

March 2017

North Channel Yacht Club

Beacon



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From the Editor...



It was a pleasant breezy March day in the mid 1960s and on the way home from church my dad stopped at the corner store and picked up a few paper kites and balls of string for a nickel each. As we assembled the kites and cut rags for the tails, he explained to us that March is the windy month. That's when the snow and slush of February change to the showers of April, which bring the flowers of May. He told us it's the wind that makes the change; it's blowing in the new weather.

For over 50 years I remember that day every time we have a nice breeze in March. One day dad brought home a small sailboat on a trailer, something else that uses the wind. For the next few decades I enjoyed many extended sojourns aboard several sailboats. When dad plodded me to settle down, I'd remind him that for thousands of years, "good women have patiently awaited their men to return from the sea." In my case they didn't. When I finally met the Lovely & Gracious JeriLynn, I stayed put.

This month's cover features the living things that will soon grow green with the spring weather that March marshals in. The rains are displayed with drops on the blades of grass. The lucky 4-leaf clover honors the upcoming Irish holiday of St. Patrick's Day. This is also the month of Lent, when we're supposed to give up something we enjoy; my abstinence of choice has been known to put brewery stocks into a panic. I've lobbied many pastors at our church to do Lent in two parts with a half-time celebration in the middle, 40 days is Soooo long. So far I haven't received much support for this one.

Though we prefer to go on the water in a twin engine Tiara, I consider myself a recovering blow-boater. I'll always hearken to the traditions of the ancient mariners in a by-gone era of wind powered ships; when celestial navigation and solid ground tackle were your only boat insurance.

With all the above in mind, I'll invite you on March 17th to take a day off Lent, raise a glass and bellow out a hearty toast, **"The Wind that Blows, the Ship that Goes, and the Lass that Loves a Sailor!!"**

Blue Skies & Following Seas,

Ron

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Director, Publications
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Commodores Comments...



With winter almost nonexistent over the last month, the ice is gone and we have already made our first trip to the island. It was a great feeling to be back on the island, however my elation was soon taken over with reminders of the many hours of hard work that will be required to have the island and clubhouse ready for opening weekend.

We will begin our Elite Brigade work parties in a few weeks. The walkway and door project will be able to be started as soon as we can get the supplies to the island. We always need volunteers to help with the many tasks required every year in preparing the island, clubhouse, and Fin Runners for the upcoming season.

If you know someone who might be thinking of joining our club, now is the time to sign them up. Applications can be printed from our website. Please have the application filled out completely, with both applicants and sponsors signatures. A \$250.00 non-refundable deposit is required and will be credited towards their initiation fee. Please get the completed application to any board member. By joining our club early in the season, we can get all new members info in this year's roster and have them present at the May General Membership Meeting to be introduced to and welcomed into the club by our membership.

On March 12th, the Flag will be attending the Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners Church. The 53 year old tradition Blesses the flags of vessels both large and small from both sides of the border and heralds the start of the boating season. Participating groups include the International Shipmasters Association, the US Navy, the Canadian Forces Naval Reserves, the US and Canadian Coast Guards, Sea Cadets and numerous Yacht, Boat, and Sail clubs.

Also, don't forget the ABYA Spring Rendezvous, March 10th, 11th, and 12th, in Midland Mi. Contact PC Rick Romatz for Information.

Commodore Pat Carroll

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Vice Commodores Comments...



As we get closer to launching our boats, I have been thinking of ways to increase our membership for the enjoyment of boating and the enhancement of NCYC. I found an old article from Boat U.S. magazine from April of 2016 and would like to list some highlights that may pertain to our gaining and retaining members.

“In your monthly newsletter and on your website and Facebook page, announce lots of events that encourage member participation. Plan dockside “open-boat” or “boat-walk parties” for members to visit each other’s boats and see some cool projects or systems that people have installed. Successful clubs have members become mentors to welcome and guide new or potential club members. Joining a new social circle can be intimidating. Volunteer mentors can be assigned to assist each new member’s early navigation of the Club and its social life – but make sure the mentors are passionate and educated about your club.” Times have changed, yet club leadership and current membership hasn’t adjusted to the reality that the days of people walking up and looking to join an organization are gone. There is no silver bullet that works for all clubs, but we need to “think out of the box” to build member value so our club stays strong.

Club members are thinking of working on their boats, Elite Brigade starting in just over a month, and spring is just a couple of weeks away.

Life is good.

Regards,

V/C Randy Pagel

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Rear Commodores Comments...



With 46 days until the first Elite Brigade and 87 days to opening weekend it is time to get going on your boat projects. Be it, replacing carpets, refreshing the cushions, upgrading electronics or just routine maintenance, the time is fast approaching to get our vessels wet.

Along with readying our vessels, we need to prepare our Island treasure for yet another great season. There is no shortage of projects to get involved with; we need to reinstall the bar with the new granite top, punch in the new access and walkway to the walk-in cooler, not to mention the numerous seasonal tasks and the First Mates annual project. I am always amazed at how much work takes place to ready the club and it would not be possible without your involvement.

Don't forget to visit the events calendar on the NCYC website. It is shaping up nicely and is a great reference when planning your summer activities. Also, make your reservations for the Algonac and MacRay rendezvous, I am sure P/C Tom and Judy McHugh have action packed and fun weekends planned. Your participation is what makes this club the best on the water!

If you are planning to encourage friends or family to join our wonderful club, the time is now! It is always nice to see our Board busy interviewing and approving potential new members so they can be introduced during the Memorial Day General Membership meeting.

Can't wait to see everyone on the Island!

R/C Ian Blackburn

A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...



NOTES FROM CHAPLAIN ART BROOKS

Russ Adams suffered multiple injuries while snowmobiling in the UP. After being hospitalized for 6 days, he was transported to his daughter's home, where he and Pat will be until late March. Their address for this period of time is 1124 Chemung Forest Dr., Howell, MI 48843. Hurry up and heal Russ, hear that Nurse Ratchett is taking care of you. (that's not you, Pat)

Linda Richard's mother, Helen Wiegand passed away February 16, 2017. Mrs. Weigand, a proud mother, grandmother, great grandma, and great-great grandmother was 92 years old. What a wonderful legacy !!! . She will be missed by many. Sincere condolences to Linda, Rocky and their family.

A little bird messaged that Diane Romatz had knee surgery in February. Sure hope she is on the mend. Love her spaghetti and hope to enjoy it again this Summer. Take Care, Diane and do your exercises as prescribed !!!

Please remember these members and all of the others I have not heard about. A card or call to these members may cheer them.

Below is a thought for the season, "An Irish Wish".

May the wind be
ever at your back.

May the road rise
clear before you.

And may God forever hold you
in the hollow of His hand.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Chaplain Art Brooks



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The March 16th luncheon will be at Roger's Roost 33626 Schoenherr Sterling Heights at 1:00 P.M.

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FIRST MATES MENTION

March 2017

Hi Ladies:

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Looks like spring is on its way with all the great weather temperatures. There are a lot of plans and preparations underway for a spectacular year. There will be plenty of opportunities for the First Mates to join together in cooperation of making this a successful and fun time for all.

I am looking forward to helping with the First Mate Fashion Show on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Reservations are being taken by:

Debbie Siwek: D53siwek@yahoo.com
Phone: 586-917-5767

Ticket price is \$37.00.

This is a fun way to take a more active role in participating with the First Mates. This is our largest fund raiser. Please help make this Fashion Show a huge success.

Please remember to return your First Mate membership update and dues by March 31st in time to be included in the 2017 Roster.

Our membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th, 2017, in the clubhouse followed by our annual Welcome Reception.

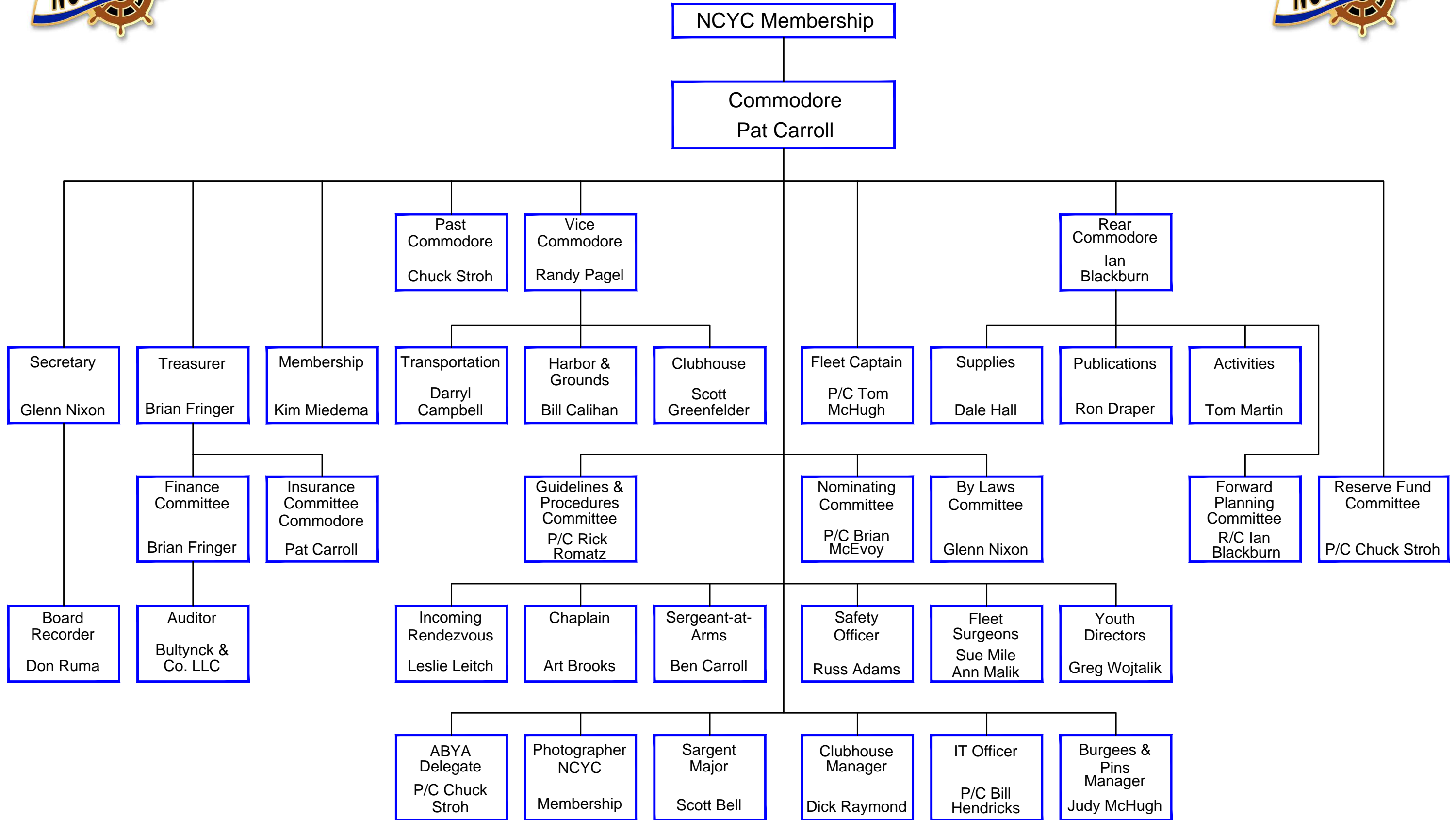
Don't forget, Ladies Week is planned for June 11th through June 16th on our island.

Respectfully,

Colleen Braun
2017 First Mates Publicity Director



NORTH CHANNEL YACHT CLUB ORGANIZATION CHART 2017



PRELIMINARY with OD Assignments
North Channel Yacht Club 2017 Calendar of Events (1)

- January 21 Commodore's Ball
- February 3, 4, 5 Edgerly/Malik Snowmobile Trip
- March 12 Blessing of the Fleet at Mariner's Church
- March 10 - 12 ABYA Spring Rendezvous Midland
- April 15 Elite Brigade
- April 22 Elite Brigade
- April 29 Elite Brigade
- May 6 Elite Brigade
- May 7 **FASHION SHOW**
- May 13 First Spring Work Party
- May 20 First Spring Work Party
- May 26 – 29 Opening Weekend **Fitting Out (OD: B. Fringer)**
27 First Mates Patio Party
General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM
Fitting Out Dinner – TBD
28 Pride of Michigan
Flag Raising Ceremony 1:00 PM
Complimentary Luncheon following Ceremony
Father Steve Blessing of the Fleet 3:00 PM
- June 3 **ABYA Dinner Dance (OD: P/C Stroh)**
- June 9 – 11 **CIGAR/WHISKEY/WINE TASTING (OD: D. Shepperson) DON RUMA**
- June 11 – 16 **Ladies Week Carroll/McHugh**
- June 16 – 18 **RENDEZVOUS ALGONAC HARBOR CLUB (OD: P/C Dickson)**
- June 22 **ANCIENT MARINERS LUNCHEON 1:00 AT CLUB**
- June 23 -25 **Kid's Weekend GREG (OD: Lockhart)**
- June 30 – July 2 **OPEN (OD: Nixon) Fourth of July Celebration**

PRELIMINARY with OD Assignments
North Channel Yacht Club 2017 Calendar of Events

July 7- 9 **OPEN (OD: Martin)** (fireworks in Lexington)

July 9 – 14 **Commodore's Cruise to Mackinaw Island**

July 14 – 16 **Ancient Mariner's Meat Mania (OD: Miedema)**

JULY 20 ANCIENT MARINERS LUNCHEON 1:00 AT CLUB

July 21 – 23 **CHRISTMAS IN JULY (OD: P/C McHugh) TURKEY DINNER**

July 28 – 30 **FLOAT DOWN (OD: B. Carroll, K. Verkest) BOB/JOHN**

August 4 – 6 **Karaoke (OD: R/C Blackburn)**

August 11 – 13 **OPEN (OD: Calihan)**

AUGUST 17 ANCIENT MARINERS LUNCHEON 1:00 AT CLUB

August 18 – 20 **RENDEZVOUS (OD: Campbell) MACRAY HARBOR - THUNDERBIRDS AIRSHOW**

August 25 – 27 **POT LUCK Swan/Pagel (OD: V/C Pagel)**

September 1 – 4 **Labor Day Weekend (OD: Draper)**

2 General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM Meet the Candidates
P/C Beer Bust after Meeting hot dogs/hamburgers

3 First Mates Dinner

September 8 – 10 **OPEN (OD: P/C McEvoy)**

September 11 **ABYA GMM First Mates Dinner**

September 15 – 17 **(OD: P/C Romatz) RAY FOGG CONCERT ON FRIDAY, 15TH**

SEPTEMBER 21 ANCIENT MARINERS LUNCHEON 1:00 AT CLUB

September 22 – 24 **SMOKE ON THE WATER BBQ COOK OFF (OD: Latowski) GLICK/HART**

September 30 **Commodore's Clays Competition at NMSC (OD: Greenfelder)**

October 6 – 8 **Haul Out Weekend (OD: Hall)**

7 General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM

7 Haul Out Dinner

8 First Mates Haul Out Breakfast

October 14 **Fall Work Party**

October 21 **Fall Work Party**

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First Mates of North Channel Yacht Club

Dear First Mates,

I have been appointed by our President Linda Pagel to chair the 2017 First Mates By-Law Committee.

The Purpose of the Committee will be to review the current First Mates By-Laws and ensure they are inline with the new NCYC By-Laws.

I would like to invite any current First Mates to join our committee who are interested in helping with our 2017 By-Law “review”. I am hoping to form a committee of four.

The plan would be to set up monthly “Skype” meetings throughout the winter and hold in person meetings during the summer. *To join the committee, you would need to have access to Skype, as this will be the medium used during the winter months.*

If you have interested, please contact me at mariejospepin@gmail.com

Again thank you, I truly look forward to working with you.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE 2017 FLEET CAPTAINS

Hello North Chanel Yacht Club:

Special arrangements have been made (with the help of P/C Rick and Jill Romatz-Thank You!) for the NCYC August 19-21, 2017 Rendezvous at MacRay Harbor. MacRay Harbor is the premier spot to see the Thunderbirds at the Selfridge 2017 Air Show. Please see flyer below.

On January 2, 2017 after 10:00 a.m., you will need to call MacRay Member Services (Tammy or Anne) at (586) 468-1900, ext. 434 or 443 and reserve your well. You will need to pay for your well when making your reservation (\$2.25/ft.). Space is limited to 20 plus wells, so if you are interested, please call AFTER January 2, 2017 to reserve your well. More details regarding activities for the weekend will follow, but you can bet that it will be a fun filled weekend!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact P/C Tom or Judy McHugh at (586) 465-7777 or email: tgmchugh@yahoo.com

Thank you,

Tom and Judy McHugh

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2017 NCYC Rendezvous Schedule

Dear NCYC Members: Below is a list of rendezvous events that are scheduled for 2017. Plans are being finalized and will be published as soon as possible.

June 16, 17 & 18, 2017

Our first rendezvous is at Algonac Harbor Club. For well reservations, please call Cassandra or Susan at (810) 794-4448. The wells are \$55.00 per night and we recommend that you make your reservations now. The daily event program will be out as soon as the plans are finalized.

July 21, 22 & 23, 2017

Our second rendezvous is at NCYC. Christmas in July has been brought back by popular demand with a visit from Santa. More details to follow.

August 18, 19 & 20, 2017

Our third rendezvous is at MacRay Harbor. The Thunderbirds will be performing this weekend at Selfridge Air Base. This is a premier place to watch this air show.

Please call MacRay Member Services (Tammy or Anne) at (586) 468-1900, ext. 434 or 443 and reserve your well. You will need to pay for your well when making your reservation (\$2.25/ft.). Space is limited to 20 plus wells, so if you are interested, please call and reserve your well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact P/C Tom or Judy McHugh at

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Anchors away,

Tom and Judy McHugh



**North Channel Yacht Club
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
12 January 2017**



Call to Order

Commodore, Pat Carroll

Commodore Pat Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held at MacRay's.

Roll Call

Secretary, Glenn Nixon

FLAG OFFICERS		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Commodore	Pat Carroll	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vice Commodore	Randy Pagel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rear Commodore	Ian Blackburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DIRECTORS				
Transportation	Darryl Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Harbor & Grounds	Bill Calihan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Activities	Tom Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Treasurer	Brian Fringer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Publications	Ron Draper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Secretary	Glenn Nixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Membership	Kim Miedema	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Supplies	Dale Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Club House	Scott Greenfelder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE	P/C Chuck Stroh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
APPOINTED POSITIONS				
Fleet Captain	P/C Tom McHugh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Excused</i>
Board Recorder	Don Ruma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Swearing in of Flag Officers and Board of Directors

Chaplain, Art Brooks

The 2017 Flag Officers and Board of Directors were officially sworn in by the NCYC Chaplain. The ceremonial swearing in will take place at the 2017 Commodore's Ball on 21 January 2017 in front of the membership. Additional comments from the Chaplain focused on the importance for the Flag Officers and the Board of Directors as the standard bearers of the club to "act in a manner that is a credit to you and the club membership."

Approval of Agenda

All

MOTION: Moved by Bill Calihan and seconded by Darryl Campbell to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

All

MOTION: Moved by Scott Greenfelder and seconded by Tom Martin to approve the 10 December 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried**



Commodore's Comments

Commodore, Pat Carroll

This meeting is the first official function of 2017 for NCYC. I would like to welcome each of you to this meeting, whether here at Mac Ray's or elsewhere. I would also like to welcome and thank Art Brooks for attending tonight's meeting to officiate the swearing in of NCYC's 2017 Board and Flag. Please be reminded of Art's words, they spell out what we are required to do as board members. We need to set our personal agendas aside and work towards the good of the club and its members.

If we work together as a united board, we can make 2017 a year that is remembered for what we accomplish, not for what we do.

Vice-Commodore's Comments

Vice Commodore, Randy Pagel

I would like to welcome the new and returning Board Members. I look forward to working with Pat as Commodore and Ian as Rear Commodore. I also want to thank P/C Chuck for last year and congratulate him on being our newest P/C. There's about 16 weeks until we get the boats back in the water and can have fun again. I look forward to a great year.

Rear-Commodore's Comments

Rear Commodore, Ian Blackburn

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2017 board. We were voted in to take care of the club's business. I just want to remind you to take our work seriously but take ourselves lightly. Let's have some fun along the way, have a good time and make 2017 a good year.

Financial Report

Treasurer, Brian Fringer

The financial report was distributed via e-mail and summarized.

December revenue was \$2,203 and expenses were \$4,239 for a net loss of \$2,035; this was due to a catch up for the appreciation dinner which is a normal loss for December.

MOTION: Moved by V/C Randy Pagel and seconded by Darryl Campbell to approve the Financial Report. **Motion Carried**

Discussion occurred regarding bank change from First Merit Bank to Fifth Third to set up new checking accounts for Directors. Research the ability to secure future loans through Fifth Third Bank based on our club status before the First Merit accounts are completely closed.

MOTION: Moved by V/C Randy Pagel and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to transition from First Merit Bank to Fifth Third Bank. **Motion Carried**

ABYA Report

P/C Chuck Stroh

P/C Chuck Stroh deferred to Commodore Pat Carroll to summarize information from the last ABYA meeting:

The ABYA started a Mentor Program where each ABYA Officer is assigned to educate and guide 3-4 clubs regarding the ABYA. Our Mentor will be Craig Skupny; he will attend one of our board meetings in the next few months.

Detroit Boat Show tickets are available for half price by contacting ABYA. The ABYA Spring Rendezvous is 10-12 March in Midland; reservations are needed by 6 February, and Jill Romatz is the contact. The ABYA Spring Dinner Dance is 3 June at NCYC. Scott Greenfelder will forward the flyers for the ABYA events to the Flag and Board.



Correspondence

All

- P/C Paul Jarvis requested permanent relief from work hours. Discussion occurred regarding members with work waivers; currently there are 9 members with permanent relief: the information is available to the board on the website.

MOTION: Moved by R/C Ian Blackburn and seconded by Tom Martin to grant permanent relief from work hours for P/C Paul Jarvis. **Motion Carried**

- The Cox family sent thank you note for the kindness and comfort provided by the NCYC membership for the funeral of P/C Joe Cox.
- P/C John Dixon sent a message regarding the mainland boat well seniority process and record keeping with concern that he was passed by for an available well. He requested that (a) he be given seniority for the next even numbered large well that comes available, or (b) the board consider amending the mainland boat well policy (using a lease date seniority concept).

Discussion occurred regarding the situation and potential actions. There was agreement that the mainland boat well seniority policy is an issue and takes a lot of time to apply. P/C Dixon's letter will be presented to the Policy & Guidelines Committee to work with Darryl Campbell to develop an improved (fairer and simpler) solution.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS

Activities – Tom Martin

No report.

Club House – Scott Greenfelder

No report.

Harbor & Grounds – Bill Calihan

A check to cover the permits for weed control is due; Bill will discuss the potential to use a granular vs. liquid application with the provider.

Discussion occurred regarding last year's new policy regarding 'no cash payments' to individuals or service providers receiving greater than \$600 annually and the need for 1099s and/or W-9s.

Membership – Kim Miedema

So far, we have received \$18,000 in membership dues. Kim requested assistance to encourage people to join or remain club members. Status changes were discussed.

Don Reiss would like to rescind his request to go from Boating to Non-Boating.

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to allow Don Reiss to remain a Boating Member. **Motion Carried**

Tom Ford and Jerry Snowden sent requests to go on Leave of Absence (LOA).

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema and seconded by V/C Randy Pagel to accept the requests from Tom Ford and Jerry Snowden to go on LOA. **Motion Carried**

Archie Archibald sent a request to go from Boating to Non-Boating.

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema and seconded by Bill Calihan to accept the requests from Archie Archibald to go from Boating to Non-Boating. **Motion Carried**

Austin Brigman has requested to become a Junior Member; no vote was required.



Three Junior Members are at the threshold to become members: Hanna Clinard, Scott Oliver and Nick Watson.

Resignation letters were received from Bill Szkodzinski, Brett Kahl, P/C Pete Beecherl (Member since 1991) and Zachary Blackburn (Junior Member). There has been a total of 9 resignations for 2017.

Secretary Glenn Nixon will have plaques prepared for P/C Pete Beecherl and Don Gower (who resigned last year) to commemorate their years as club members.

Interview packages will be prepared by next meeting for the following people on the waiting list: Stewart Ireland III, Andrew Housey, Scott Goemmel, Sharon Sheroski, Paul Urbano and David Tye.

Gary Smyth and Phil Maniaci are expected to return from LOA. Other 2016 LOAs that will be contacted are: Tony Serra, James Sterling, Ron Kahl, and Eric Hagendorf.

Publications – Ron Draper

Ron stated that he appreciates the appointment as the Publications Director. The January Beacon went out yesterday; Ron will plan on putting Beacons out early each month after receiving author submissions. The Flipping Book invoice is due and will be paid.

Roster submissions from the Board would be appreciated as soon as possible so that it can be completed by the end of March and sent to the printer by 1 May 2017. Updated By-Laws and other documents will be prepared and sent to Ron for inclusion into the Roster. Kim Miedema reminded the new Directors to get their pictures taken as soon as possible to be included in the Roster.

P/C Chuck Stroh noted that the January Beacon was released without recognizing Jill Romatz as the December 2016 Member of the Month; a Fan-Out will be sent to remedy the oversight.

Secretary – Glenn Nixon

Glenn also stated his appreciation for his assignment as Secretary. Commodore Pat Carroll stated that he would like to have all committee members identified by the chairmen so that they can be approved at next month's meeting.

Every weekend has an OD identified. Glenn will reach out to the ODs in the next few weeks to determine any preferences on their crews. Discussion was held regarding the timing of posting the work schedule; it was recommended that the schedule in the roster be posed as a DRAFT unless it is finalized.

Work hours available for each weekend as defined in the Master OD Schedule are: 128 hours for a normal weekend, 138 hours for an event weekend, and 176 hours for a 3-day weekend.

Supplies – Dale Hall

Dale mentioned his appreciation for his assignment as the Supplied Director. Supplier contact authorization changes have been distributed. We will need to find a new popcorn supplier since the last supplier sold the business. Point of Sale (POS) computer software updates are in process so they will be ready for the new year.

Transportation – Darryl Campbell

The #1 Fin experienced a cracked cylinder head which hydraulically locked the motor. That caused bent connecting rods and introduced water into the oil. That resulted in advanced wear to the camshaft and lifters. Fortunately, the block didn't suffer any major damage.

Acquisition of parts for the repair will begin this January; some of the parts needed are:



- Reconditioned cylinder heads
- Eight connecting rods
- Camshaft and lifters
- Gaskets

As we are still close to Christmas, the repair costs will be taken care of by an anonymous donor ... and, no it's not Santa or this director.

Fleet Captain – P/C Tom McHugh

Commodore Pat Carroll summarized the rendezvous schedule for 2017:

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| • Algonac Harbor Club | 16-18 June |
| • Commodore's Cruise – Mackinac Island | 9-14 July |
| • Christmas in July at NCYC | 21-23 July |
| • MacRay Harbor – Selfridge Air Show | 18-20 August |

II. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

Board Expectations

Commodore Pat Carroll provided his expectations of the NCYC Board of Directors for 2017:

I want you to know that I am not a proponent of meetings by Skype. I believe that one must be at the actual meeting to grasp, feel and understand the real mood and seriousness of the matters being discussed. Please try to schedule your travels around the meeting schedule, it has been posted for quite some time and it will not change. I do understand the uncertainty of business travel; from 2012 thru 2015 I averaged over 70 nights a year away from home, most out of the country, and only missed one meeting; that was for my grandsons High School graduation in 2016.

I also expect that each board member is required to handle their responsibilities in a timely and responsive manner. Ask the Flag (yes, even me) for help and guidance when needed, but do not expect someone to do your job for you. We owe it to each other and to our members. When the agenda is posted, take the time to read it and prepare accordingly.

Our meetings will follow the agenda, and I ask that you raise your hand to request to speak, and only to do so when you are acknowledged. Have respect for your fellow board members, and treat each other as you would want to be treated.

My goal is to keep our meetings as short as possible while covering every item on the agenda. If you would like something added to the agenda, please let me know at least one week prior to the meeting.

2017 NCYC Organizational Chart

The Organizational Chart was published in the January Beacon. There are three Directors each that align to the Vice Commodore (Transportation, Harbor & Grounds, and Clubhouse) and the Rear Commodore (Supplies, Publications, and Activities). Board Members should address any issues with the Vice or Rear Commodores accordingly so that we can be most effective in resolving issues in a timely manner. The Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Director will work through the Commodore in the same manner. The Flag Officers will get together to share information prior to each board meeting in order make the meetings move quickly and ensure all of the necessary topics are addressed.



2017 NCYC Calendar

The preliminary calendar was published in the January Beacon; a karaoke night was just added on 5 August.

2017 Committees

The need to identify committees were addressed in the Secretary's report. The chairmen for each committee is:

- Forward Planning – R/C Ian Blackburn
- Nominating – P/C Brian McEvoy
- Guidelines – P/C Rick Romatz
- Cash Reserve – P/C Chuck Stroh
- Finance – Treasurer Brian Fringer
- By Laws – Secretary Glenn Nixon
- Insurance – P/C Tom McHugh

2017 Weekend OD Schedule

The Weekend OD Schedule was addressed in the Secretary's report.

Incoming Rendezvous

Windsor Yacht Club requested to hold a rendezvous the week before the club opens; the request was denied as the club will not be opened.

A request was received from Pete and Pam Poirier to host Jefferson Beach Marina (JBM) with 25-30 boats on 16-18 June (Algonac Harbor Club Rendezvous weekend) or 18-20 August (MacRay's Rendezvous weekend).

MOTION: Moved by R/C Ian Blackburn and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to allow JBM to visit the club with up to 30 boats the weekend of 18-20 August. **Motion Carried**

Harbor View Yacht Club (HVYC) asked to visit the club with up to 10 boats (28 to 34 ft. in length) on 4-17 August.

MOTION: Moved by Darryl Campbell and seconded by Bill Calihan to allow HVYC to visit the club with up to 10 boats from 4-17 August. **Motion Carried**

The Cleveland Yachting Club Power Fleet asked to visit the club with 15-20 boats (40 to 50 ft. in length) from 2-4 August (Wednesday to Friday).

MOTION: Moved by Bill Calihan and seconded by Tom Martin to allow the Cleveland Yachting Club Power Fleet to visit the club with up to 20 boats from 2-4 August. **Motion Carried**

Sand Point Yacht Club (SPYC) requested to visit the club with approximately 15 boats the weekend of 4-6 August (karaoke weekend).

MOTION: Moved by R/C Ian Blackburn and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to allow the SPYC to visit the club with up to 15 boats from 4-6 August. **Motion Carried**

The Birmingham Power Squadron sent a letter expressed interest in visiting the club but did not provide any details; the offered free boat inspections and a safety class. A request will be put to the board if and when details are provided.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) asked to visit the club on the evening of 11 September (Monday) for a dinner to be hosted by the First Mates.



MOTION: Moved by Bill Calihan and seconded by Brian Fringer to allow a visit from the GLCC on 11 September for a dinner hosted by the First Mates. **Motion Carried**

Commodore Pat Carroll will contact the First Mates to let them know.

Commodore's Ball

The Commodore's Ball will be held on 21 January 2017. There are additional reservations and hotel rooms available. So far there have been over 160 reservations. The pre-party starts at 4 p.m. in the Presidential Suite. The band will be Soul Provider.

Member of the Month

No nominees were identified.

Good of the Order

Don Ruma asked if there is open consideration to accept reciprocity with the Old Club. Commodore Pat Carroll plans to meet with P/C Edgar Atnip to find out the details of what is being offered before it is presented to the board.

Kim Miedema thanked Dale Hall and Glenn Nixon for facilitating the long-distance meeting capability, and she appreciates the patience of the board while she attends from Florida. Kim asked that the meeting minutes be posted on a website document area that is viewable by the board.

Tom Martin sorted the old agendas and meeting minutes into books. There was discussion that the board needs to do a better job documenting information for use from year to year to make it easier for future boards. Commodore Pat Carroll challenged the board to maintain better records of decisions pertinent to their positions for the good of future boards.

Kim Miedema asked that any email having to do with NCYC (especially FanOuts) start with "NCYC" in the subject line to facilitate searching. The board concurred that was a good idea.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Bill Calihan and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, 9 February 2017, 7:00 p.m. Location: MacRay's.

Addendum from Commodore, Pat Carroll, and approved by the Flag and Board on 30 January 2016:

In order to pay off the member notes on February 1ST, Commodore Pat asked the Flag and Board to hold a vote by email. The motion was made by R/C Ian Blackburn to pay off the member notes on 1 February 2017 and was seconded by Scott Greenfelder. The Motion was unanimously approved and the checks will be mailed on January 31ST. The Flag and Board would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the members who supported the Club by buying the notes.

2017 WEEK MANAGERS

May 21 – 26	R/C Ian Blackburn & Marie Pepin P/C Bob & Patti Watson
May 28 – June 2	Dick & Vicky Raymond John & Shelley Sweier
June 4 – 9	Tony & Sharon Simion
June 11 – 16	Ladies Week
June 18 – 23	OPEN
June 25 – 30	OPEN
July 2 – 7	Robert & Sandra Fringer Brian & Rachel Fringer
July 9 – 14	Kim & Larry Miedema
July 16 – 21	OPEN
July 23 – 28	OPEN
July 30 – August 4	OPEN
August 6 – 11	P/C Ken & Kay Smith Al & Ruth Durand Thurston Dean & Barb Palumbo
August 13 – 18	Leslie Leitch & Patty
August 20 – 25	Frank & Diane Corcoran John & Shelley Sweier
August 27 – September 1	V/C Randy & Linda Pagel Ron & Jeannine Kemp Ed & Diane Romatz
September 3 – 8	Chris & Julie Strzyzewski
September 10 – 15	Darryl & Josette Campbell Russ & Pat Adams
September 17 – 22	Roman Kolodchin Tony Ellul
September 24 – 29	Peter & Norma Frame Al & Ruth Durand
October 1 – 6	Commodore Pat & Nancy Carroll P/C Tom & Judy McHugh

Please call Dick or Vicky Raymond @ (810) 794-4850 if interested in filling an open weekday manager position.

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BOAT PROPELLERS FOR SALE (2) LH & RH

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2017 MAINLAND WELL WAITING LIST

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1	JIM BUTLER (wells 2-6)					
2	CHUCK STROH					
3	DEBBIE SIWEK					
4	RUSS ADAMS					
5	TOM ALTOBELLI					
6	TOM FORD					
7	TOM MCHUGH					
8	DENNIS BIEL					
9	JOHN ANDERSON					
10	MICHAEL LINDEN					
11	FRANK CORCORAN					
12	BRIAN ROATH					
13	HUNT TAYLOR					
14	RANDY PAGEL (wells 2-6)					
15	LOU GAROFOLO (wells 2-6)					
16	BILL CALIHAN (wells 2-6)					
17	RICHARD RAYMOND					

EXPIRED MARINE FLARE DISPOSAL BE SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

As you may or may not be aware, Marine Distress Flares are an explosive. Additionally, they are also toxic and are classified as a hazardous waste material! Yet we all keep them under our helms or packed away on our vessels to satisfy marine safety regulations. The question has always been what to do with our old expired flares. It is certainly ok to keep some recently expired flares on board in addition to current flares but over time they accumulate either on our boats or in our garages. They can be a fire hazard and are certainly known to be hazardous to our ground and water environments. It is not responsible or appropriate to just throw them out for our residential or commercial waste haulers to take on waste collection days. Furthermore, cities, townships and counties will not accept them for recycling or disposal.

Recently PC JD Dickson found that a representative of the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad will take expired marine flares for disposal. In that regard they have offered to pick them up at PC JD Dickson's office located at 8255 Hall Road, Utica, MI 48315. If you have some flares you want to dispose of, please first call PC JD Dickson's office at 586-726-0272 to arrange a convenient drop off time. He will accept flares for disposal through April 30, 2017.



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Anchor Bay Yachting Association Presents the Annual Spring Dinner Dance



SAVE THIS WEEKEND / DATE

When: **Saturday, June 3, 2017**

Where: **The North Channel Yacht Club**

Tickets and Limited Wells Available Soon !!!

**(TBD Cost to Include; Cocktail Party,
Entertainment, and Dinner)**

Arrive by Boat or Car

Watch Your E-Mail For Further Information

Craig Skupny – 586-557-3765

craigabya@yahoo.com

Dress – ABYA Officers/PC's and Club Officers – Summer Whites

Dress - Everyone Else - Floral Casual

(Tentative Schedule)

Patio Cocktail Party: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Pre-Meeting cocktails - clubhouse – 6:00 pm

Short ABYA meeting: 6:30 pm

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Entertainment: 8:00 pm – 12:30 am

Make Sure You Purchase your Tickets Early

By car – take the NCYC Fin-Runner

DETROIT POWER SQUADRON
CLASS SCHEDULE

DPS – EDUCATION DEPT. SCHEDULE

ABC Courses

Mac & Ray's (7-9pm)	DYC	KEAN'S (7-9pm)
March 16 th	April 8 th (9:30am) & (12:00pm)	April 26 th
March 23 rd	April 22 nd (9:30am) & (12:00pm)	May 3 rd
April 6 th		May 10 th
April 13 th		May 17 th
April 20 th		May 24 th
 CHARTSMART (M&R)	 CHARTSMART (DYC)	
May 4 th , 11 th & 18 th	June 6 th , 8 th & 13 th	

SEAMANSHIP COURSE

DYC

September 6th
 September 13th
 September 20th
 September 27th
 October 4th
 October 11th
 October 18th
 October 25th
 November 1st

DYC - PILOTING COURSE – September 13th (tentative) : ADV. PILOTING COURSE- (TBD)
 CRUISE PLANNING- (TBD): SAIL – (TBD): MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS – (TBD)



ANCHOR BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

2017 SPRING RENDEZVOUS

Valley Plaza Midland Resort
March 10th, 11th, 12th

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- *Friday Dinner
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- *Saturday Breakfast
- *Saturday Lunch
- *Saturday Dinner (Convention Center)
- *Saturday Night Entertainment
- *Sunday Brunch

Activities Available:

- *Euchre Tournament
- *Poker Run
- *Horse Races
- *Ice Cream Social
- *Rubber Band Boat Races
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- *Hallway Decorating Contest
- *Pool & Hot Tub
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For Additional Information

Contact: Jill Romatz Rromatz69@comcast.net

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ANCHOR BAY YACHTING ASSOCIATION

2017 SPRING RENDEZVOUS

WHEN: FRIDAY - MARCH 10TH TO SUNDAY- MARCH 12th, 2017

WHERE: VALLEY PLAZA RESORT, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

HOW MUCH: \$ 370.00 PER COUPLE

PACKAGE INCLUDES: Lodging for Friday and Saturday nights,

Friday: Dinner & Ice Cream Social

Saturday: Breakfast – Lunch - Dinner

Sunday: Farewell Brunch

Hospitality Suite all weekend Complimentary Activities Tournaments (some fees)

GUIDELINES FOR RESERVATIONS

COMPLETE & RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO Kim Scicluna ; ADDRESS IS ON RESERVATION FORM

RESERVATIONS: Complete the reservation form below with all required information. Register in YOUR NAME, along with your SPOUSE/PARTNER (ONLY 1) KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DEPOSITS: \$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY EACH RESERVATION FORM.

“NO CLUB CHECKS” - Make checks out to “ABYA”

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Due to the popularity of this outing, the deadline for reservations will be **MONDAY, February 6, 2017**. In the event, we have openings at this date; the deadline date will be extended.

FINAL PAYMENT: Your balance will be due and payable ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, February 6, 2017

REFUNDS: ANY CANCELLATIONS ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, February 6, 2017 WILL RESULT IN A REFUND OF THE MONIES PAID OVER THE \$100 DEPOSIT. THE DEPOSIT OF \$ 100 IS NON-REFUNDABLE, UNLESS CANCELLED.

TERMS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Adult couples only - Maximum of 2 persons per room
NO DISCOUNTS FOR Single Occupancy, Entertainment or Dinner Only Packages

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ABYA 2017 SPRING RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION FORM

NAMETAG (FIRST) _____ **(LAST)** _____

YOUR ADDRESS _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ **YOUR SIGNATURE** _____

E-Mail _____

*****Spouse/Partner Name and Address is required per hotel regulations*****

NAMETAG Spouse/Partner (FIRST) _____ **(LAST)** _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER ADDRESS _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

CLUB AFFILIATION (IF ANY) _____ **(For hotel room and dining room assignments)**

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COST \$ 370.00 _____ **DATE** _____ **CHECK #** _____

DEPOSIT \$ _____

BALANCE \$ _____

COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:

Jill Romatz - ABYA
28312 Emerald Ct.
Chesterfield, MI 48047
(586)-944-9334

Rromatz69@comcast.net or
ksconsultant270@gmail.com



EDUCATIONAL SERIES 2017

Seminar/Class
Members, Friends &
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No Charge
7:30pm to 9:00pm

Optional North 42 Dinner

5:00pm to 7:30pm

All attendees are invited
to the North 42 before the
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Cash Bar
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For Dinner and/or Class

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Thursday, January 26th, 2017

US Customs and Border Patrol and Canadian Customs Officers



If you are thinking of going to Canada by boat and you are not sure about the US requirements or need to complete and submit your paperwork for re-entry back to the US, this open house is where you can ask questions; get information, forms, and help to complete them.

Thursday, February 23rd, 2017

Expand Your Boating Skills Learn About Vessel Safety Checks



An overview of how to schedule a VSC, Preparing for your VSC, review marine safety equipment, government regulations and how a VSC increases your enjoyment of boating.

Thursday, March 30th, 2017

NOAA SKYWARN Storm Spotters



Skywarn spotter training sessions are held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those cloud features that do not lead to tornadoes.

The March Galley Mini Sheppard's Pie



Ingredients:

- 1 box Pillsbury™ refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box
- 1/2 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 4 teaspoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup Progresso™ beef flavored broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 package (24 oz) refrigerated mashed potatoes (about 3 cups)



Step 1: Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll pie crusts. On lightly floured surface, roll or press each crust to 12 inches diameter. Using 4-inch round cutter, cut 6 rounds from each crust.



Step 2: Gently press rounds floured-side-down in bottoms and up sides of 12 ungreased regular-size muffin cups. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until lightly browned.



Step 3: Meanwhile, in 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook beef and onion over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes or until beef is thoroughly cooked; drain. Stir in flour until blended. Add broth, salt and pepper. Cook about 2 minutes or until mixture thickens. Stir in frozen mixed vegetables. Fill each muffin cup with about 1/4 cup beef mixture.



Step 4: Top each with slightly less than 2 tablespoons potatoes. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes are lightly browned. Click the Link below to see the 1 minute video.



The End