

*North Channel Yacht Club*  
**Beacon**



*October*  
2016



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# From the Editor...



Members please read inside this Beacon a special article written by Gordon W. Sheill an old friend of PC Jim Whyard who writes about their past history growing up on the St. Clair Flats (page 13). You will find it a very enjoyable read!

Look inside this issue for the up and coming events: ABYA Commodore's Christmas Ball, First Mates Holiday Dinner, and work party dates. Please enjoy!

See you on the island,

Brent Malik  
Director, Publications



## Commodores Comments...



It is bitter sweet to say that our Island has closed for another winter. The rejuvenation process which leads to such anticipation in the spring begins. I hope everyone had as wonderful a summer as Sandi and I have. We could not have asked for a better time. Thank you to everyone who helped with the operation of the Club this year, the OD's, week managers, event leaders, their teams, and our Fleet Captains. Thank you to everyone for your participation, our activity involvement went through the roof. Our bar sales, slightly beating last year's totals shows how much time the membership spent at the island this year.

The elections for the Board and Flag are in the history books. I wish to thank those who ran for office this year. It is a big decision with a large commitment to run for these board positions. For those that were not successful this time around, please do not let the outcome of the elections stop you from thinking about putting your name on the ballot again. NCYC needs your support for the future.

Congratulations to our New Rear Commodore Ian Blackburn and incoming Board Members Glenn Nixon, Dale Hall, Brian Fringer, and Ron Draper, as well as the Cash Reserve representative Mike Wonderly. As the newest PC next year, I will be honored to serve with this team along with Commodore Pat Carroll, VC Randy Pagel, and the rest of the returning Board. I know they have the memberships best interest and the future of the Club in the forefront on all that they will do.

October was a fun filled month at the club. If you missed Greektown meets Motown on Haul Out weekend, you missed one heck of a party. Thank you to Debbie Siwek and her daughters, Anne and Julie. Thank you to the First Mates for hosting an enjoyable breakfast on Sunday. The turnout was great and every one needed a bite to eat after all of the drinking we did the night before. After the bar reports were in, it turned out that Debbie Siwek was the host of two of the top three revenue-grossing party weekends of the year, with Labor Day and Haul out, Memorial Day being the other.

As a reminder the membership voted to eliminate the November General Membership meeting in November, please remove this event from your calendars. I am proud to be able to say that we have also accomplished one of my goals for the year, which was to have spouses have equal membership rights. I would like to be one of the first to welcome each of you as my peer members. We now have twice as many members eligible to run this great club in the future.

We still have the two work parties to do the fun work of putting our island to rest for the winter. Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be meeting at the Fin dock with the first fin leaving at 9 AM sharp each day. I know I will see a large turnout both weekends. Soon we will join Jill Romatz as she puts in the work of providing the membership another fun filled time at Total Sports with the NCYC bowling league. Even if you do not bowl please come see us and say hi each month over the fall and winter months.

Thank you for a great year,  
Commodore Chuck Stroh

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## *Vice Commodores Comments...*



It's hard to believe we have only one more weekend to enjoy our club for the 2016 boating season.

This last weekend is full of activities, the most important being this year's elections. Please make sure you fill out your ballot correctly and turn it in on time. Make sure your voice is heard and cast your vote for the members who will continue to work towards improving our club. Remember that running for the board and voting are the best ways to insure that your views and opinions are heard. Secondly, don't miss the Haul Out party, it is always a great time.

After this weekend we start the task of closing down the clubhouse and grounds for the winter. If you still need to fulfill your 4 hour work party requirement you will have 2 more chances on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come on out and lend a hand, there's always plenty to do and you won't regret it.

VC Pat

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## *Rear Commodores Comments...*



It's October and it is that time of year again. The leaves have started to turn color, and the nights are getting longer and cooler. Before the mercury dips below freezing, we need to prepare our boats for the coming winter. How sad is that.....

However, I think this summer has been one of the best boating seasons that I can remember in a long time. Every member has had a great opportunity this summer to enjoy the Club and its facilities.

As we approach Haul Out weekend, and our membership meeting, we need to think about closing up the Club and winterizing her for the season. We will need all hands on deck at our work weekends to make sure this gets done. Please look at your October Saturdays and plan on attending these work parties to help make this happen.

Regards,  
R/C Randy Pagel

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# A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...



The Burris' ( Harley and Linda ) had medical issues in September. Linda Burris had lung surgery early in the month and Harley had a cardiac procedure the same week. Both are doing well. We hope to see them both on the island very soon. Hang in there both of you. !!!

Upon return from the Commodore's Cruise to Lake Cumberland, Kathleen McKeown entered the hospital. She passed away in just a few days. She was a beautiful lady who had a great Summer. She will be greatly missed by many.

Mike Breske, brother of Terri Calihan passed away on September 6<sup>th</sup> at his home in Florida after a long illness. He is now without pain. God bless him. Condolences to the Breske and Calihan families. Please keep all of these members in your thoughts and prayers.

## A verse from Deuteronomy 8:17-18

You may say to yourself, "My power and strength from my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord our God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Remember the things we have that were given to us thru God's grace, unexpected blessings, our good health, and our family and friends.

## A Message for Someone Special by Emily Matthews

We sometimes see God's goodness  
in the colors of the sun,  
As it rises in the morning,  
as it sets when day is done,  
But really, He's much closer  
than these wonders up above,  
For He lives in special people,  
and we see Him in their love.



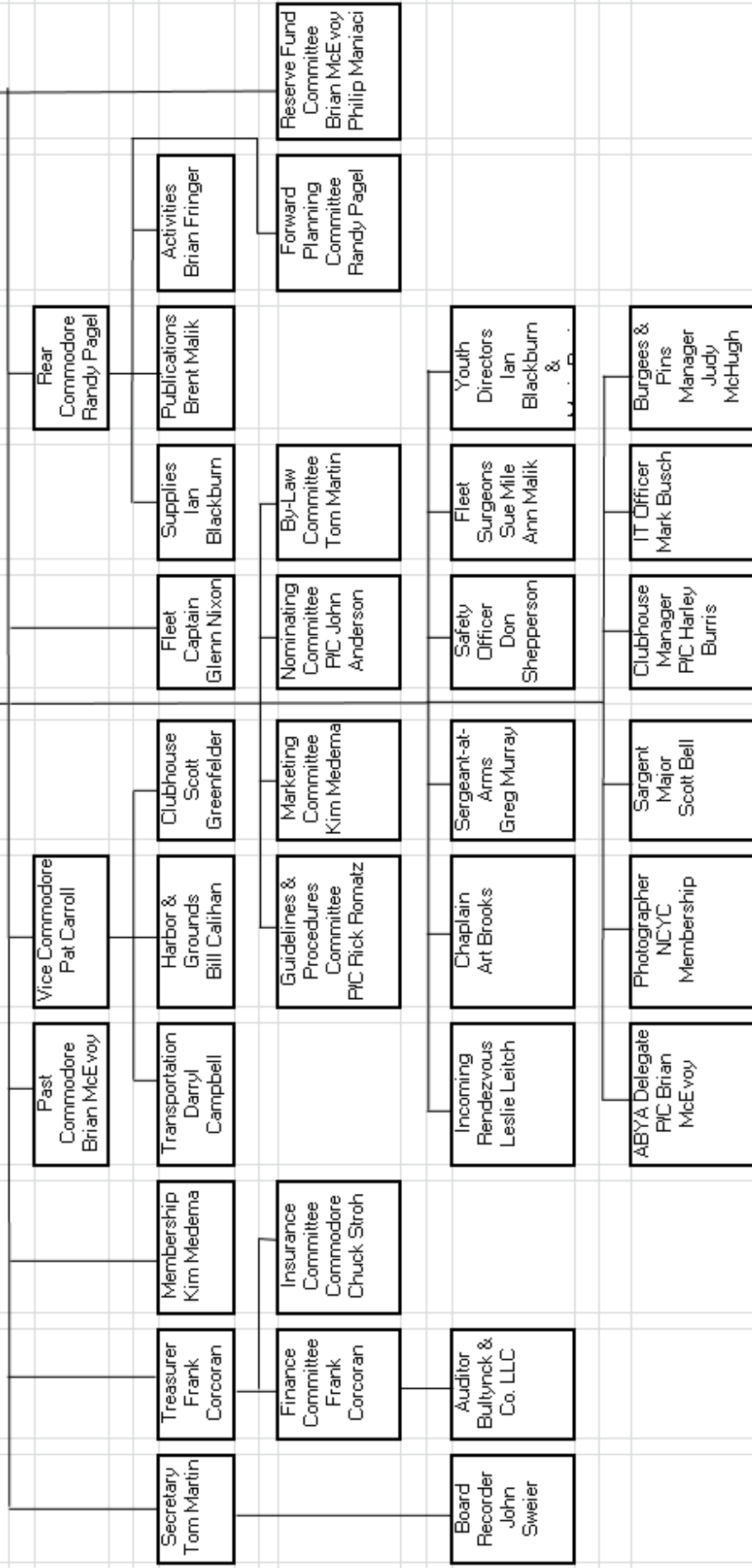


# North Channel Yacht Club Organization Chart 2016



**NYC Membership**

**Commodore  
Chuck Stroh**



## The Boats I knew growing up in the St Clair Flats.

At a high school reunion this summer, I shared about my St Clair Flats years with Jim Whyard 60 years after our Royal Oak High School days. We discovered we both have a fondness for Bill Rose and the St. Clair Flats.

First, there was the "Murmie" that grandpa used to catch smallmouth bass in Mitchell's Bay and duck hunt in the Flats. Then there was the outboard kit my father, Gordon A. Sheill, built for me and powered by our Chris-craft 5 hp. Motor. Later Dad bought a lapstrake from Allen Boats. This 15 year old loved that boat with its 10 Hp. motor.

Dad had a close friendship with Art Champion during the 20's and 30's, even working for Art driving his ferry part time to Harsen's Island. He also drove late night Sunday runs to Detroit in Art's Chriscraft speedboat for young couples using its rumble seat. My Dad and his fiancée, my mother, Charlotte Harsen Sheill, were in the cockpit.

Most of this information has been from notes and Algonac/ Pte. Tremble family memories. My father did a special scrap book of the years 1932-33 when he clipped the Detroit newspapers, and his favorite modeling hobby magazines. As the first college graduate in the family, He would use his architect skills to design the ferry, "Lowell D", that did daily trips to Walpole Island from Algonac. The ferry blue prints are at the Clay Township Historical Museum.

Following that was the sneak boat and inboard that Bill Rose used to guide many duck hunters that he picked up from Deckers Landing in the 50's.

My Dad had a special fondness for Bill Rose. Both were builders of sorts since building plans and graphic designing seem related. During duck hunting after WW II, Dad and another friend would hunt with Bill and we would taste canvasbacks, redheads and mostly bluebills. In prewar years my grandfather had a Christmas hunt with his friends. We spent many Sundays in the new year feasting on Beatrice Jackson's roasted duck dinners.

As I was hunting during the 50s, and grandpa was no longer active with his friends my Dad asked grandpa to come with us and Bill Rose for sneak shooting off the North Bar in Anchor Bay. Bill punted or paddled and we would broadside the ducks as they flushed from the decoys. Bill with a smile finally said to Grandpa, "Doc, would you like to do a sneak with me?" Sadly, grandpa said no with no further comment.

After moving to Downriver Detroit, marrying a Monroe girl, and working in Wyandotte, I purchased a lapstrake sneak boat from Miley Smith of Marine City. Still using my grandfather's decoys I hunted with my brother-in-law in Anchor Bay, at Harsens Island State Game Area and also Lake Erie with its marshes at Pte. Mouillee.

I would see Bill Rose again at the Pte Mouillee fall hunter tournaments. He never seemed to miss remembering a face.. He was a true sportsman and wildlife artist. His smiling face and sense of humor will always be missed.

Gordon W. Sheill      Sept 15, 2016      [gasheill@comcast.net](mailto:gasheill@comcast.net)

**Forwarded by: PC Jim Whyard September 17, 2016**



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There were 58 people at the September luncheon.

The October Business Meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge on Harper between 14 Mile and Quinn Rd. Clinton Twp. at 1:00 P.M.

Next Luncheon will be Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Green Street Tavern, 37700 Green Street, New Baltimore, MI. at 1:00 P.M.

The November Business Meeting is at the Moose Lodge at 1:00 P.M. on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fair Winds, Calm Seas

Archie Archibald  
Ancient Mariners President







# Thank You,

Linda and I both found ourselves in the hospital in October at the same time. We are both recovering and want to Thank the Club and the membership for the many cards, flowers, food, and well wishes. The North Channel Yacht Club is an extraordinary group of people.

To all our friends and family, we say a very heartfelt THANK YOU!

P/C Harley and Linda Burris



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*First Mates Mention  
October 2016*

*Hello Ladies,*

*The boating season is just about over. It has been a wonderful summer with a lot of fun filled NCYC activities. Hopefully you were able to enjoy a relaxing weekend at the Island, or attend an event weekend, a rendezvous, Ladies Week or the Commodore's Cruise and see the great comradery of the First Mates.*

*Perhaps you've noticed that the First Mates were entwined throughout the season sponsoring events. From the start of the season with the Fashion Show and continuing throughout the summer until the final breakfast on Haul Out, the First Mates are actively involved.*

*Of course, I would be remiss if I did not also mention that the First Mates are busy at work on the weekends before and after the Club opens and closes to help with opening and closing activities.*

***Thank you*** to all for helping, assisting, and sharing your time and talents for the Good of NCYC and the First Mates. *Our success is the Club's success!*

*I'd like to extend a great thank you also to the existing Board Members; your 'behind the scenes' dedication is greatly appreciated and your talents are too long to mention, but each of you have contributed to the Success of 2016!*

*We look forward to welcoming in the new 2017 Board Members at the upcoming First Mates Holiday Gathering – Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at Avante Hall. I hope to see you there!*

*Respectfully,*

*Cheryl Moore-Swatosh  
2016 Publicity Director*



# First Mates Holiday Dinner

Tuesday December 6, 2016

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Cocktails & Appetizers                            |
| 6:30 pm        | Welcome - President<br>Entertainment - "Dream On" |
| 7:00 pm        | Installation of Officers<br>Invocation & Dinner   |
| 8:00 pm        | Raffle  |



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# North Channel Yacht Club 2016 Calendar of Events

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Commodore's Ball

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, Edgerly & Malik Snowmobile Trip

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Fleet at Mariner's Church

March 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, ABYA Spring Rendezvous Midland

April 16<sup>th</sup>, Elite Brigade

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Elite Brigade

April 30<sup>th</sup>, Elite Brigade

April 30<sup>th</sup>, First Mates Fashion show

May 7<sup>th</sup>, Elite Brigade

May 14<sup>th</sup>, Spring Work Party

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Spring Work Party

May 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, Opening Weekend Fitting Out

28<sup>th</sup> First Mates Patio Party

28<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM

28<sup>th</sup> Fitting Out Dinner (Vanover)

29<sup>th</sup> Pride of Michigan

29<sup>th</sup> Flag Raising Ceremony 1:00 PM

29<sup>th</sup> Complimentary Lunch following ceremony

29<sup>th</sup> Father Steve Blessing of the NCYC fleet 3:00 PM

June 4<sup>th</sup>, ABYA Dinner Dance (37 Boats)

June 11<sup>th</sup>, Chilling Out (Open)

Birmingham Power Squadron rendezvous 10 boats

June 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> Ladies week (Stroh)

June 18<sup>th</sup>, Kids / Family Day (Blackburn & Pepin)

June 25<sup>th</sup>, Rendezvous Mac Ray's (Nixon)

Incoming rendezvous Dennis Pomeroy & Mt Clemens Power Squadron 5 -6 boats

June 29<sup>th</sup> Poker Run Water Worriers Barb Vanover 2:30 to 4:00 PM 350 people



## North Channel Yacht Club 2016 Calendar of Events

July 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend

2<sup>nd</sup> Build Cardboard Boats

3<sup>rd</sup> Cardboard Boat Races

3<sup>rd</sup>, Cookout

July 8<sup>th</sup>, Concert at the Club (Romatz)

Windsor Yacht club 4 boats

July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Incoming rendezvous Norm Kinsel Middle Bass Yacht Club 15 – 20 boats

July 16<sup>th</sup>, Maumee Rendezvous (Nixon)

Incoming rendezvous Pete & Pam Poirer & JBM 25 boats (15 harbor 10 grass)

Incoming Rendezvous SeaWay Boat club 6 boats

Johnny Lega's poker run

July 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> incoming Rendezvous

Incoming rendezvous Ron Feldner Cataba Island Ohio Group 10 boats

Incoming rendezvous MBYC 12-20 boats

20<sup>th</sup> Water Warriors poker run

21<sup>st</sup> Mt Clemens Rotary club meeting 12 to p.m.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Chilling Out (Open)

July 25<sup>th</sup>, Incoming rendezvous Doug Wilson Ohio 8 to 10 boats

Incoming rendezvous Sun Parlour Boat club 6-8 boats

July 30<sup>th</sup>, Ancient Mariner's Event

Incoming rendezvous Mike Grimm Harbor View Yacht Club 10 boats

August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Incoming rendezvous CYC Maureen Tracey 12 – 16 boats

August 6<sup>th</sup>, Golf Outing (Romatz)

August 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>, Commodore's Cruise Lake Cumberland KY



## North Channel Yacht Club 2016 Calendar of Events

August 13<sup>th</sup> Chilling Out

Incoming rendezvous Leslie Leitch 7 boats

August 16<sup>th</sup> Selfridge incoming

August 20<sup>th</sup>, Karaoke (Vanover)

Sandpoint incoming rendezvous 15 boats

August 24 Lions incoming

August 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Clair Rendezvous (Nixon)

September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day Weekend

3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM – Meet the Candidates

3<sup>rd</sup> P/C Beer Bust after the meeting

4<sup>th</sup> First Mates Dinner

September 10<sup>th</sup>, Watson's afternoon and entertainment

September 12<sup>th</sup> ABYA General Membership Meeting (GLCC) First Mates Dinner

September 17<sup>th</sup>, Smoke On The Water (Hart & Glick)

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Watson's party food & band

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Pot Luck (Swan / Pagel)

October 7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>, Haul Out Weekend

8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting 1:00 PM

8<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale Auction (during the election results meeting break) (French)

8<sup>th</sup> Election Results (With lots of bell ringing)

8<sup>th</sup> Haul Out Dinner (Siwek Girls)

9<sup>th</sup> First Mates Haul Out Breakfast

October 15<sup>th</sup>, Fall Work Party

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fall Work Party

November 12<sup>th</sup>, General Membership Meeting- 6:00 PM



# Member of the Month

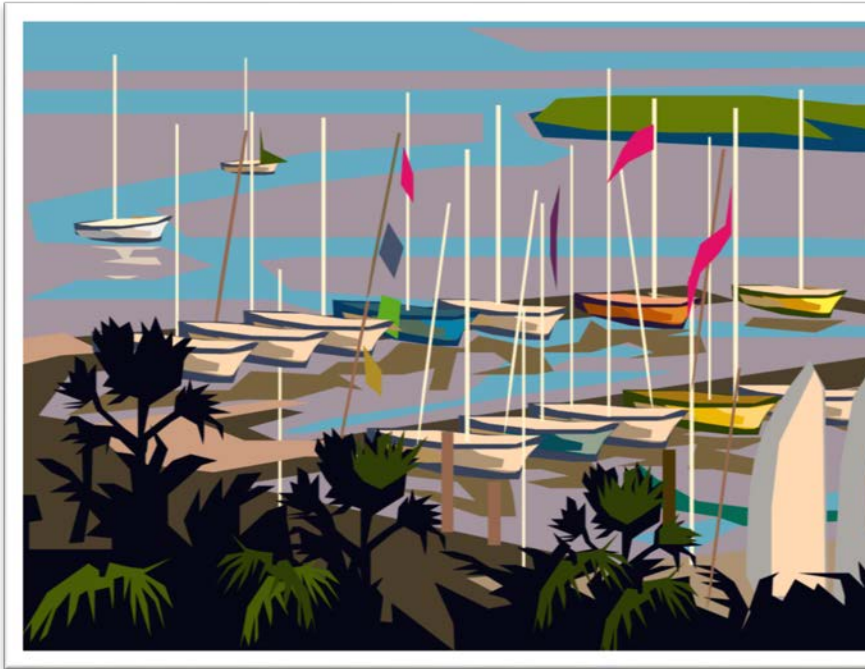
Russ & Pat Adams

North Channel Yacht Club prides itself for being a working club and the members of the month award symbolize that spirit. Rusty and Pat Adams have been members since 2009 and came in running as they have been ever since. If there is help needed behind the bar, piloting one of the Fin Runners, running the Boutique, cleaning the clubhouse, in the kitchen cooking, preparing food or cleaning dishes Russ and Pat are there. The Adams have also been instrumental in running the club as multiple week managers to keep our grand lady open and functioning throughout the season.

Truly, Russ and Pat exemplify the working spirit of NCYC and merit recognition as members of the month.

MAINLAND WELL WAITING LIST  
2016

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



**North Channel Yacht Club  
Board of Directors – General membership Meeting**



**Call to Order**

*Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

Commodore Chuck Stroh called the meeting to order at 1:00pm September 3, 2016  
The meeting was held at [the NCYC](#)

**Roll Call**

*Secretary, Tom Martin*

|                                 |                   | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>FLAG OFFICERS</b>            |                   |                |               |
| Commodore                       | Chuck Stroh       | X              |               |
| Vice Commodore                  | Pat Carroll       | X              |               |
| Rear Commodore                  | Randy Pagel       | X              |               |
| <b>DIRECTORS</b>                |                   |                |               |
| Transportation                  | Darryl Campbell   | X              |               |
| Harbor & Grounds                | Bill Calihan      | X              |               |
| Activities                      | Brian Fringer     |                | E             |
| Treasurer                       | Frank Corcoran    | X              |               |
| Publications                    | Brent Malik       | X              |               |
| Secretary                       | Tom Martin        | X              |               |
| Membership                      | Kim Miedema       | X              |               |
| Supplies                        | Ian Blackburn     | X              |               |
| Club House                      | Scott Greenfelder | X              |               |
| <b>IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE</b> | PC Brian McEvoy   | X              |               |
| <b>APPOINTED POSITIONS</b>      |                   |                |               |
| Fleet Captain                   | Glenn Nixon       | X              |               |
| Board Recorder                  | John Sweier       | X              |               |

**Pledge of Allegiance:** respectfully recited

**Invocation:** By Art Brooks

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion: Debbie Siwek    Seconded: PC Bill Bowers    Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** August 15, 2016 REV. 'A'

**Motion: PC Paul Jarvis    Seconded: Bob Swan    Motion Carried.**



**Commodore's Comments:**

*Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

Good afternoon to each of you, and thank you for attending the September General Membership meeting.

I would like to have a moment of silence in the memory of our dear friend and extended family member Kathleen McKeown whom passed away last week. She will always be remembered in our hearts and minds. (pause)

The purpose of the General Membership Meetings are twofold. First to keep the general membership informed of the club business. Second to allow the general membership input into the process. So, feel free to be involved in the meeting.

I want to thank those members who shared our amazing adventure on the 2106 Commodore's Cruise with Sandi and I on Lake Cumberland. We hope that you made as many great memories as we did. Thank you.

We are in week 15 of our year. We have had a great season thus far with more fun on the way. With the 5 weeks remaining I hope each of you attend and enjoy those remaining events. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the week managers, the weekend OD's and the Fleet Captains, and the event leaders for all they have done to make the season so much fun this year. It has meant so much to me as your Commodore this year.

Later we will meet the election slate for 2016 who all hope to help lead this great club into the future. The slate is a diverse group with many skills and talents that will benefit the club. Over this weekend and into the election please take the time to get to know them better and encourage them through the process. As it takes a lot of commitment of their time and effort to be successful. I want to thank PC John Anderson and his committee for putting this slate together for us.

Don't forget that following the meeting PC Brian McEvoy will be hosting the PC Beer Bust.

Thanks and have a great day.

**Vice Commodore's Comments:**

*Vice Commodore, Pat Carroll*

Hello and welcome. Today, you will be introduced to our candidates for the Flag, Board and Cash Reserve Fund. I would like to thank them for stepping up and volunteering their time and effort in running for their respective positions and I look forward to working with them in the future.

We will also be introducing four By-Law proposals. Please review them and if you have any questions pertaining to them, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than willing to discuss them with you.

Thanks and let's enjoy the rest of the boating season.



**Rear Commodore's Comments:**

*Rear Commodore, Randy Pagel*

Welcome members to the September general membership meeting. It is hard to believe it is September and just 5 weeks left in the NCYC 2016 season.

Just want a brief comment about Kathleen McKeown. I had the privilege of spending 4 days with her on the Commodore's Cruise. She had fun. She played in the water with us. It was really heartwarming to see her and spend quality time with her. We're going to miss her.

I also want to thank our Fleet Captain, Glenn Nixon, and his wife Shelia Nixon for the wonderful food and good times at this year's Commodore's Cruises and rendezvous'. Let's give him a hand.

The forward planning committee will be meeting this week to finalize the 5 and 10 plan.

As a reminder, most of the board candidates are on the island today, please take the time to talk to and get to know them...

**Financial Report:**

*Treasurer, Frank Corcoran*

Year to date revenues through July 2016 were \$240,602. Revenues are down slightly compared to 2015, primarily due to lower membership related revenues. Harbor and Grounds overnight dockage revenue is on track to meet the budget amount. Bar revenues are up slightly compared to last year, and Treasurer Revenues are up due to higher contributions compared to this time last year. Overall, year to date revenues are at 80% of 2016 budget amount, compared to 84% of budget this time last year. 2016 Budgeted revenues are \$303,680.

Expenses through the end of July were \$134,618, against the annual budget of \$244,840. Year to date expenses are up 8% over last year, based on higher operating costs in the Clubhouse and Harbor & Grounds functions. Expense have benefitted in 2016 through elimination of flood insurance cost of \$6,740, included in the budget. Year to date flood insurance is a credit of \$1,952, resulting from refund of premiums previously paid. Year to date expenses are at 55% of annual budget; at July 2015, expenses were at 57% of budget.

On the balance sheet, total cash stood at \$183,100 at July 31, including operating funds of \$101,400, reserve fund \$47,600, and Notes escrow of \$34,100.

Question: from PC John Dickson: how much insurance coverage do we have on the clubhouse?

Answer: \$2.4 million, (response provided by P/C Tom McHugh).

Comment from PC Bill Hendricks, great job to all the directors and flag for eliminating the cost of flood insurance.

Question: from Bert Skibinski how often do we get competitive quotes on insurance?

Answer: every year. (Response provided by P/C Tom McHugh)



Question: from PC Brian McEvoy, is money set aside to pay the \$65k member notes?

Answer: yes, the monies are being held in an escrow account at First Merit, which is funded from NCYC operations each month in the amount of \$5,700.

Motion to approve the financial report: Rick Romatz Seconded: P/C John Dickson Motion Carried

**ABYA Report:**

*P/C Brian McEvoy*

Congratulations and good luck to the candidates. Following the meeting the NCYC PC's will be hosting the 'Beer Bust' and luncheon and all are welcome. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. Please try to have the exact change.

The Anchor Bay Yachting Association is a group that represents our interest in the boating community. It is a Not for Profit organization that depends on donations and fundraising for their operation. This year the ABYA Commodore is our very own PC Rick Romatz.

The ABYA Ball honoring Commodore Rick and his lady Jill is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. . I have tickets available for sale and all are welcome and encouraged to come. Please see me after the meeting to purchase yours as we would like a large turnout from NCYC to support one of our own.

**I. CURRENT BUSINESS**

Activities - Brian Fringer

No Report

Clubhouse - Scott Greenfelder

The building is in good shape for this time of year..

As a reminder, we have a septic system at NCYC and the system can be plugged when anything but toilet paper is flushed.

As a reminder, the fall shutdown is fast approaching and help is always needed...

Harbor & Grounds – Bill Calihan

A special thank you to Tom and Mary Stackpoole for the OUTSTANDING work both have done throughout the year in making NCYC a beautiful island paradise...

Membership- Kim Miedema

221 voting members consisting of:

- 147 Boating
- 26 non boating
- 48 Senior

We have.

- 28 junior



3 are eligible to become members in 2017

- Nick Watson
- Scott Oliver
- Hanna Clinard

One (1) Honorary

Six (6) LOA

- Peter Beecherl
- Eric Hagendorff
- Phillip Maniaci
- Tony Serra
- John Smyth
- James A. Sterling
- John Prochaska moved from LOA to member

Four (4) on the waiting list:

- Sharon Sheroski
- David Tye
- Scott Goemmel
- Housey, Andrew

Publications- Brent Malik

Thanks to all of the advertisers who have supported us thru their advertisements.

Secretary – Tom Martin

The list of board candidates has been finalized, and Ballots will be mailed shortly... PLEASE read the instructions and follow them carefully... your vote is too important to be discarded due to an error.

Supplies- Ian Blackburn

I hope everyone is enjoying the additional selections we have at the bar this year, supreme pizzas, Molson Canadian, Tito's, new ice bags and many others.

As of last weekend the Bar revenue is neck in neck with last year at this time.

So ...Thank you for supporting the bar!!



Transportation – Darryl Campbell

Number one fin has a serious engine knock... it will be pulled first.

Fleet Captain - Glenn Nixon

**A big shout out to Glenn and Sheila Nixon for a fabulous rendezvous season.**

27 boats and approximately 70 people joined us at the ST Clair boating harbor for our final meeting of the year.. Thanks to all who helped..

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic #1: First mates president, Marie Pepin:**

The First Mates dinner will be Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, and tickets are still available.

Sunday morning will also feature a bloody Mary bar.

A special thanks to Sue Brooks for all her work on the Girl Scout charity project with the proceeds going to a local drug rehab house.

**Topic #2: Ancient Mariners President, Archie Archibald;**

As in the past, the Ancient Mariners will be having a steak luncheon for all of the board candidates here at the NCYC. Tickets are only \$7.00, the deadline is September 8<sup>th</sup> and the luncheon is on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Topic #3 : Recognition of past Commodores.**

Chuck Stroh read the list of attending past commodores.

**Topic #4: Proposed By-Law changes for 2017:**

Proposed By-law changes for 2016 are noted below. Each By-law change proposal will stand on its own, one will not affect the acceptance or rejection of the other for voting purposes. The ballot will be enclosed with the candidate voting package.

**Proposal #1:** To make spouses full members with the same privileges and rights as the member has in the current By-laws. The purpose of this change is to give the spouses the right to hold office and be recognized with the same privileges as their partner. **With the proposed change there will still only be one vote per membership number so that a single member will have the same voting power that a couple has.**

**Proposal #2:** Removing the requirement for junior members to move to full membership upon marriage. We are having trouble retaining our junior members mainly due to the financial burden they have at that age. Getting married adds to that burden, they should not be penalized for getting married.





**Proposal #3:** Adding the requirement to the By-laws to require an interview before a membership request can come before the Board of Directors for consideration. This is an activity that we have always done but is not currently a requirement within the By-laws. This closed a potential loophole.

**Proposal #4:** Removal of the requirement for a November General Membership meeting. The 5 & 10 year plan and the budget that are currently presented at the November General Membership meeting will be presented at the Haul out General Membership meeting in October. The November General Membership meeting is sparsely attended and the information voted on is very important to the Club. Moving those votes to Haul Out will ensure a much larger membership base participates in the process.

**Topic #5:** Member of the month:

June 2016:

- Steve and Diane Marten
- Harley and Linda Burris

July 2016

- Bill and Mary Hendricks
- Richard and Vicky Raymond

**Topic #6:** Good of the Order:

The Bob and Cindy Swan October 1<sup>st</sup> Pot luck dinner has been changed to a traditional thanksgiving dinner. The turkey and gravy will be supplied by Chuck and Sandy Stroh, and all of the other fixing will be supplied by the members. Please be creative and resourceful in your selection.

Sandy Stroh donated \$110 to have Bill Hendricks call COMCAST and turn on the BTN to ensure MSU football will be viewable at NCYC...

A YETI HOPPER will be raffled off on Saturday night, \$5.00 per ticket with a maximum of 180 total tickets sold, see Diane Marten for tickets.

**Topic #7:** Introduction of the NCYC 2016 candidates:

**Cash reserve:**

- Tim Grennan
- Mike Wonderly

**Directors:**

- Tony Ellul
- Brian Fringer
- Dale Hall
- Glenn Nixon
- John Mantyk
- Ron Draper

**Rear Commodore:**

- Ian Blackburn



- John Anderson

Vice Commodore: Randy Pagel

Commodore: Pat Carroll

### **Adjournment**

**Motion: Rick Romatz   Seconded: Bob Swan   Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 2:46pm

### **Next Meeting**

Date and Time: September 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm. At Mac Ray harbor:

Respectively Submitted,  
John Sweier  
Board Recorder



## **Welcome to New members that joined us in 2016:**

John and Peggy Vanderbossche

Ron and Colleen Braun

Tom Rathbone

John Tucker and Karen Lutz

Jim and Linda Lutz

John Zych and Jesse Kuk

Chris McEvoy

Be sure to make them feel welcome as we close out the year.

Reminder: We as members only have a few more weeks to encourage new members to join us in May 2017. Please invite your boating friends to introduce them to the club. There is a Buy one night Get one free coupon in a binder behind the bar. Please only use for prospective new members.

**North Channel Yacht Club  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting**



**Call to Order**

*Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

Commodore Chuck Stroh called the meeting to order on August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
The meeting was held at [Rear Commodore Randy Pagel's home](#)

**Roll Call**

*Secretary, Tom Martin*

|                                 |                   | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>FLAG OFFICERS</b>            |                   |                       |                      |
| Commodore                       | Chuck Stroh       | X                     |                      |
| Vice Commodore                  | Pat Carroll       | X                     |                      |
| Rear Commodore                  | Randy Pagel       | X                     |                      |
| <b>DIRECTORS</b>                |                   |                       |                      |
| Transportation                  | Darryl Campbell   | X                     |                      |
| Harbor & Grounds                | Bill Calihan      | X                     |                      |
| Activities                      | Brian Fringer     | X                     |                      |
| Treasurer                       | Frank Corcoran    | X                     |                      |
| Publications                    | Brent Malik       |                       | Excused              |
| Secretary                       | Tom Martin        | X                     |                      |
| Membership                      | Kim Miedema       | X                     |                      |
| Supplies                        | Ian Blackburn     | X                     |                      |
| Club House                      | Scott Greenfelder | X                     |                      |
| <b>IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE</b> | PC Brian McEvoy   | X                     |                      |
| <b>APPOINTED POSITIONS</b>      |                   |                       |                      |
| Fleet Captain                   | Glenn Nixon       | X                     |                      |
| Board Recorder                  | John Sweier       | X                     |                      |

**Pledge of Allegiance: respectfully recited.**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion: Bill Calihan    Seconded: Ian Blackburn    Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion: Ian Blackburn    Seconded: Randy Pagel    Motion Carried.**



**Commodore's Comments:**

*Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

I want to say thank you to those who attended the Commodores Golf outing and the Commodores Cruise. Both events were a great time for all who participated.

Here we are in August and it is time to focus on the tasks that remain for this Board.

The open Rules committee items

The By-law changes

The election of officers – as we process the list of candidates tonight it is very important that each of you are sure that those candidates that you vote to bring forward to the general membership are people that have shown that they have the clubs best interest at heart in their actions and words and are those that will keep the clubs path and traditions in place for the future.

Reading for the Budget preparation for 2017

After this meeting we only have 3 Board meetings left, since the December meeting is mainly a celebration with little or no real business done. Please support Frank and Pat in getting the necessary data to produce a quality budget for the club.

**Vice Commodore's Comments:**

*Vice Commodore, Pat Carroll*

We continue to look for qualified members to run for the board, if you know of anyone please encourage them to contact the nominating committee.

**Rear Commodore's Comments:**

*Rear Commodore, Randy Pagel*

Here we are at the middle of August and we have had a great summer boating season so far. We had a great time at the Commodore's Cruise in Jamestown, Kentucky. Weather was great and we had about 84 members and guests cruise around Lake Cumberland.

We have the last rendezvous in St. Clair the weekend of August 27<sup>th</sup>. Our fleet captains, Glenn and Sheila, have done a fabulous job with the first two, and I am positive the St. Clair Rendezvous will be no exception!

We still have lots of summer left, so come out and enjoy our club and your friends at NCYC.

**Financial Report:**

*Treasurer, Frank Corcoran*

**July 2016**

For the month of July, revenues were \$42,962, expenses \$29,784, resulting in a net profit of \$13,178 for the month. Year to date revenues through July were \$240,602, expenses \$134,618, resulting in year to date profit of \$105,984. Through July of last year, profit was \$117,780. During July, we booked \$9,900 in overnight dockage revenue, bringing YTD amount to \$13,187; this compares to \$6,470 at this time last year. We also received \$4,500 from First Mates for their 2016 designated contribution.

On the balance sheet, total cash at July 31 was \$183,175 including \$47,648 of emergency funds, and \$34,125 escrowed for Member Note redemptions in 2017.

**Motion: Pat Carroll    Seconded: Randy Pagel    Motion Carried**

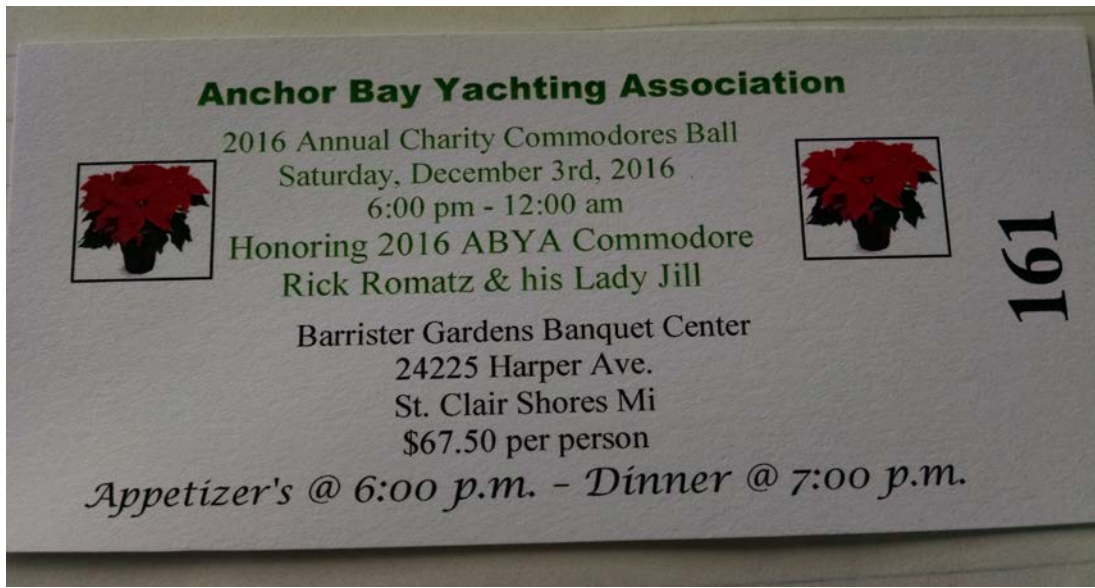


**ABYA Report:**

*P/C Brian McEvoy*

July meeting update: the Clay Township emergency marine dispatch can be hailed on station 20, **or Phone 810-794-9381**, they are local and can be used in case of an on the water incident.

The ABYA annual charity commodore's ball hosted by our own PC Rick Romatz and his Lady Jill on Sunday, December 3, 2016. Tickets are \$67.50 per person as shown below. Contact PC Brian McEvoy if you would like to attend.



**Correspondence: Tom Martin;**

A letter to a member of the SPYC, Jim Markwood, permanently banned from NCYC was returned unopened.

An apology letter from SPYC for the member's actions was received, and the member was removed from the SPYC membership.

An 'accepted receipt' letter for the dog in the clubhouse warning was accepted by the offending member.

Jan Parent has requested her work hours be waived for 2016 only due to health reasons.

**Motion: Randy Pagel   Seconded: Ian Blackburn   Motion Carried**

PC Paul Jarvis has requested his work hours or pay obligations effective January 2017 be permanently waived. Pat Carroll will call Paul Jarvis to discuss. This will be 2017 business and handled by next year's Board.

Dale Petrosky has requested his work hours or pay be waived permanently due to health reasons.

**Motion: Pat Carroll   Seconded: Bill Calihan   Motion Carried**



A letter was received by Leslie Leitch from the Middle bass yacht club thanking the NCYC for a great weekend.

A letter was received from the Club Capri restaurant requesting a poker run stop at the NCYC on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion: Daryl Campbell   Seconded: Bill Calihan   Motion Carried**

## **I. CURRENT BUSINESS**

### Activities - Brian Fringer

The concert net revenue was \$3,130, net profit of \$631.  
The golf outing activities report is not complete

### Clubhouse - Scott Greenfelder

A new contract with FIRST ENERGY was accepted resulting in a 2% energy cost reduction. A motion was initiated for Scott Greenfelder for authorization to sign the contract.

**Motion: Scott Greenfelder   Seconded: Tom Martin   Motion Carried**

### Harbor & Grounds – Bill Calihan

A thanks and thanks to Tom Stackhouse for doing a great job.

A suggestion was made to add night time lights in the Robison to aid the FIN drivers on the moonless and foggy nights.

Work/pay - a member who missed his assigned work weekend agreed to pay the \$800.

### Membership- Kim Miedema

We have had several inquiries into membership. Two applications have been received, but only one application fee ytd.

### Publications- Brent Malik

No Report

### Secretary – Tom Martin

No report. Covered in correspondence.

### Supplies- Ian Blackburn

No Report



## Transportation – Darryl Campbell

All Fins have had their oil and filters changed. No. 3 Fin (Stanley) received an ignition module. No. 2 Fin (Mackie) required a cooling system repair.

In a vain attempt to stop the spiders from carrying all three boats away they have been regularly sprayed.

## Fleet Captain - Glenn Nixon

29 boats have confirmed and 61 people have confirmed for St. Clair harbor rendezvous.

## **2. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Topic # 1 :**

#### **Bylaw change update:**

Motion to accept the draft of the proposed Bylaw changes as submitted by Rick Romatz.

The changes will be published in an upcoming FAN-OUT

**Motion: Ian Blackburn    Seconded: Randy Pagel    Motion Carried**

### **Topic # 2:**

#### **Rules changes update:**

A meeting is scheduled week of August 15<sup>th</sup> to be chaired by Rick Romatz.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Topic #1**

2017 budget development:

Frank Corcoran went over the process and the importance of correctly completing the 2017 budget.

### **Topic #2**

Nominating committee:

The nominating committee supplied a list of potential board candidates, and the board will accept the list as submitted. The board will also send a note back to the nominating committee to get 2 more names for the potential board list. A special board meeting will be convened on August 29<sup>th</sup> to review the new list.

**Motion: Ian Blackburn    Seconded: Scott Greenfelder    Motion Carried**

### **Topic #3;**





Member of the month:

Richard and Vicky Raymond were nominated by Bill Calihan

Bill Hendricks was nominated by Ian Blackburn

**Good of the Order:**

A Suggestion was made to prioritize painting the cupola. The spider poop and dead fish flies are taking over.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion: Daryl Campbell    Seconded: Bill Calihan    Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

**Next Meeting**

Date and Time: August 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Location: Mac Ray harbor

Respectively Submitted,

John Sweier  
Board Recorder

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