8) Meetings:**

- Section 1** Business meetings shall be held monthly at 1:00 pm (Except June through September). Special meetings may be called by the President as required, in which all members will be given due and timely notice thereof.
- Section 2** Meetings for the months of June through September will be suspended and replaced with a luncheon at the North Channel Yacht Club Facility.

**Section 3** Meetings held in October through May will be at a convenient location determined by the Executive Committee.

**Article (9) Items Not Covered:**

**Section 1** Common sense and fairness shall be used to cover items not specified.

NCYC LADIES - SAVE THE DATE

Ladies Week 2015

June 14 - 19



We will take over the island at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, and it is ours to enjoy until Friday at 12:00 noon.

Plans are underway for a week of fun and relaxation.

If you can't stay for the week, plan to spend a day or two with us.

There will be activities, crafts, and of course Spa Day.

Meals will also be provided.

Participate in as much or as little as you choose.

If you volunteered to do a meal or an activity, thank you!

I will be in touch with you soon to confirm the details.

Looking forward to a fun week!  
Renee McEvoy

## *First Mates Mention*



## Happy Easter!!!

WELCOME SPRING!!! Enjoy the Easter holiday with your family and friends.

If you haven't made your reservation for this year's "2015 Fashion Splash", there is still plenty of time. Join us May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am at the beautiful Bay View Yacht Club. Lunch will be served at noon, with ticket prices starting at only \$38. The fashion show is a great way to spend some time with family and friends. This is also a great way to get a look at all the new NCYC items that Jill has chosen to feature in the Boatique this year. This is one of our biggest fundraisers; please join us to make it a success. We are still in need of models, please contact Anne Malik at 586-481-9812, [ammalik63@gmail.com](mailto:ammalik63@gmail.com), if you would like to be a model. Erin McGregor has been working hard lining up new vendors as well as some returning vendors, so please join us. See the Beacon for more details. Send your reservations to Cathy Criner, 51784 Johns Dr., New Baltimore, MI 48047, 586-839-2722 or [cgcriner@gmail.com](mailto:cgcriner@gmail.com). Make checks payable to NCYC First Mates.

Mark your calendars' June 14<sup>th</sup> is Ladies Week, it is a fun filled week you are not going to want to miss!!

First Mate's membership is still available. The deadline was March 31<sup>st</sup> to be included in this year's roster, but membership is always open. Please encourage anyone who is not currently a First Mate to contact Cathy Jarvis at [cathy\\_jarvis53@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy_jarvis53@yahoo.com). Dues are \$20, join a great group of women!!!

Work parties are just around the corner. Watch for the upcoming dates. We need your help, please come and share your time, treasurers and talents.

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am in the clubhouse followed by our annual "Welcome Reception". This year's theme is "Gilligan's Island". Can you think of a better island to be stranded on?? As always we are asking all First Mates to please bring your favorite appetizer to pass, and of course remember to use a disposable container for easy clean up. All are welcome.

Respectfully,

Cathy Criner



# **FIRST MATES**

*North Channel Yacht Club*

Dear North Channel Yacht Club First Mates and Members,

The First Mates Club is holding their 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon (Fashion Splash 2015) on Saturday May 9, 2015 at the Bayview Yacht Club in the Mackinac Room. The Annual Fashion show is the largest fundraiser that the First Mates have all year. For our new members and also for those who may not realize it, the proceeds from this function go toward improvements on our beautiful island and clubhouse.

We are asking for a cash or check donation from you, to contribute to our Raffle and to a special '50 Year Celebration of North Channel Yacht Club' Grand Prize Raffle item. We expect to host 200 ladies and are planning to make this fashion show a huge success through our Raffles. Your donation does not have to be a large one, anything will be greatly appreciated.

All contributors will be acknowledged in our program. We sincerely thank you for your consideration. Your donation by April 1, 2015 will help make our Fashion Show successful.

You can send your donation to Erin McGregor. Her address is listed below.  
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Sincerely,

Mary Marini, First Mates President

Donations to:

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# **2015 Fashion Splash!**

**First Mates North Channel Yacht Club  
Annual Fashion Show**

**Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015**

**Location: Bayview Yacht Club**

**Time: Doors Open at 11am; Lunch Served at Noon**

**\*Raffle Items\***

**\*50 Year Celebration of North Channel Yacht Club Grand Prize Raffle Item\***

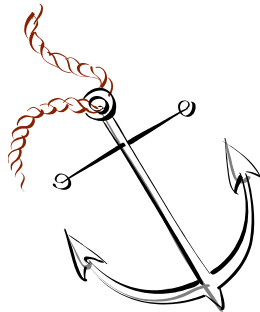
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Deck Mate's Level	_____	x \$ 55	Total _____
Show Only Tickets	_____	x \$ 38	Total _____

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Week	1	2	3	4	5
	<b>FITTING OUT</b>	<b>ABYA</b>			<b>KID'S DAY</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>5/22</b>	<b>5/29</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>6/12</b>	<b>6/19</b>
<b>O.D.</b>	<b>Reiss</b>	<b>P/C Anderson</b>	<b>P/C Atnip</b>	<b>R/C Carroll</b>	<b>Corcoran</b>
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<b>8</b>	D. DuVernay	T. O'Brian	C. Watson (jr)	M. Schefke	B. Carnaghi
<b>9</b>	T. Ellul	S. Stay	T. Ldzikowski	Joe DeQuick	D. Lockhart
<b>10</b>	C. Herr	M. Pilarowski	L. Garofalo	D. Aiken	R. Currie
<b>11</b>	M. Linden	G. Kleemann	A. Garofalo (jr)		D. Carnaghi
<b>12</b>	B. Buwalda		J. Garofalo (jr)		A. Herzig
<b>13</b>	P/C McIntyre				
<b>14</b>	L. Angers				
<b>15</b>	Pd Bar: A. McEvoy, H. Clinard				

## O.D. Weekend & Member Work Schedule

Week	6	7	8	9	10
	<b>NCYC RENDEZVOUS</b>	<b>JULY 4TH</b>	<b>ANCIENT MARINERS</b>	<b>RAFT OFF</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>7/10</b>	<b>7/17</b>	<b>7/24</b>
<b>O.D.</b>	<b>P/C McHugh</b>	<b>Blackburn</b>	<b>Penzien</b>	<b>Brent Malik</b>	<b>T. Martin</b>
<b>1</b>	A. McHugh	B. Edens	D. Pienta	Lauren Malik (jr)	J. Krist
<b>2</b>	Alli McHugh	P. Forhan	C. Cook	L. Leitch	P/C Cox
<b>3</b>	V. Verkest (jr)	D. French	Alexa Cook (jr)	S. Criner (jr)	J. Bowen
<b>4</b>	D. Glick	J. Greening	Anna Cook (jr)	G. Jialanella	R. Carnaghi (jr)
<b>5</b>	T. Hart	P/C Vanover	G. Shalagan	J. Gronbach	R. Kahl
<b>6</b>	P. Poirier	Z. Blackburn (jr)	J. Mantyk	J. Saur/Briggs	R. Kurlinski
<b>7</b>	P. Kelton	L. Leitch	P. Maniaci	D. Alcazar	R. Limbach
<b>8</b>	R. Rzeszut	G. Murry	D. Pomeroy	L. Piecuch	N. Verkest
<b>9</b>	A. Pelletier (jr)	J. Parent	J. Krist	S. Saph	G. Marshall
<b>10</b>	D. Pelletier	A. Santavy	A. Sterling	G. Snowden	S. Popke
<b>11</b>	D. Clevinger	T. Ellul	J. Rose	D. White	J. Lewandoski
<b>12</b>	T. Ford		M. Morisette		
<b>13</b>	R. Oliver				
<b>14</b>	M. Oliver				
<b>15</b>					

## O.D. Weekend & Member Work Schedule

Week	11	12	13	14	15
	<b>RENDEZVOUS</b>	<b>KAROAKE</b>		<b>RENDEZVOUS</b>	
Date	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
O.D.	P/C Vestal	V/C Stroh	Campbell	Michel	Snethkamp
1	D. Siwek	B. Breuhan	R. Richards	P/C Hendricks	E. Lancaster
2	B. Marin	M. Schoen	T. Mazurek	N. Michel (jr)	H. Trerice
3	C. Strzyewski	T. Altobelli	T. Steinmacher	D. Michel (jr)	J. Gierlach
4	P/C Barnard	M. Busch	T. Schimke	H. Aljida	A. Whitman
5	P/C Whyard	M. Schodowski	T. Martin	D. Gower	V. Day
6	F. Zrepskey	G. Wagner	S. Schafer	T. Loy	D. Hines
7	D. Petrosky	G. Murray	B. Skibinski	P/C Klapac	T. Szott
8	P/C Sevald	M. Gardner (jr)	J. Kotcher	T. Dunigan	J. Schebil
9	M. Pusateri	B. Pienta	T. Marini	B. Cross	J. Krause
10	D. Vosler	S. Oliver (jr)	B. Kahl	L. Gierlowski	J. Rener (jr)
11	G. Smyth			P/C Apigian	
12					
13					
14					
15					

## O.D. Weekend & Member Work Schedule

Week	16	17	18	19	20
	<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>SMOKE OUT</b>	<b>GOLF OUTING</b>	<b>POT-LUCK</b>	<b>HAUL OUT</b>
Date	<b>9/4</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>9/25</b>	<b>10/2</b>
O.D.	<b>Miedema</b>	<b>Latowski</b>	<b>P/C Romatz</b>	<b>Pagel</b>	<b>Brian Malik</b>
<b>1</b>	D. McKnight	R. Raymond	A. Archibald	R. Kemp	L. Malik
<b>2</b>	L. Leitch	J. Sweier	P/C Bell	P/C Huntley	J. Mile
<b>3</b>	G. Murray	J. Butler	R. Brown	D. Gronbach	R. Adams
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<b>6</b>	C. D'Andrea	T. Serra	S. Romantz (jr)	P/C Bauer	K. McGregor
<b>7</b>	T. Dean	D. Klicki	R. Mann	E. Romatz	J. Edgerly
<b>8</b>	J. Hogan	D. Hall	T. Powers	M. Winkler	G. Smith
<b>9</b>	A. Heller	D'Haillecourt	E. Romatz	B. Swan	A. McEvoy (jr)
<b>10</b>	A. Vernocke	A. Verkest (jr)	K. Baker	P/C Bell	G. Criner
<b>11</b>	M. Wonderly			P/C Burris	C. McEvoy (jr)
<b>12</b>				J. DeQuick	
<b>13</b>	Pd. Bartender				Pd. Bartender
<b>14</b>	Pd. Bartender				Pd. Bartender
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## The Passing of a Legend

It is with heavy hearts and crying eyes that we have to announce that we lost our President and dear friend Chuck Brockman. He is now welcomed into heavenly arms and with his wife Scotty (Margarite).

Charles (Chuck) Brockman died March 1st, 2015 at his home on Harsens Island. He was born May 28th, 1934. Mr. Brockman was born and raised in Mount Clemens and worked in the Macomb Daily newspaper composing room for 34 years, semi-retiring in 1999, he continued to write the boating column for the paper until 2006.

Serving in the Army from 1954-56 in Munich, Germany he traveled extensively in Europe.

He was predeceased by his wife of 30 years Margarite, his father, Harvey and mother, Roma, sister Janet Grime and is survived by a niece and three nephews.

An avid lifetime recreational boater, Mr. Brockman cruised to many destinations in the Great Lakes and called Lake St. Clair his home port. Taking delivery of their last boat in New York, they brought it back through the Hudson River and Erie Canal to the Great Lakes treating the cruise as a vacation.

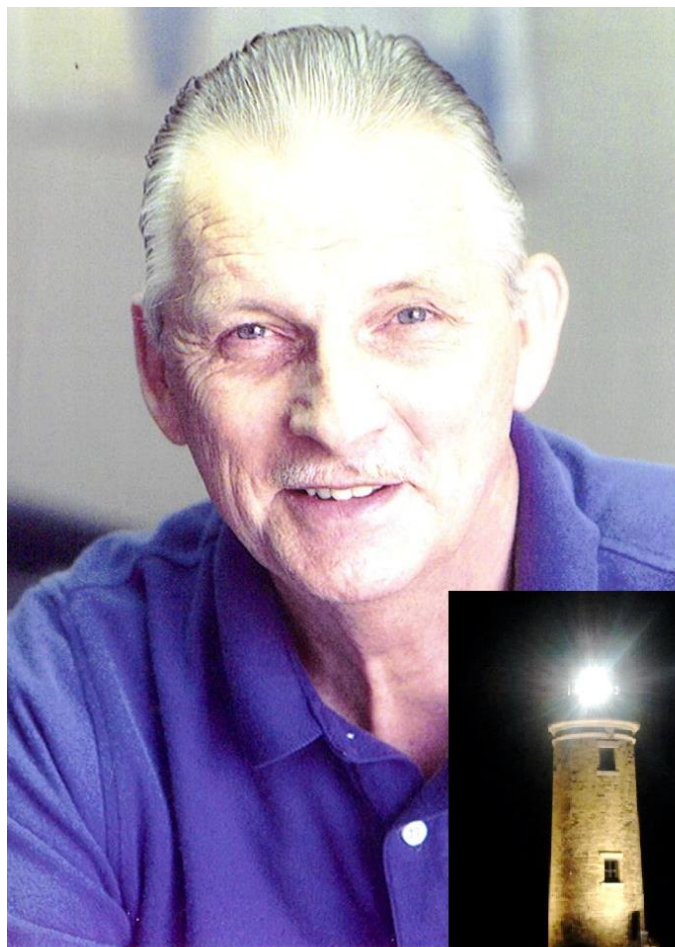
Mr. Brockman was the founder and ONLY President of Save Our South Channel Lights, heading the organization efforts to restore the historically important lighthouses in Lake St. Clair. Memberships in organizations include: Lake St. Clair Save Our South Channel Lights, The Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, Harsens Island/St. Clair Flats Association, Michigan Lighthouse Alliance, Idle Hour Yacht Club, North Star Sailing Club, Great Lakes Maritime Institute, The Detroit Historical Society, Mount Clemens Elks, Nautical Mile Merchants Association, and the Old Crowd.

Loving a bit of adventure, he also liked to fly in large and small planes of every type, including parasailing and sail planes. At the age of 71 Mr. Brockman did a successful tandem sky dive saying it was something he always wanted to do.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Save our South Channel Lights Organization.

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We lost a great man, a role model and mentor today. Rest assure, the light restoration project will continue in his and his families honor. We will honor Chuck at this year's Annual meeting April 25th at MacRay Harbor.



**Chuck Brockman May 28, 1934- March 1, 2015**

"As daylight fades and shimmering crystals surround me, I hear the advance then retreat of never ending seas and in the distance I faintly see the outline of my purpose, for mine is to guide."

May his spirit and his lighthouses forever shine.

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Please join us for our Annual SOSCL Meeting, Membership Drive and Celebration on Saturday, April 25th at MacRay Harbor located at 30675 N. River Road in Harrison Township at 6 p.m.

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## SOSCL DUES RENEWAL TIME

It's dues renewal time. You will find a renewal envelope inserted in this *Range Lights* newsletter. We ask you to please stay with us during these tough times, we have worked very hard to make this restoration happen and we can't stop working now.

If you are a life member, of course there is no need to contribute. If you know of anyone that would like to join the effort to save the Range Lights, please tell them about SOSCL and direct them to our web site. We have membership options to fit every budget, ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 Life membership. Thank you!

Rob Schoenmann  
SOSCL Director and Range Lights Editor



Chuck Standing in the Rear Light Doorway

## EDITORS MESSAGE



I truly hope you make our Annual Meeting and Membership Drive at MacRay on April 25<sup>th</sup>, I look forward to seeing everyone and sharing the memories we had with Chuck and the Range Lights.

## Truly Thankful for Everything, Chuck and Scotty

I met Chuck and Scotty at the 2000 Spring Metro Boat Show in the main tent, the lakestclair.net booth was located down from the SOSCL booth. When we spoke we shared our passion for the lake, boating and making the lake a better place. We developed a bond that couldn't be broken.

That weekend I made an alliance to join the mission to help restore the Range Lights. Chuck has done fascinating work and I wanted to be a part of history. I grew to respect and love this man like he was my father. It was an honor to work side by side with him and accomplish so many amazing things. For that Chuck, I truly thank you! From the bottom of my heart, you made my life richer in so many ways.

With Chuck's nurturing the SOSCL team became a family, we all support one another and Chuck inspired us to share his vision. He encouraged us to use our life passions and skills to help bring the Range Lights back to life. To this day we are here for each other and truly miss the man who brought us all together.

This 2015 Range Lights News Letter volume 23 is dedicated to Chuck Brockman. Your passion over the years inspired a group of us to do great things and be a part of something bigger than ourselves, something generations will be able to appreciate.

Rob Schoenmann  
SOSCL Director and Range Lights Editor



SOSCL Board of Directors



Chuck and Rob Accepting the Governors Award



2014 was certainly a productive year for restoration progress at the South Channel Lights, and I am very excited to share the success stories with you. One of our goals last year was to build a bench on the rear island to better accommodate visitors and provide a back drop for wedding photos and other activities.

My friend Craig from Xtreme Remodeling answered the call once again. In June I took my team of volunteers out to the lights, and using materials donated by Johns Lumber, we built a beautiful and functional cedar bench that enhances the island and provides a place to sit and enjoy the scenery. Thanks Craig Cova, Mathew McGreehan, Dean West and Dave Kowachek for your help and dedication to the cause!

The other enhancement that we wanted to make was to move one of the huge limestone blocks that was left over from the rear light restoration, and use it for an additional step into the rear light. The first step from the ground was a big one and we wanted to improve upon the safety aspect of that situation. However that limestone block weighed 600-700 pounds and was going to be a challenge to move. On one of our trips out to mow and maintain the grounds, we decide to see if we could use science and the methods of the Egyptians to move that chunk of rock. We used levers, boards and pry bars to begin the movement of the block. After some friendly debate we came up with a method of lifting, sliding and flipping the stone. To be honest, I was skeptical that we were going to accomplish the task. However little by little we honed our methods, and before long we had our new step very close to the front patio. We figured out exactly where we wanted it and with one end over end flip and a ground shaking thump we had a new step! It looks great and we no longer have to take that first big step into the light.

Now I would like to share the most exciting major accomplishment of 2014 in support of our restoration goals. In 2013 the Save Our South Channel Lights organization received a matching grant from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). This grant was in the amount of \$60,000 and had to be focused on very specific improvements as approved by the State. We targeted a much needed stabilization project at the front light. Our ultimate goal is to straighten the light and completely preserve it for the future. To straighten it, the root cause of the problem has to be addressed which is a failing foundation. The first step in the project is to stabilize the structure in order to lift it off of the old foundation and build a new one. The scope of the project that we accomplished in 2014 was to strip off the yellow paint that was added to the structure in the 1960s. Then every mortar seam was ground out and all structural cracks were repaired using steel staples. Furthermore, all missing bricks were replaced. Finally the entire structure was freshly repointed. In addition the interior of the tower was cross braced to prepare the tower to be lifted off of the base. The actual straightening will be another project after we have raised the appropriate funds. Here is a timeline of the activities at the front light:

6-12-2014: Received the following documents for review and approval from our Architect firm:

- Bidding Drawings
- Bidding Specs
- Bidding Requirements
- Invitation to Bid

7-7-2014: SOSCL provided approval of the Bid Package. SOSCL submitted the advertising plan to the State Historic Preservation Office.

7-13-2014: SOSCL Placed Request for Bid ads in the legal section of the following 3 publications:

- The Macomb Daily (Sunday Edition)
- The Heritage (Sunday Edition)
- The Port Huron Times Herald (Sunday Edition)

7-14-2014: Began the process of receiving bids.

7-20-2014 I took contractor representatives to the lights in my boat for a detailed walk through of the work to be performed.

8-6-2014: Deadline for Bids. We held a bidders meeting and began the process of evaluating bids. We received bids from the following three companies:

- National Restoration Incorporated
- Mihm Enterprises
- Grunwell Cashero

8-21-2014: SOSCL provided feedback to SHPO about the bids that were received.

National Restoration was the low bidder and was selected as the contractor for the project.

9-3-2014: Notified bidders about contract award.

9-10-2014: Submitted draft contract to SHPO for review before signing with winning bidder.

9-30-2014: I took John Fletcher from National Restoration Inc. and Brandon Frisk our Architect from Quinn Evans out to the front light in my boat for a detailed site survey. The good news is that after viewing the structure inside and out, they both agreed that there were no surprises and that the structure was relatively sound. We walked through every aspect of the project and John estimated that the work would take approximately 7-10 days on site. John obtained a mortar sample and sent it off to a lab so that a perfect match could be formulated.

10-14-2014: We received confirmation that the final contract had been sent out for signature.

10-14-2014: We received confirmation that National Restoration would begin the work on Monday October 20th at first light.

10-20-2014: On-site restoration work begins.

11-7-2014: Front Light work completed.

11-12-2014: Performed on-site inspection of the completed work.

The completion of this project is tangible progress toward the ultimate goal of straightening the light. This work will ensure that the structure will be stable while we continue to raise funds for the next phase. It was an enjoyable experience to work with Bryan Lijewski and Joelle Letts with the State Historic Preservation Office. Their help and support during this process is much appreciated. The National Restoration team was a pleasure to work with and they did a really great job.



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I learned a lot from the entire team, and we all learned more about the history of the lights during this project. It was always a mystery as to why the front tower had been painted a mustard yellow by the Coast Guard in the 1960's. When the paint was removed I think we learned the answer. There are a couple of rows of red brick near the base of the tower that do not match the rest of the bricks which are a cream color. Our theory is that the red bricks were used to repair the tower when it was rebuilt in 1874 to remediate a severe lean just 15 years after its construction. We think that they simply did not have any of the original bricks and they used what was available. The National Restoration team was also able to point out areas of the original brickwork where they could tell that there were various individuals performing the work which resulted in style variations as the tower was built. I never knew that there was so much to learn about laying brick! I am honored to have the opportunity to manage this phase of our work.

As a bonus to this project we were able to do additional fill around the perimeter of the seawall to prevent an endangered species of Common Terns that nest on the island from getting trapped in the gaps that existed around the seawall. We worked with Tom Schneider, curator of birds at the Detroit Zoo to accomplish this task.

We are making great progress one step at a time towards restoring these historic treasures to their original state. I cannot wait to get back to work on the lights in 2015.

Dave Bollinger  
Vice President and Keeper of the Lights



Before and After Front Light 2014

## How I got to know Chuck Brockman

Being an avid boater I went to all the local boats shows, and I had briefly talked with Chuck at the SOSCL booth at several events. I thought restoration of the old lights was a noble and exciting idea. Flash forward to 2005 when the major restoration of the rear light was completed. I saw a posting on Lakestclair.net requesting a volunteer to cut the weeds on the island. I called up Chuck and told him I would be happy to get involved. My son Alex and I began making trips out to the island to take care of the grounds. Our adventures became an incredible father-son bonding experience.

We were very happy to be able to contribute to the cause, and we enjoyed keeping the grounds neat and tidy. Then our family experienced a bit of a tragedy when we had a devastating house fire. We were wrapped up with restoring our house, and going to the light had to become secondary priority. I received a call from Chuck one day, and he politely explained that he had been out to the lights and the weeds were getting pretty tall. I apologized, and explained that we had experienced a fire and that we would get out there and take care of things as soon as possible.

A few days later I received an envelope containing two keys to the light house. Chuck had written a note expressing sympathy for our situation with the fire, and that maybe having access to the light would provide some relief from the stress that I was experiencing. I was thrilled to be entrusted with such a gift. When the stress of dealing with our house situation would start affecting me, I would go out to the lights and clean the windows and sweep the steps and soon the world was right again. Working out at the lights became my therapy, and the gesture of being designated "Keeper of the Lights" helped me through a very hard time in my life. I formed a bond with Chuck and those lights that will last a lifetime. I am very thankful to have known such a great man, and to have the opportunity to be involved in the restoration of those historic treasures. I later got elected to the Board of Directors, and ultimately Vice President.

Thanks for the opportunity Chuck, and rest in peace my friend.

Dave Bollinger  
Vice President and Keeper of the Lights



Chuck and Dave and Donated Rear Light Lens

## STAY INFORMED. SAVE THE LIGHTS.



Do you want to stay informed about events and news on the Lights? SOSCL has many media outlets to keep in touch. The official site of the Lights is [www.soschannellights.org](http://www.soschannellights.org). You can view Chuck's latest President's Message, renew or establish memberships and view latest merchandise.

Another alternative, If you have an account or would like an account it is a simple safe registration process, SOSCL has a Facebook [PAGE](#). It can be found at [www.facebook.com/SaveOurSouthChannelLights](http://www.facebook.com/SaveOurSouthChannelLights). Be sure to "LIKE" us! You will find latest info about the Lights and current events.

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Thanks for falling us, be sure to spread the light and tell everyone about us!

Gary E. Strobel  
SOSCL Director

## DON'T BE CAUGHT WITHOUT YOUR SOSCL MERCHANDISE!

It's fundraising time and our goals are ever so important this year. We need to make a strong push to raise enough money to finish the front light. Our current priority is to secure funding for straightening the front light and recasting the lantern room. We achieve these goals through grants, donations and merchandise sales.

We still offer our history book by Jon Ottman/Art Woodford and latest video by Ron Robinson Studios. Be sure to check our website for purchasing options. Reordering merchandise is in process, due to our great sales volume last year. All of these items can be obtained at one of the shows. You may also send an email to [sosclsales@gmail.com](mailto:sosclsales@gmail.com) or call 586-698-8957 to purchase or check merchandise availability. Check out our entire list of items at [www.soschannellights.org/merchandise.html](http://www.soschannellights.org/merchandise.html).

This year we will offer long sleeve t-shirts and ladies tank tops. SOSCL will still offer full zippered fleece and polo shirts in Men and Ladies styles and sizes. The fleece jackets are navy in color; Ladies are pink and a second color added, winter white! Both are \$38 for M-XL Ladies M-XL Men's, \$40 for Men's 2XL. Navy is also the choice for the Men's Polo shirts, the Ladies are pale yellow. Both the fleece and polo shirts are nicely embroidered and tailored. Priced at \$30 for average sizes.

Don't forget your SOSCL t-shirts for a quick cover up. Sizes S-XL are \$15. 2XL for \$17.

SOSCL will also have hats and visors to keep the sun out of your eyes \$15. Previous years stock, \$10.

Need a special gift item for that someone? SOSCL carries books and artwork by local authors and artists. We still have a few "Light the Night" prints by Harsens Island's own George Crown, and a commissioned print by renowned artist Gary Odmark. "Life on the Flats" publication by Michael M. Dixon gives good history about times and shipping in the Harsens's Island area. Rose, Chilluffo, Kubacki, and Odmark are some of the local names of the artwork SOSCL has to offer. Reasonable prices are on all artwork while they last.

Some of SOSCL's merchandise and artwork can be found at Little Camille's in New Baltimore. If you are near stop on in and say hello. So remember....when the cool weather hits or when it's time to tie up for that evening dinner at your local on-the-lake establishment, show off your SOSCL wearables!

## Help Keep Chuck's Vision Alive, PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Here are the 2015 events SOSCL will be participating in:

SOSCL's Annual Membership Meeting/President Chuck Brockman Tribute - 4/25 6pm @ MacRay Banquet and Event Center

9-Mack Merchants June Fest Art & Craft Show 6/06 10am to 5 pm St. Clair Shores

Celebrate the Lake 6/13 12pm-4pm MacRay Harbor & Marina

Antique Classic Boat Show 6/27 8am-close - Algona Harbour Club Algona, MI

Harsens Island Field Day 8/4 10am-5pm - Harsens Island Pavilion, Brown's Park

New Baltimore's Music by the Bay 8/8 3pm Walter & Mary Burke Park

Algonac Rotary's Algonac Art Fair 9/5 & 9/06 10am to 6pm Algonac Boardwalk

Boat & Outdoor Festival - 9/17 thru 9/20 - Metro Beach Check local listing for times

If you know of an event that SOSCL can participate in around Lake St. Clair, please contact [sosclsales@gmail.com](mailto:sosclsales@gmail.com) or 586-698-8957. We are a 501c3 organization and we would appreciate donated spaces to share the word and merchandise.

The front light is stable and ready for the next phase. Without the help and hearts of all our members and supporters, this wouldn't have happened. YOU help us raise the money for matching grants. If various anonymous donators didn't give from their hearts, the lights would not be in the state they are in, and we wouldn't be able to carry on! SO you see, together we all make this happen. We all are saving a piece of our heritage. We all are making a man's dreams come true.

Volunteers make it happen. If you find that you can spare a couple of hours, SOSCL is always in need of good people who care about the Lights. Make sure you visit this year to purchase a membership, our new book about the South Channel Lights, our newest video produced by Ron Robinson Studios, or all three for a special price!

Gary E. Strobel  
SOSCL Director

## A FRIEND AND MENTOR

A friend, and mentor, he was more than just Founder and President Chuck Brockman of SAVE OUR SOUTH CHANNEL LIGHTS.

Meeting Chuck at one of the fundraising events at the Metro Boat show, I didn't realize a long friendship would develop. Chuck became like a grandfather to me since mine passed when I was younger. If you had honesty and you were honorable, you had a friend for life in Chuck. I got to spend a lot of time with Chuck over the years trying to raise the funds for the Lights. With that, we shared many meals. It was fun trying to outwit each other finding ways to pick up the tab. He always had stories to tell and compliments to give. He loved life, he loved people and accepted my family like they were his own. He explained why he started the organization and why it meant so much to him. All the reason to carry on in his honor. I will miss him. I will always remember that tear he had in his eye when we lit the rear light for the first time in the lights history in over 100 years. It marked an accomplishment for him. I am grateful for his knowledge and companionship.

Take care of the lighthouses in Heaven Chuck! Goodbye my friend.

Gary E Strobel  
SOSCL Board of Directors

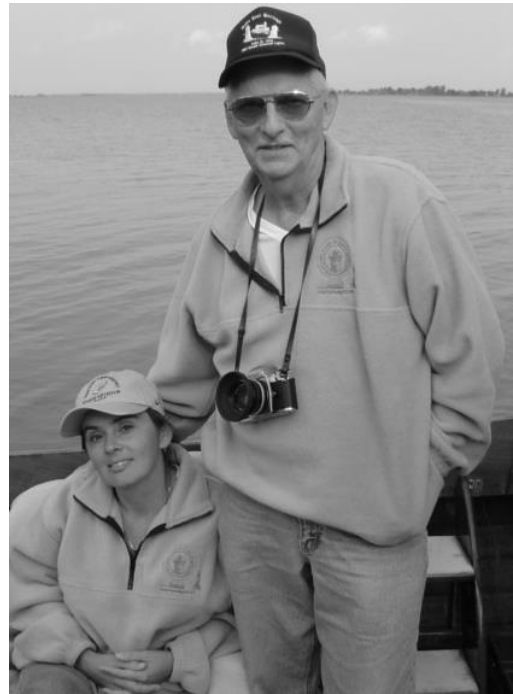


Chuck and Gary Overseeing Rear Light Progress

## WE CALLED HIM DAD

We called him dad, he treated you like family and it all seemed right. His passion for the lights overflowed and you couldn't help but follow his footsteps. I became part of something bigger than just a nonprofit organization. You always felt better when you were around him and he usually had a good joke for you too. He brought me into SOSCL as treasurer many years ago. He was pretty coy about the way it was done but nonetheless I am very honored to have the position. He was always there to help in whatever capacity was needed. He was a wealth of history and if you ever had any questions, he most surely knew the answer. Mr. Brockman you hold a place in my heart that will never be replaced.

Debra Strobel  
Treasurer/Director/Friend



Chuck and Debbie During Rear Light Construction

## FOND MEMORIES OF CHUCK

"I had the privilege of meeting Chuck Brockman for the first time some 20 years ago. Since then we grew to be good friends and since 2001 neighbors here on Harsens Island. I have two especially fond memories of Chuck. First, working with him to preserve, edit and publish the history of the lights. The second is the ride out to the lights in his boat one beautiful summer day and witnessing firsthand how proud he was of our two range lights and of the team he lead in preserving these structures as a part of our maritime heritage."

Art Woodford  
SOSCL Historian

## CHUCK MADE A LEGACY

Chuck made a legacy for himself that he did not even know. He and his wife rebuilt history, history of the lights in Lake St Clair. He spent many years, time, sweat, and love to something he held near and dear to his heart, a legacy to his wife and all those who knew him. I am proud to have known him I wish I could have known him better but the short time I did get to know him he has taught me that history does matter. History makes us better people; it makes us think of the challenges they had before us which will help our challenges in front of us. I hope all of you will rally around Chuck's legacy and help us continue his legacy by supporting the Range lights in Anchor Bay known as the South Channel Lights. Please make a donation to Save Our South Channel Lights in his name and get involved helping restore a great landmark of history. Chuck I know you are looking down at these lights and we will keep them burning in the night sky. God Bless my friend.

Mark Miller  
SOSCL Director

## MEMORIES of My FELLOW BOARD MEMBER AND FRIEND.

It's been almost 30 years since I first met Chuck. My dad kept his boat right next to Chuck and Scotty's and since we were both in the publishing business we found a lot to talk about every time I visited my folks. The thing that stands out in my mind from that first summer all these years later is the twinkle in Chucks eye, his ready smile and his open hearted attitude. We became fast friends.

Fast forward a few years and he had started SOSCL and was looking for volunteers. He had a way about him that made you want to say yes. And I did. My first job was helping with the membership list, I bought my first computer just so I could make it easier. After we got that organized I took on the job of the Newsletter. In the early years we put things together on a very small budget and I called in every favor and donation from my printing vendors I could. I remember working boat shows when the only thing we had was a fish bowl and a poster. Standing in the rain with Chuck at the Metro show one Fall we both said we would be dead before we saw the lights restored at the rate we were raising money. Soon after we got the idea to have some buttons made – we figured we could sell them for \$1. Sell them we did. It was slow going but we managed to raise enough money to get a matching grant to put a temporary sea wall around the front light. We celebrated that victory too!

One of the ways we spread the word about SOSCL was to visit civic groups and boating club. Chuck was so good at telling our story and we raised money doing this for several years. One time Chuck said "Linda I want you do to this next one." I had only been there as a helper and this was a big step. I remember getting up in front of a boating club group and giving the speech I had heard Chuck give so many times. Chuck was in the back grinning with those eyes twinkling. We walked out to the car with a check and he put his arm around me and said "I think you have a new job!" I laughed and he said "no I'm serious, we have never gotten that big of a donation before and I think they would rather listen to a pretty girl rather than this old man!" Classic Chuck; humble and committed to the cause no matter what it took.

We worked countless shows together and one year we were given our very own booth at the Cobo boat show for free. We were so excited and did really well. One night I was working the booth alone, the other volunteer left early and the next one never showed so I left the show that night in the dark and cash box in hand – I had no choice. When I called Chuck the next day to give him the details of the proceeds he asked how it went and how it was working with the other board member. I said he never showed and the line went quiet. I said Chuck are you there? He could barely speak he was so mad. I had never seen him or heard him that mad. I remember him telling me money can be replaced but you can't. Classic Chuck; worried about his team and the people he cared about. We were lucky in all the shows and all the cash boxes the volunteers carried out at night we never had an incident

We had many years when it seemed like we would take one step forward and two or three back but in all those years and all the work and hours donated by many people Chuck never wavered. He never got discouraged. He never quit and he worked tirelessly toward the goal against seemingly insurmountable odds. A lesser man would have quit. Chuck and I served on the board for many years and saw many board members come and go and in all that time he never once tossed his hands up and said enough!

When my Dad died Chuck was there for me. They were good friends and he knew how hard it was for me. When he lost his wife Scotty he became more open about telling people he cared about how he felt. I remember him lecturing me at our frequent dinner or lunch dates to "not waste a minute" and to "tell the ones you love that you love them." He was a night owl like me and we often emailed late into the night, this was before texting. One year he confided in me that he had been diagnosed with cancer, he said "I'm not telling anyone else in the family because I don't want them to worry. Oh and I'm not giving up cookies so don't get any idea about stopping the baking!" Classic Chuck; always concerned about others.

One year I sent him a Father's day card. He called me and got choked up on the phone. After we both had our Kleenex moment he said "I couldn't be prouder to be called that by you." Soon after many of the other board members started calling him that and one time when we were playing golf I asked him about that and how it made him feel. He confided in me that "he was a rich man to have so many people feel that way about him and that he probably didn't deserve it." Classic Chuck; caring and humble.

Chuck was just like the lighthouses we are committed to saving. Standing strong no matter the weather, no matter what was thrown at him, brightly lighting the way. Chuck never took the credit for the success of the group and if the truth be told the lighthouses would not have been restored had it not been for his unwavering commitment. He was a man among many and those of us that knew him and loved him will miss him more than we can describe but his legacy will shine brightly and to take the words from his favorite poem.... "I faintly see the outline of my purpose, for mine is to guide." And he did.

Linda M. Thielfoldt  
Director Emeritus



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## 2015 Boat/US Cooperating Group Renewed

The 2015 Boat/US cooperating group has been renewed. Our members can join or rejoin the Boat/US group which follows legislation in Washington that relates to recreational boaters.

Mention member Group **82854B** in your renewal.

Our thanks to Boat/US.

# TREASURERS REPORT



Deb Strobel  
SOSCL Treasurer

Account	
Cash Assets - US Dollar	
CD 2	\$66,275.52
SOS Channel Lights	\$119,296.10
<b>Total Cash Assets - US Dollar</b>	<b>\$185,571.62</b>
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## Joseph L. Simasko Accounting



### New Unique Up-close and Personal Rear Island Tour.

SOSCL Private Tour to the Rear Light Island, picnic style lunch provided. Limited seating available, reserve your space today.

Coming in July/August

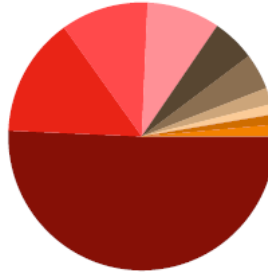
Limited Time Only **\$100**

Contact Kathy Brady  
586-242-6047

# 2014 - Income & Expense Report

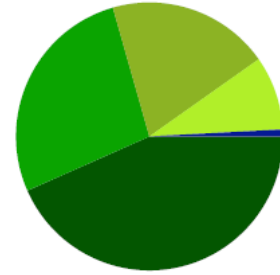
Summary Between 1/1/14 and 12/31/14

**Expenses**  
\$22,322.38

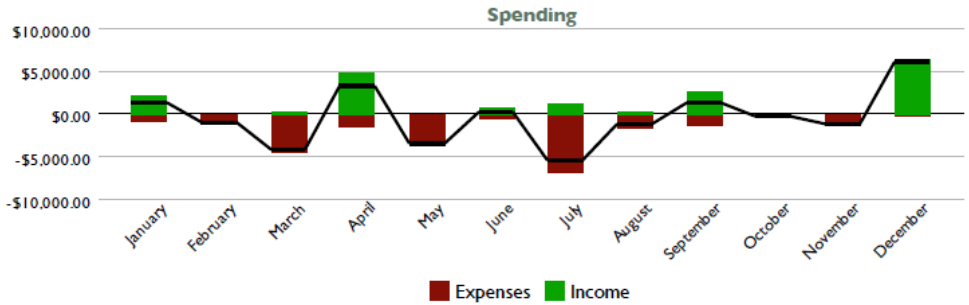


- Merchandise For Resale \$11,316.23
- Restoration \$3,217.50
- Insurance, Bus \$2,362.00
- Printing and Reproduction \$1,979.98
- Utilities \$1,158.91
- Visa Machine Charges \$973.49
- Postage and Delivery \$446.04
- Bank Charge \$279.90
- Tax \$273.07
- Other \$315.26

**Income**  
\$17,913.58



- Donations \$7,770.00
- Gr Sales \$4,873.66
- Memberships \$3,519.92
- Whats In A Name \$1,600.00
- Membership Renewal \$150.00



## Income & Expenses by Category

Category	Total
<b>Income</b>	
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Whats In A Name	\$1,600.00
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$17,913.58</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Bank Charge	-\$279.90
Fundraising	-\$50.00
Insurance, Bus	-\$2,362.00
Licenses and Permits	-\$120.00
Merchandise For Resale	-\$11,316.23
Postage and Delivery	-\$446.04
Printing and Reproduction	-\$1,979.98
Restoration	-\$3,217.50
Supplies, Bus	-\$103.38
Tax	-\$273.07
Tax - Other	-\$273.07
Tax, Business	-\$134.88
Tax, Business:State	-\$134.88
Utilities	-\$1,158.91
Utilities:Telephone	-\$1,158.91
Visa Machine Charges	-\$973.49
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>-\$22,322.38</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$4,408.80</b>



## RANGE LIGHT WEDDINGS

If you would like more information on having a special day on the Rear Light or a unique up-close and personal Rear Island tour contact Kathy Brady at 586-242-6047.

### My TRIBUTE TO "Chuckles"

Chuck and I first met when we worked together in the composing department at the Macomb Daily 23 years ago. I can't recall if it was his candy drawer or his calm and interesting conversation that drew me to him. Regardless, we worked and trained together through corporate changes for several years until he retired. In the beginning, I remember admiring how he had talked about fixing "those lighthouses" with such a passion. Chuck didn't ask people to help with his project. My son and I volunteered. Chuck gave me an opportunity to both learn about this area and to teach my son the wonderful value of giving back through community service. We started in those early days just sitting at the old South Channel Lights storefront on Cass and selling gifts to Christmas shoppers. Jeramy and I share countless memories of unforgettable good times performing various tasks for SOSCL.

A few years later I remember telling Chuck that I bought a vacation spot in North Carolina near my parent's retirement location. He was noticeably upset and commented that I couldn't leave him, I was "too valuable." I'll never forget that moment. He made me feel like so much more than a co-worker or a volunteer. I had become a part of his plan. It wasn't long after that I felt a part of his family. I have cried on his shoulder, asked his advice, shared meals and moscato, and surprise parties together. He agreed to be my back-up father to walk me down the aisle. He helped Jeramy with every step of his Eagle Scout project and Todd & I chose our home on the island to be close to Chuck. He often introduced me as the daughter he never had and I felt it was one of my best compliments ever.

I truly enjoyed going with him to every presentation: every school, Power Squadron, Yacht and Boating club, and every Metro Beach boat cruise. Chuck believed that these lights were a marvelous local piece of maritime history that deserved to be saved. The range lights soon became his purpose. He taught me and thousands of people the importance of this purpose of these twin sisters from their start through today. I learned how hundreds of ships would pass through every day in those early years as they carried cargo to various places around the world. As he would recite it so masterfully, it always amazed me how this one set of lights held such an important piece in the history of our great country. The simple glow of these two mere lamps lined up just so helped to successfully transport the materials needed to win the war and grow commerce for multiple states. From the days of the fur trading, the Griffin, and prohibition, ships were safely guided through the treacherous curves of Anchor Bay by way of the South Channel Range Lights. Over these past 25 years Charles Brockman held an amazing piece of their history as their personal lighthouse keeper as he accomplished amazing strides in their restoration project. I'm so very privileged to have been a part of his dream and his life and I loved him dearly.

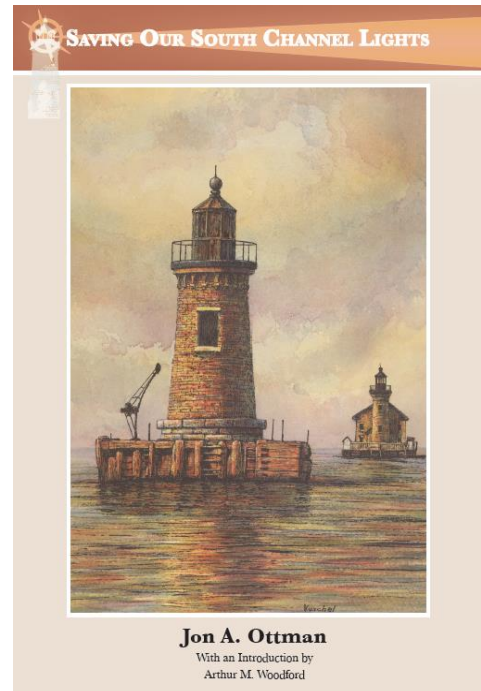
Kathy Brady,  
Secretary and adopted daughter.



Kathy and Chuck



SOSCL Team Preparing Member Due Envelopes



Lake St. Clair's Old Range Lights Book  
**Now Available!**  
Visit [SOSChannelLights.org](http://SOSChannelLights.org) for Details

## Stepping Up

For some time now we have offered name plates for each of the 41 steps leading to the top of the rear light. For those of you who have "stepped up" and purchased a step name plate, we would like to give you a great big thank you! The response has been terrific and considering the economic state of things here in Southeast Michigan I hardly know what to say – thank you does not seem to be enough!

We have a few steps left for purchase. If you or your organization would like one, we would be happy to have a brass plate engraved and installed in the summer of 2014 for you. The name plates will proclaim your support for Lake St. Clair and the Lights to all who climb the steps.

If you or anyone you know would like to set up a memorial fund with SOSCL, we have a special form that will allow you to share your wishes to honor a loved one and make it easy for others to do so also.

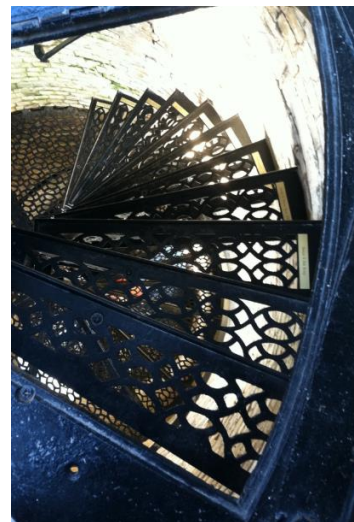
We also offer the opportunity for clubs, groups and individuals to reserve a step and continue to contribute or raise the full amount of \$800 over an extended period of time. This makes it easier for folks to help us, and also ensures they get one of the few remaining steps. This can be an on-going fundraiser for your club or group and we welcome your participation. To find out how to reserve a step and to set up an extended contribution plan, please contact Dave Bollinger. The sale of the remaining steps could really go a long way in helping us complete this project. To order simply use the form on our website, go to <http://soschannellights.org/name.html> download and print the order form – you can then pay by check, credit card or PayPal.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help us "Save Our South Channel Lights!"

Dave Bollinger  
SOSCL Vice President



Name plate installed



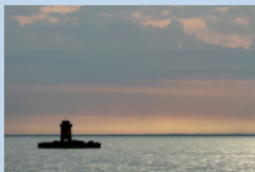
Rear Light steps with plaques installed  
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## "It Takes a Village...The Story of the South Channel Range Lights" Movie

Now Available

Portion of the proceeds go to the SOSCL

"It Takes a Village...The Story of the South Channel Range Lights" tells the story of how these monuments paved the way for the American way of life. Learn how one man's crusade to refurbish these Lake St. Clair landmarks inspired an entire community. To find out more or to get your copy go to [ronrobinsonstudios.com](http://ronrobinsonstudios.com) and don't forget to follow us on Facebook.



To see the video we created in Chuck's honor scan this QR code with your smart phone.



## A WORD FROM OUR VIDEO PRODUCER



August 1st 2012... That was the day I met Chuck Brockman. I was immediately struck by his passion. It was a special level of passion. I was amazed by his energy and enthusiasm, coupled with the gleam in his eye, as he told me the story of how he and Scotty together decided to "Do Something" about those (badly decayed) lights.

He had that gleam because he knew there was much to be proud of. To say Chuck and the entire SOSCL Board, past and present, have accomplished a lot, would be an understatement. Since the inception of the SOSCL, the lights have gone from barely standing, to the re-lighting of the rear light in 2012 and most recently, the straightening and solidification of the front light. None of it would have happened, if not for Chuck Brockman.

I interviewed Chuck several times for my documentary movie "It Takes a Village...The Story of the South Channel Range Lights. After finding out about his passing, I couldn't help but go back and watch some of the footage I shot of Chuck during the production of the movie. As a way to honor chuck I produced a video, taken from that previously unseen footage, in hopes that anyone who sees it, will know at least a part of the story of Chuck Brockman, his wife Scotty, and their work with the SOSCL.

More importantly I hope it serves as a memorial for everyone who loves Chuck. Rest in Peace Chuck. You will be missed. To view the video, log onto [www.ronrobinsonstudios.com/trailer](http://www.ronrobinsonstudios.com/trailer) or scan the QR code on the previous page.

Ron Robinson  
Video Producer "It Takes a Village"



Chuck and Ron at Chuck Surprise Birthday

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## 2015 OFFICERS

Chuck Brockman, President and CEO  
Dave Bollinger, Vice President  
Deb Strobel, Treasurer  
Kathy Brady, Secretary

## 2014 DIRECTORS

**Directors serving this past year were:**

Rob Schoenmann, Kathy Brady and Deb Strobel

**The election committee nominated directors:**

Gary Strobel, Dave Bollinger and Mark Miller to fill the new three year vacancies. Other nominations may be made from the floor by members in good standing.

There will be a directors meeting immediately after the elections.

**Directors Emeritus are:**

Mark McKee, Linda Thielholdt.



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### Membership Levels

- \$25 Family
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- \$75 Sustaining
- \$100 Patron
- \$1000 Life

Save Our South Channel Lights is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that was formed to accomplish the Restoration of the Range Lights. The lights have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. With your help, we will pursue our efforts to preserve these remarkable pieces of Lake St. Clair history.

Chat with us on Facebook:

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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 February 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at Rosie's

**Roll Call**

*Secretary, Randy Pagel*

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by PC John Anderson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Darryl Campbell.

**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Don Reiss to approve the minutes. Seconded by VC Chuck Stroh.

**Motion Carried.**



**Commodore's Comments:**

*Commodore, Brian McEvoy*

Good Evening Everyone!

First, I would like to welcome the NCYC 2015 First Mates Board of Directors! Thank you for joining us for tonight's meeting.

The First Mates consistently provide hours of volunteer time, provide fun filled events, provide support for NCYC projects, and provide support for this Board. Thank you ladies! You are an important asset to NCYC and we truly value your participation and opinions. It is important that this Board respect what the First Mates of NCYC have accomplished and keep an open mind when discussing new opportunities.

Renee and I would like to thank everyone who attended the 2015 Commodore's Ball. We had a great time and we were very happy we could share such a special night with such great friends and family. Many thanks to everyone who helped us pull off this event, and to all of you who came in Saturday morning for set up.

2015 projects are already under way. The Point of Sale (POS) system has arrived! Ian and Marie joined me for our first training session on the system this past Monday. The system is very powerful and will offer us many advantages and new opportunities moving forward. Ian with Marie's help will be writing instructions on system operation and prepare an agenda for training sessions we will conduct at each of the work parties prior to the club opening.

Rear Commodore Pat Carroll will also let us know tonight about the member orientation he is working on for new members, and he will also prepare an agenda to conduct orientation sessions for any member wishing to participate. We will encourage everyone to attend one of the sessions to become better versed in club by laws and rules and procedures.

Thank You!

**Vice-Commodore's Comments:**

*Vice Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

A big congratulations to Commodore Brian and his wife Renee for a great job on the Commodores Ball. It honored the clubs great tradition and was a great time for all who attended.

I was not able to attend the recent snowmobile event, no doubt it was a great time. However, there is still one more off-season opportunity, Midland with ABYA. Sandi and I hope to see each of you there to enjoy your fellow NCYC members and supporting a great cause.

Harley needs our help to get the word out that (2) week manager volunteers are still needed. Please let everyone know that there is still a need and if they are interested please call Harley. It makes for great fun when two or more couples join forces and work the week together. It also allows flexibility to get off the island for other obligations as well.



With the Ball over it is time to focus on readying ourselves for the opening of the club. Approving Rendezvous' in a way that benefits the membership, readying for the Elite Brigade and work party events. Although the cold might make spring seem far away, it's truly right around the corner.

Mark your calendars with the save to dates to participate.

**Rear-Commodore's Comments:**

*Rear Commodore, Pat Carroll*

I would like to start off by congratulating Commodore Brian and his wife Renee for the fantastic job they did in hosting the Commodore's Ball. From the set up and pre party, the dinner, program, great entertainment and after party, everything was first class. Thank you.

If you read my February Beacon article, I mentioned our new orientation program. I really believe this is the best way to bring our new members into the club and make them feel comfortable and welcome. The orientation will be held on at least two different dates, more if needed, and will be at the club. Any member is welcome to attend.

The outline of the program covers the club policies and by laws. It will also cover the bar, the new POS system, and clubhouse, grounds and activities. We will announce the dates in early April. If you would like to help out, please let me know. My goal in developing this orientation program is to make all of our new (and existing) members aware of our policies, by laws, and how we operate. This will allow us to get to know each other in a more relaxed and comfortable atmosphere, without the distraction that follows the May General Membership Meeting.

**First Mates Presentation: President Mary Marini**

Mary led a discussion about changing Sam's room, at the top of the stairs, from a storage office into additional sleeping quarters. She also indicated that any historical documents found in that office will be preserved and stored. Mary also handed out a flyer of possible images of the converted space. **Motion:** Moved by VC Chuck Stroh to approve the change from the office to an additional bedroom. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

Marie Pepin presented the Board with packets with First Mate Information to be given at new member interviews. The packets include a copy of the First Mates roster, welcome letter and an application for membership.

**Financial Report**

*Treasurer, Frank Corcoran*



Due to the absence of Treasurer Frank Corcoran, VC Chuck gave the financial report. Chuck reviewed the financial reports. He indicated that there is \$89,870.42 in current assets.

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Pagel to approve the financial report. Seconded by Don Reiss.

**Motion Carried.**

**ABYA Report:**

*P/C John Anderson*

PC John Anderson was unable to attend the ABYA meeting, so Commodore Brian McEvoy attended the meeting and ABYA Vice Commodore Rick Romatz gave the report. The sheriff department will hold classes on boating regulations at Mac Ray Harbor. With the new law, the rules on the water are the same as on land. There are only four paid officers in the sheriff department, the rest are volunteers. The border patrol will have classes in April. Midland is right around the corner. There will be the rubber band boat races at this event.

**Correspondence:**

A letter was received from ILYA requesting that North Channel renew their ad in their booklet. It is something that is done every year. The cost is \$150 for a 1/4 page ad. The ad will be renewed.

A letter was received from an anonymous donor with a check for \$5,000. The letter stated that it is to be used as needed.

**I. CURRENT BUSINESS**

Activities - Kim Miedema

Kim stated that Rana Shepperson requested money for the Memorial Day Dinner. Kim will contact Rana with approval.

Clubhouse - PC Hugh Vestal

No Report

Harbor & Grounds – Don Reiss



Don stated that he will be looking for two large BBQ's to replace the ones we have. The Ancient Mariners have voted to donate a check for new small BBQ's. Kim Miedema stated that Char Broil will replace all parts for free, for the life of the BBQ.

#### Membership- Brian Malik

Brian reviewed the current membership numbers. There are currently 149 Boating, 26 Non Boating, 50 Seniors, 24 Juniors, 2 Honorary, with a total of 251. We have 5 members on Leave of Absence, 7 resigned and 6 new members.

Joyce Obenhoff, Don Shepperson Sr, Larry Berger, Tim Mazurek, Hazen McCann, Gary Stanford, and Bill Wallace have resigned.

Don Reiss suggested that we send a letter of thanks for long time members that have resigned. A committee was formed to decide how to handle resignations.

Members on Leave of Absence are John Prochaska, Debbie Hagendorff, Larry Ianitelli, Samantha Richardson, PC Pete Beecherl. **Motion:** Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to approve the Leave of Absence for these members. Seconded by Darryl Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

A request was made by Tom Karasinski to be exempt from his work hours due to health issues. **Motion:** Moved by Brian Malik to exempt Tom Karasinski permanently from work hours. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

A request from Nikki Verkest to change from Junior Member to Non Boating status. **Motion:** Moved by Brian Malik to grant this request. Seconded by RC Pat Carroll. **Motion Carried.**

Two new member candidates need Board approval, Dennis Alcazar and Steven Popkie.

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Pagel to approve Dennis and Ellen Alcazar as new members. Seconded by Brent Malik. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** Moved by Brent Malik to approve Steven and Julie Popkie as new members. Seconded by Randy Pagel. **Motion Carried.**

#### Publications- Brent Malik

Brent indicated that all Flag and sub groups (Ancient Mariners and First Mates) are updated in Club Express.

Directors Ian Blackburn and Darryl Campbell need to have their pictures taken in their whites.

Fan out's to the membership are only to be for Club business.

All renewal work orders for ads in the Beacon and roster were sent out the first of February. There are currently 7 verbal renewals with 4 paid renewals.



A discussion was held on giving a 15% discount to advertisers who have at least a 1/2 page ad, and advertise in both the Beacon and the roster. **Motion:** Moved by Brian Malik to approve the discount. Seconded by Ian Blackburn. **Motion Carried.**

Secretary – Randy Pagel

Randy is updating the OD work schedule. The schedule will be out the first week in March.

Supplies- Ian Blackburn

Marie and Ian went to the POS training on Monday. They will be making a training manual for the members. Ian indicated that the system is easy to use and there are many more features that can be implemented at a later date.

Transportation – Darryl Campbell

Darryl stated that he will be working on the radios for the Fins. Fin #1 needs to have repairs to the steering. There will be a need for a lot of help with the Fins this spring.

Fleet Captain - PC Rick Romatz

There is not much to report. There will be a "Save the Date" article in the Beacon for the upcoming rendezvous'.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**Topic # 1** Kim is still working on a survey to be sent to the membership. She handed out a draft of the questions that her and her committee came up with. She is seeking permission to email this survey to the membership. She would also like to have input or additions from the Board on the survey's contents.

**Motion:** Moved by Kim Miedema to send out an email survey to the membership. Seconded by PC John Anderson. **Motion Carried.**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic #1** A request was received from Sand Point Yacht Club to have a rendezvous at NCYC on August 7-9. There will be approximately 15 boats. **Motion:** Moved by VC Chuck Stroh to approve the request. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**



A request was received from Windsor Yacht Club requesting to have a rendezvous at NCYC on June 26-28. There will be approximately 15 boats. **Motion:** Moved by Kim Miedema to approve the request. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

A request was also received from ABYA requesting to have their Commodore Cruise at NCYC on September 18-20. **Motion:** Moved by PC John Anderson to approve the request. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

### **Good of the Order:**

Requests have been made by some members to resume having a list of the names and addresses of "Snowbirds" of North Channel printed in the Beacon. Sue Reiss will make a list and send it to Brent.

PC Hugh Vestal addressed the issue of extreme profanity at the bar at night. A discussion was held. **Motion:** Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to post a sign stating "No Profanity" . Seconded by Don Reiss. Two opposed. **Motion Carried.**

Kim Miedema noted that Aquapalooza will be held on July 24th.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Brent Malik to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Darryl Campbell.  
**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02

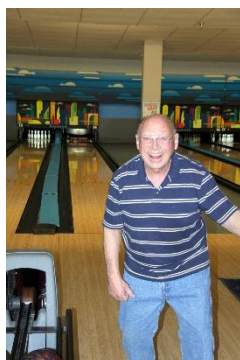
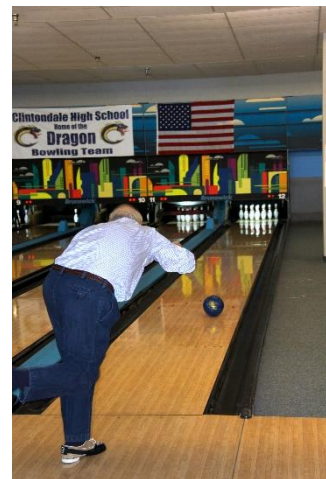
### **Next Meeting**

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Sue Reiss  
Board Recorder



# Bowling with the NCYC



# NCYC SNOWBIRDS



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