

North Channel Yacht Club

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HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD

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From the Editor...



This month's cover displays the beautiful Balloon launch last year, symbolic of our freedom to fly, in front of the club and artistically centered on our full complement of Club Flags with Old Glory flying proud from our foremast. The center photo of course denotes the club we all come to support and enjoy. In honor of our opening ceremonies being Memorial Day we reflect upon those who've guaranteed our freedoms to fly balloons and to come and enjoy a place such as the North Channel Yacht Club. Very few things symbolize the cost of our freedoms more than Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

It's hard to imagine in our hyper-connected world that until recently a young man could join or be drafted or even pressed into military service, go off to fight a war, and never be heard from again. Yet less than a century ago more than one hundred thousand did precisely that in WWI, as have many more since. Congress commissioned the Tomb of the Unknowns to honor those lost and unidentified men. Memorial Day has origins going back to the Civil War. Like so many other veterans, my dad told me he did it so I wouldn't have to, and I strive to never forget that.

The following pages are full of club activities for the rest of the summer. The Schedule of Events is packed with things to do and enjoy. The Rendezvous Schedule is completed and please do make plans to join in the fun. The Beacon has several flyers for various events, and in keeping with the Memorial Day theme, I've included one for the Boat-4-Vets day. Most importantly; the Secretary has finalized the OD Work Weekend Schedule for the year. Be sure to look yourself up and arrange your time accordingly. The OD's will be contacting you to set up your times and duties. **REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT IT'S UP TO YOU TO FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

So on Memorial Day, come, Eat, Drink, and Be Merry! Let's spend a summer enjoying our postage stamp of paradise, and when the bell tolls, remember the words inscribed on the end of the Tomb of the Unknowns:

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Commodores Comments...



May is here already and this year's projects are nearing completion. The new bar and granite top is installed and the drywall in the bar area is up and ready for paint. The new door for the walk in cooler egress is installed and is ready to be trimmed and the new walkway between the seawall and clubhouse is roughly 50 percent complete. The First Mates project providing air conditioning and heat to the upstairs rooms is complete.

The turnout for the Elite Brigade work parties has been excellent and the amount of work that has been accomplished is amazing. We will be able to use the two spring work parties on May 13th and 20th to concentrate on polishing up the clubhouse and grounds for the opening weekend.

We have two open weeks on the Weekday Manager's schedule left to fill, June 25-30, and July 23-28. Please step forward and volunteer to take a week. If you have been considering it, grab some friends and take a week. It really is not that difficult and you will enjoy it.

In just three short weeks the club will be open. Nancy and I are looking forward to this year and all of the planned events. We hope you will choose to share them with us.

Commodore Pat Carroll

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Vice Commodores Comments...



The Elite Brigade work parties have just ended and the club and grounds are starting to take shape. The flower bed mulch has been delivered to the Club, the new wood walkway is almost complete and the new bar counter top and the new bar stools have arrived. The Club regular work parties take place Saturday, May 13th and May 20th. This is a great way to get reacquainted with your fellow members, and get to know newer members. Mark your calendars to attend one or all of these! Attendance at one of these weekends is a membership requirement.

The new A/C and Heating units are now complete for the 2nd floor. Please thank the First Mates/Ancient Mariners for funding this project and special thanks to Bob Marin and P/C Hugh Vestal for donating their labor to make sure all the wiring from the main panel to the units were complete.

We now need the weather to start cooperating so we can get our boats ready to be launched and start spending quality time at our Yacht Club.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the next 2 work parties and also look forward to another great season of boating.

Regards,

V/C Randy Pagel



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Rear Commodores Comments...



At the time of writing this article we have three Elite Brigade weekends under our belt and 23 days until opening weekend. If you have not made it out for a work party you will be impressed when you see what has taken place! The bar has been reinstalled and the back door, walkway, and the First Mates air conditioning project on the upper floor are also nearing completion. It always amazes me how we perform major improvements to our Island treasure in such a short period of time. Now that our Elite Brigade teams are almost done with these improvements, it will be impressive to watch the membership come together and ready the island for the summer. Thank you to those who have participated to make this happen. Also a huge thank you to Jill Romatz and her team for once again organizing the First Mates Fashion show event. A huge amount of prep work goes into making this a successful fundraiser for our Club. The First Mates contribution plays a major part in our ability to finance the Elite Brigade Projects.

As stated above, Memorial Day weekend is just around the corner. This is a very special weekend at NCYC. It kicks off Friday night welcoming "Little Camille's" to the island to serve our Friday night dinner. Saturday morning starts with a First Mates General Membership Meeting and then they host their Annual First Mates Patio Party for all NCYC membership to attend. Shortly afterwards the General Membership Meeting is held where the new members of NCYC are introduced. We finish off the day with the Fitting out dinner and live entertainment. Sunday, the Pride of Michigan arrives and we have the official flag raising ceremony paying honor and remembrance to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Ceremonies are followed by the Commodore's luncheon and Blessing of the NCYC fleet. Along with being steeped in tradition this is a fun packed weekend.

The weekend of June 2-4, NCYC will be hosting the ABYA Spring Dinner Dance. As the host club, please try to attend and support ABYA. Also on that weekend there will be pontoon demo's provided by Crest Pontoon's. If you are in the market or would like to test drive a pontoon, this will be a great opportunity for no cost!!

Put the beer down and join us on the weekend of June 9-11 when the cigar, whiskey and wine tasting event is taking place. Who knows, you may acquire a passion for cigars and whiskey if you don't already..... Like my buddy Jimmy says, "show me the way to the next whiskey bar".

As you can see, there are many events planned and many more to come. So, let's get the work done to prepare our Club so the fun may begin. I hope you plan to attend as many events as you can, as this is where memories and friendships are made.

A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...



NOTES FROM CHAPLAIN ART BROOKS

The month of April started with Sue Reiss being hospitalized in Florida. I am happy to let you know that she is back in Michigan as of April 19th. She is at Heartland Health Care Center, 38200 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, 48312 for rehab. She is registered as Linda Sue Reiss. Sue, we are continuing our prayers for your speedy recovery.

For Mothers Day, I have included the following word picture.

“ What is a Mother ”

A mother can be almost any size or age, but she won't admit to anything over thirty.

A mother has soft hands and smells good.

A mother likes new dresses, music, a clean house, her children's kisses, an automatic dishwasher.

A mother doesn't like having her children sick, muddy feet, temper tantrums, or bad report cards.

A mother can read a thermometer...and like magic, can kiss a hurt away.

A mother can bake good cakes and pies but likes to see her children eat vegetables.

A mother can stuff a fat baby into a snowsuit in seconds and kiss little sad faces and make them smile.

A mother is underpaid, has long hours, and gets very little rest.

She worries too much about her children, but says she doesn't mind at all.

No matter how old her children are, she likes to think of them as her little babies.

She is the guardian angel of the family, the queen, the tender hand of love.

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There were 8 people at the April luncheon.

The May 9th business meeting will be at the Moose Lodge at 1PM.

The May 18th 2017 luncheon will be at The Irelands Pub on the corner of 14 mile and Harper Clinton Twp. Mi. formerly the Detroit Pub.

The June luncheon will be at the Club at 1PM On the 22nd.

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**FIRST MATES MENTION
May 2017**

Hi Ladies:

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Opening weekend is just weeks away. Working weekends are well underway. Lots to do to get our clubhouse ready for opening weekend. If you're able, please join us.

Remember this date, First Mate Fashion Show, Sunday, May 7, 2017:

Debbie Siwek: Email: D53siwek@yahoo.com
 Phone: 586-917-5767
Ticket Price: \$37.00

Contributions and donations are being taken for the Fashion Show. If you would like to volunteer for this day, please contact:

Jill Romantz: Email: rromatz69@comcast.net
 Phone: 586-265-7793

If you still have not paid your membership, please contact:

Cathy Jarvis: Email: jarvis53@yahoo.com
 Phone: 248-689-1382

Our membership meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2017, in the clubhouse followed by the annual welcome reception. All are welcome to attend. Just a note, we will be asking First Mates to please bring their favourite appetizer to pass, and of course remember to use a disposable container for easy cleanup. Help is always needed this weekend. Sue Brooks will welcome any volunteers.

Don't forget Ladies Week is a great time for all ladies to relax and enjoy the island. Date to save is June 11 through June 16th, 2017.

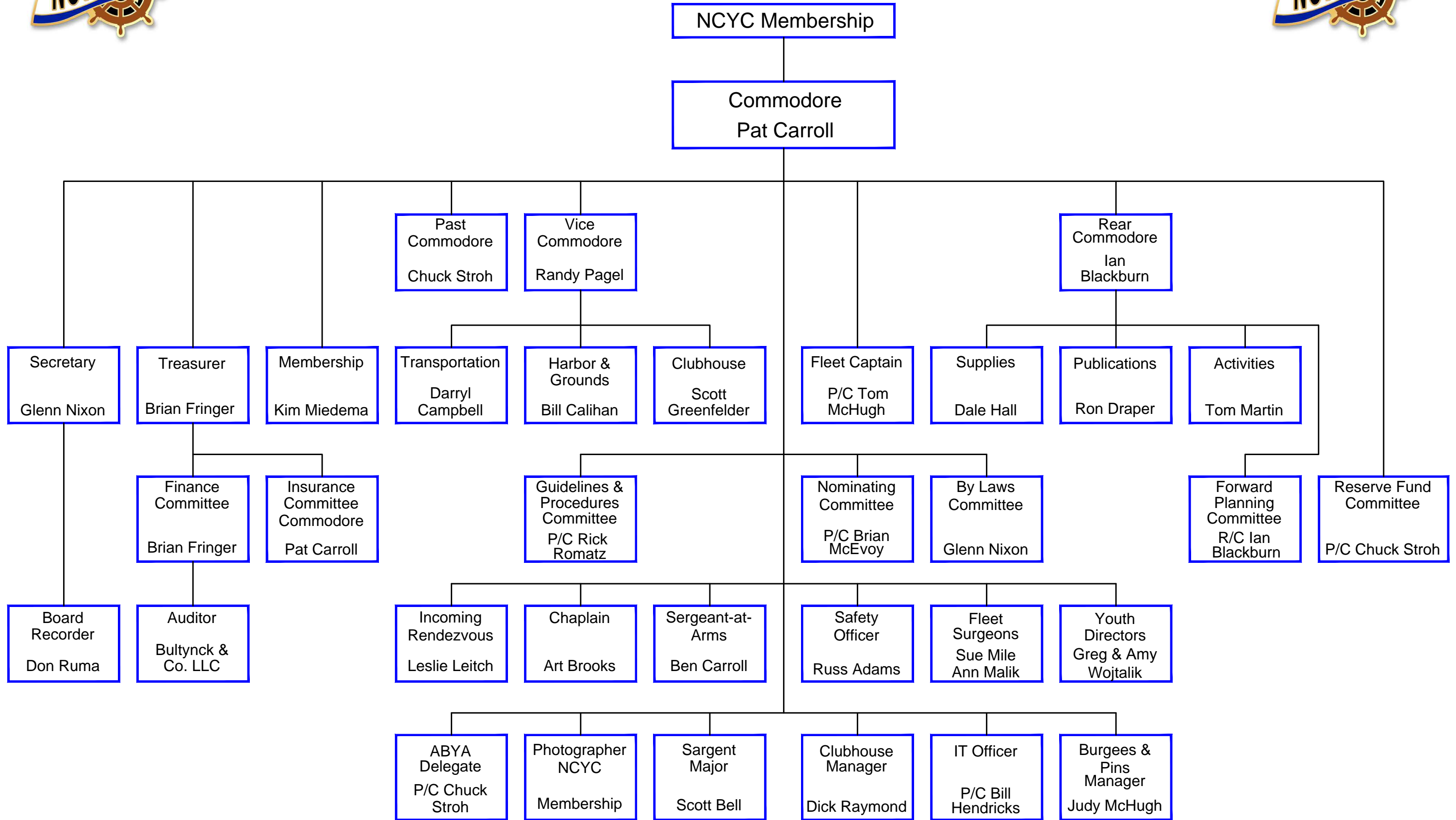
The flag ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 28. A special reminder to all past presidents, you are part of this tradition and special recognition. Please remember to wear your uniforms. Please confirm your attendance with Linda Pagel:

Email: Lindapag59@gmail.com
Cell: 586-242-0524

Respectfully,
Colleen Braun
2017 First Mates Publicity Director



NORTH CHANNEL YACHT CLUB ORGANIZATION CHART 2017





North Channel Yacht Club 2017 Calendar of Events

- 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**



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: Corcoran) TURKEY DINNER**

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

August 4 – 6 **OPEN (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**



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. **Please see flyer in this month's Beacon.**

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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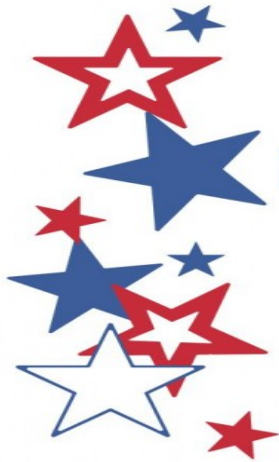
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NCYC FITTING OUT 2017

May 26 – 29

Please join us!

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. First Mates General Meeting

Saturday – 11:30 a.m. First Mates Patio Party

Saturday – 1:00 p.m. NCYC General Membership Meeting

Saturday – 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Pork Roast with all the Fixings and Dessert

Adults - \$18.00

Kids 10 and under - \$9.00

8:00 p.m. Entertainment

Sunday – 1:00 p.m. Flag Raising immediately followed by

Complimentary Luncheon

Saturday Dinner Reservations to:

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SAVE THE DATE
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SUNDAY EVE, JUNE 11 – THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15



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We are planning some fun things to do or do nothing at all.

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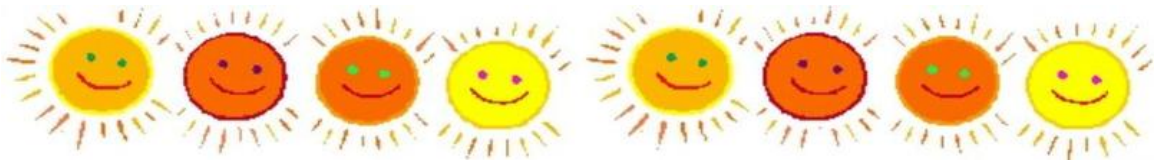
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Saturday: Breakfast, Pool Party, Lunch and Dinner by Harbour Club Bar & Grill.

Sunday: Continental Breakfast and Depart.

DETAILS: Reserve your wells now. Please call Cassandra or Susan at (819) 794-4448. Wells are \$55.00 per night no matter your boat size. Price for Rendezvous TBD. Stay tuned for fan-outs!

Thank you, Tom & Judy McHugh
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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 Channel Yacht Club:

Special arrangements have been made (with the help of P/C Rick and Jill Romatz-Thank You!) for the NCYC August 18-20, 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

**Thunderbirds to Highlight
Selfridge 2017 Air Show**

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AUGUST 19-20, 2017

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The flyer features a large image of a Thunderbird aircraft in flight, pulling a banner. Below this are two smaller images: one showing a formation of fighter jets and another showing a close-up of a fighter jet's tail section.

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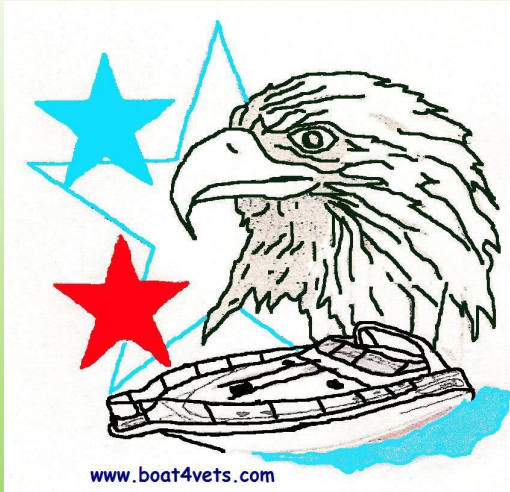
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How we have grown

We started in 2009 with our first outing that hosted 60 people. In 2012 we added a second chapter on Lake Fenton based out of "Skipper Buds" and we hosted over 150 people. We expanded again in 2014 adding our Blue Water Chapter. In 2016 our Lake St. Clair chapter hosted over 160 people with the help of numerous volunteers and the staff of "The Idle Hour Yacht Club". In 2017 we look to make the event even better than 2016 because we can simply not do enough to show our gratitude for those who served.



Join us for a day on the water

July 22, 2017

All veterans are invited to join us at The Idle Hour Yacht Club on Harsens Island

Boat captains and crews meet at 9:00am

Vets please arrive by 10:00 am

Your day starts with coffee and donuts, followed by a boat ride and swimming. Upon arrival back ashore you will be provided with a catered dinner and prizes. Please bring your spouse or caretaker and enjoy the day with us.

RSVP IS A MUST

Please do so by **July 17, 2017**

to do so call Forrest at (810)-512-4660



You can help us show our appreciation to our veterans who helped to keep this country great! Please tell every veteran you know about this great event and how they can enjoy the day with us.

If you are a boat captain interested in helping us provide an unforgettable day for our veterans please contact Forrest for more details.

If you are not a boat captain or veteran we are always looking for volunteers or donations to make this day special for our veterans. For more information please contact Forrest.

Contact Information

Forrest Walker

Phone: (810)-512-4660

Email: walker00@comcast.net





**North Channel Yacht Club
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
9 March 2017**



Call to Order

Commodore, Pat Carroll

Commodore Pat Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Excused</i>
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Excused</i>
Publications	Ron Draper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Secretary	Glenn Nixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Membership	Kim Miedema	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Telecon</i>
Supplies	Dale Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Board Recorder	Don Ruma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Pledge of Allegiance

All

Approval of Agenda

All

MOTION: Moved by V/C Randy Pagel and seconded by Tom Martin to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

All

MOTION: Moved by R/C Ian Blackburn and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to approve the 9 February 2017 Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion Carried**

Commodore's Comments

Commodore, Pat Carroll

Winter can be considered over, with only a few cold spells left. We will hopefully begin our Saturday trips to the island in two or three more weeks. Spring is here and with it the work needed to wake up the island and clubhouse. Please plan your schedules accordingly and bring as many members along as you can.

This year's projects are planned and ready to execute. Each one will have a project manager assigned to help draft workers and keep things on schedule. If we have the big projects finished by the end of April, we will have all of May to devote to the clubhouse and harbor and grounds.



Let's be reminded of my board expectations from the January meeting. Please be prepared for the meeting, and speak only when you are acknowledged.

Vice-Commodore's Comments

Vice Commodore, Randy Pagel

With Spring only 11 days away, we are excited about getting the Club ready for opening day. The Commodore will be starting his project of the new walkway and door project. We also have to re-assemble the bar and rough in the air conditioning/electrical service for the upstairs apartments and rooms. Let's start to "talk up" the amount of work we need to do this spring and promote large membership turn out and make the Club ready for summer.

We also have to focus on obtaining new members; we've lost quite a few this year. I emailed to all of you an article regarding Yacht club membership and how to change our current way of thinking. We will have a tough time sustaining our income if our membership continues to drop. We need to continue to discuss new strategies.

Rear-Commodore's Comments

Rear Commodore, Ian Blackburn

I know over the past few months, some of the board members have had their hands full; I would like to thank them for their efforts and devotion to the club.

That being said, it is time for the rest of us to move into high gear. Opening weekend will be here before we know it, and we want to make it as smooth as possible. If you need any help with your individual duties, please make sure you reach out to a fellow board or flag member. We are a team, and we should conduct ourselves as such, by supporting one another.

Financial Report

Commodore Pat Carroll for Treasurer, Brian Fringer

The financial report was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting and summarized.

Revenue for February 2017 was \$45,275 and \$103,375 Year to Date (YTD). Membership revenue was \$43,928 and boat well fees were \$1,350 for February. The YTD revenue is down compared to 2016 by \$6,675; the majority of the difference is Membership Dues. The net Profit for February is \$36,471. Our cash position is \$188,682 as of 28 February 2017; that includes \$47,821 in the Emergency Fund.

Member Notes Update: To date, we have redeemed 9 out of the 12 promissory notes. One member has requested to donate their principal and interest payment, less their 2017 dues, back to the club. Updated paperwork was sent, and we are awaiting its return.

2016 Review and Tax Return Update: All information was sent to David Bultynck to start the process. They are having a difficult time opening the QuickBooks back-up, so they will be provided with a thumb drive with the QuickBooks file or remote into the Treasurer's computer.

Bank Account Update: All bank accounts have been funded, and the majority of the direct debits have been switched to the new bank accounts. The First Merit/Huntington accounts will remain open until there is confirmation that everything transferred properly. If there are any issues with the new debit cards, please inform the Treasurer.

Tax Exempt Status: There has been conversation regarding NCYC tax exempt status; we file as a 501(c)7 organization. However, after discussion with David Bultynck, NCYC is not tax exempt. If anyone has information to the contrary, please inform the Treasurer.



MOTION: Moved by Scott Greenfelder and seconded by Dale Hall to approve the Financial Report.
Motion Carried

ABYA Report

P/C Chuck Stroh

The ABYA is working with the Coast Guard to put lights or reflectors on the expressway buoys out of the North Channel into Lake St. Clair.

ABYA has contributed funding to the MacArthur Park canoe/kayak launch in Mt. Clemens. They are also working with the Macomb County Sherriff to establish a safe-zone around the park.

Sailing Singles mentioned that many of their members are looking for a club to join.

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) presented at the last ABYA meeting. The ABYA will not be participating in the Clinton River Clean-up this year due to concerns regarding the health and safety of its members given the condition of the river.

P/C Chuck Stroh distributed copies of the ABYA Marine Safety Statues books to the board and flag. He will place additional copies in the clubhouse for the membership.

Correspondence

All

A letter was received from P/C McEvoy recognizing that the paying the member notes off in 12 months was a significant accomplishment and recommended that the participants be acknowledged. Commodore Pat Carroll will prepare an article for the Beacon or a Fan-Out to acknowledge those who participated.

Kim Miedema received a letter from the Inter-Lakes Yachting Association (ILYA) inquiring about the club's interest in advertising in the ILYA annual yearbook for \$150. NCYC has participated for annually.

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema and seconded by V/C Randy Pagel to advertise in the ILYA Yearbook. **Motion Carried**

Glenn Nixon has not been seeing all of the correspondence, and should be filing a paper record of that information as Secretary. Commodore, Pat Carroll, will forward the correspondence to date to Secretary, Glenn Nixon.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS

Activities – Tom Martin

An email was sent to Jr. Members inquiring their interest to participate as paid bartenders. As a reminder, working as a paid bartender does not count toward work hours.

Club House – Scott Greenfelder

Spider Control is currently scheduled to spray the club one week before Opening Weekend. There was discussion that it may be better to schedule application a couple weeks earlier and on a weekday. Scott will check into it and report back at the next meeting.

Window and door quotes have been received for the walkway to the cooler; Don Shepperson will be heading up that project. V/C Randy Pagel will be heading up the air conditioning installation, and Scott Greenfelder will direct the installation of the bar and countertop. Commodore Pat Carroll will verify that the bar and countertop will be ready to install the 1ST or 2ND weekend of April.

Scott is collecting items to rebuild the ventilation system under the clubhouse. He will also will line-up the cleaning crew from last year to strip and wax the floors.

Brett Kahl is scheduled to service the septic system on the 1ST of May.



Harbor & Grounds – Bill Calihan

The growing weed population in the harbor has been an issue. We currently have two applications for weed control. One application is done early June for “Asian water mil foil.” The mid-July treatment is for “Lodea weed.” These are invasive species, and the treatments control their growth. While those treatments control June and July weed growth, the “Eel grass” weed appears towards the first of August as it matures. A third application is required to treat the “Eel grass,” but is not covered in our existing contract.

These weeds grow and mature at different times according to the weather and cannot be treated with one application. The spray treatment for “Eel grass” sinks when applied and starts working on the weeds in fifteen minutes. Any residual is diluted by the surrounding water and poses very little, if any, harm to surrounding properties.

Last fall an increase in the 2017 Budget for harbor weed control was approved; this will cover the additional expense. A new contract, which includes the third application, is in the mail.

Plans to repair the electric panel that serves the parking lot are in process. There are a lot of electric supplies in the club house attic that will support that project.

The water system will be completed this spring, and another barbecue pad will be installed near the swimming hole.

Plans are progressing for the island opening work parties; they are just around the corner.

Bill suggested that it would be a good idea to new have members identify any special skills on their application. This would assist board members to identify knowledgeable members when special situations occur.

Membership – Kim Miedema

Final Membership counts: 135 Boating, 29 Non-Boating, 46 Senior, 24 Junior, 3 Leave of Absence (LOA), and 1 Honorary for 238 total members. Sadly, we lost 19 members including 3 Junior members this year.

Last month there was a question regarding number of members exempt from work hours; that number is 18 (162 people have 16-hours, and 30 have the 8-hour requirement). There are 3024 work-hours total including Juniors.

Status Changes:

- Nick Watson – Junior to Non-boating
- Terry Schimke – Resigned
- Denise Cox – Resigned – *Requires a Thank You*
- Hanna Clinard – Expired Junior Status – *Assume she is quitting*
- James and Lucretia Sterling – Requested 3RD year on LOA – “Our Travel Plans for work are incomplete; we would need to continue a leave of absence if allowed” – *The board discussed and will not grant a 3RD year LOA*

Corrections to last month’s discussion:

- Debra Jacott will continue this year as a Boating member; next year she will have Senior status.
- Andrew Housey has not sent in the application fee so is not officially on the waiting list.



New Member Interviews:

- Scott Goemmel was interviewed by Kim Miedema.

MOTION: Moved by Kim Miedema and seconded by Scott Greenfelder to approve Scott Goemmel as a new member. **Motion Carried**

Kim reviewed her notes, emails and tours from last year; she identified and contacted 5 interested parties. Interviews will be assigned to be completed before the next board meeting for any applications that are received. Bill Calihan receive a check and application for Michael Deneve and will be interviewed by Scott Greenfelder

Publications – Ron Draper

No report.

Secretary – Glenn Nixon

A draft work schedule was sent out for review prior to the meeting; it is in process of being finalized.

A request was received to add P/C Tom McHugh to the By-Law Committee.

MOTION: Moved by Glenn Nixon and seconded by Bill Calihan to amend the By-Law Committee membership to add P/C Tom McHugh. **Motion Carried**

Supplies – Dale Hall

The back-office Point of Sale (POS) training for last month was cancelled and has been rescheduled. Additional step-by-step user training videos were prepared by R/C Ian Blackburn. Dale will prepare easy quick reference cards for use behind the bar to assist those tending bar.

Transportation – Darryl Campbell *read by Commodore Pat Carroll*

Fin Number One's (workboat) motor is nearing completion having replaced heads, camshaft, pistons and rods along with an updated oil change system and starter. Somehow the rudder had become bent last year and will be replaced with an extended version to facilitate better handling.

Fin Number 3 (Stanley) may have to have the thruster sent out for repair due to improper use. A new relay/timed delay will be installed to limit thruster being engaged until the fuse fails.

Darryl plans to have a fin in the water in 2 weeks.

Fleet Captain – P/C Tom McHugh

The dates were reiterated for the 3 rendezvous this year; they are published in the Beacon. Paid bartenders were requested for the Christmas in July so that the workers can participate in the festivities on Saturday night. Also, 11 of 26 available wells have been reserved so far for the Mac Ray rendezvous in August.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Incoming Rendezvous:

Received an email from Ron Felder, representing a small group of boats from various clubs in Lake Erie, requesting to visit NCYC from Monday, 17 July, to Thursday, 20 July.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Greenfelder and seconded by Bill Calihan to allow Ron Felder's group from Lake Erie to visit NCYC from 17-20 July 2017. **Motion Carried**



Traditions Committee:

An email was sent to the members of the Traditions Committee requesting input. An example of the responses received so far was read by the Commodore. The Commodore will compile the list of responses for review with the board and then send them to the Guidelines & Policy Committee to be documented and to the By-Laws Committee to make updates to eliminate contradictions.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Member Application Form and Process:

Commodore Pat Carroll identified the need to add a 3RD page to be added to the membership application. That page would expand on some of the information of the 2ND page and require the applicant's signature to ensure there is no confusion regarding basic membership expectations.

V/C Randy Pagel sent an article to the board and flag regarding the fate of yacht clubs in this day and age. The article contained ideas that might help our club with regards to membership. A couple of the recommendations in the article were:

- Allowing initiation fees as a monthly deduction over a period of time to defer the shock of a large up-front expense.
- Installing a Pool as an amenity to attract and retain members.

The board discussed the article and the recommendations, including some of the actions taken in the past to address new member fees.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Greenfelder and seconded by Bill Calihan to amend the policy to allow new members to split their initiation over a two-years. **Motion Carried**

The deadline for the second initiation payment would be February 1ST of the following year. Further discussion regarding the details of payment method, timing and banking implications identified the need for further clarification. V/C Randy Pagel will draft recommended policy language and prepare an electronic motion to be voted on by the board prior to next meeting.

MOTION: An electronic motion was made by V/C Randy Pagel to allow new members to have their Initiation fee auto-deducted from their account by NCYC over 12 equal payments. The purpose of this motion is to alleviate the burden of having to pay both the initiation and membership dues in one payment and make the economic process of joining our club easier. Through discussions with our bank, we can do this without paying fees. This motion was seconded by R/C Ian Blackburn.

Motion Carried unanimously via electronic vote.

By-Laws and Policy Updates:

Commodore Pat Carroll discussed the need to prepare a list of controlled documents and to maintain a revision history and markings on the master documents.

Secretary Glenn Nixon is updating the master By-Law document based on the changes (represented in the ballots) approved by the membership last year. The master document was cross-checked to last year's roster for accuracy prior to editing, and the changes incorporated were reviewed by the By-Law Committee for accuracy. In the review, it was identified that a change to Article IX will be required to remove the reference to the November General Membership Meeting (re., the Forward Planning Plan presentation to the membership).

The timing for the presentation of the Forward Planning Plan will take place in the October General Membership Meeting, but a By-Law change will need to be presented on the next ballot. Upon further



discussion, it was identified that there are several additional wording issues in the modifications approved by the membership; those should also be corrected on the next ballot.

Additional discussion ensued for the need to establish a Change Management Policy and/or By-Law.

Member of the Month

None identified.

Good of the Order

Ron Draper discussed document storage and the need for the need for a responsible individual or committee to maintain the club's documents. It was suggested that an Information Technology Committee would fill the need. Commodore Pat Carroll commented that a complex system may not be necessary since it is the duty of the Secretary to hold and control the club's operating documents, and that the paper form is the controlled master. He reiterated that a list of controlled documents with revision history is needed. Ron wrapped up the discussion identifying that the use of a common cloud based storage location would preserve the club's data and act as a means of ensuring information was transferred to new board members.

Ron Draper identified that the Beacon could be shared on Facebook and may be a way to attract new members. Also, an online Roster in the form of a Flipping Book could be placed on the members only side of the website.

Kim Miedema further discussed concerns with the use of Club Express, PDF documents and the need for an electronic document management system.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, 13 April 2017, 7:00 p.m. Location: MacRay's.

NCYC 2017 Weekday Managers

May 21 - 26	P / C Bob & Patti Watson	R/C Ian Blackburn & Marie Pepin
May 28 - June 2	Dick & Vicky Raymond	John & Shelley Sweier
June 4 - 9	Tony and Sharon Simion	
June 11 - 16	Ladies Week	Nancy Carroll & Judy McHugh
June 18 - 23	Dick & Vicky Raymond	
June 25 - 30	OPEN	
July 2 - 7	Robert & Sandra Fringer	Brian & Rachel Fringer
July 9 - 14	Kim & Larry Miedema	Ron & Colleen Braun Dennis and Ellen Alcazar
July 16 - 21	Rick & Jill Romatz	And Associates
July 23 - 28	OPEN	
July 30-Aug 4	P/C Jim & Sandy Angers	Dave & Debbie DuVernay
Aug 6 - 11	P/C Ken & Kay Smith	Al & Ruth Durand Thurston Dean and Barb Palumbo
Aug 13 - 19	Leslie Leitch & Patty	Scott & Nicole Greenfelder
Aug 20 - 25	Frank and Diane Corcoran	John & Shelley Sweier
Aug 27 - Sept 1	V/C Randy & Linda Pagel	Ron & Jeannine Kemp Ed & Diane Romatz
Sept 3 - 8	Chris & Julie Strzyzewski	
Sept 10 - 15	Darryl & Josette Campbell	Russ & Pat Adams
Sept 17 - 22	Roman Kolodchin	Tony Ellul
Sept 24 - 29	Peter & Norma Frame	Al & Ruth Durand
Oct 1 - 6	Commodore Pat&Nancy Carroll	P/C Tom & Judy McHugh

Please Call Dick and Vicky Raymond @ (810) 794.4850 if you can help us fill the remaining Weekday Manager Positions. Remember its more fun when two or more couples manage the week

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Michigan / Federal Dyna-Jet Nibral (3) blade, 26"x 25" pitch, super cupped trailing edge, 1 3/4 bore, with standard tapered keyway, brand new in cartons.

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Asking price is \$3,500 OBO, no tax, immediate delivery!

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Updated March 25, 2017

MAINLAND WELL WAITING LIST							
1		JIM BUTLER (wells 2-6)					
2		CHUCK STROH					
3		DEBBIE SIWEK					
4		RUSS ADAMS					
5		TOM ALTABELLI					
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 GAROFALO (wells 2-6)					
16		BILL CALIHAN (wells 2-6)					
17		RICHARD RAYMOND					

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

Please contact the Transportation Director, Darryl Campbell for the current status of any well; or position of anyone on this list.

2017 O.D. AND WEEKEND WORK SCHEDULE

Week End	1		2		3		4		5	
	Fitting Out		ABYA		Cigar/Whiskey/ Wine		NCYC Rendezvous		Kid's Weekend	
	GM Meeting	176	Dinner Dance	136	Tasting Event	128	Algonac Harbour Club	128		136
Date	5/26	Work	6/2	Work	6/9	Work	6/16	Work	6/23	Work
O.D.	B. Fringer	Hours	P/C Stroh	Hours	D. Shepperson	Hours	J. Dickson	Hours	D. Lockhart	Hours
1	A. Herr	8	M. Schoen	16	J. Angers	16	E. Atnip	16	B. Carnaghi	16
2	G. D'Haillecou	8	M. Busch	16	W. Angers	8	M. Reihl	16	L. Garofalo	16
3	J. Anderson	16	T. Altobelli	16	L. Angers	16	M. Rathbone	16	D. Carnaghi	16
4	B. Fringer	16	B. Breuhan	16	D. Reiss	16	T. Idzikowski	16	R. Currie	16
5	B. Kenzie	16	G. Murray	8	D. Biel	16	G. Kohout	16	A. Herzig	16
6	T. Simion	16	B. Swatosh	16	J. Biel	8	K. McGregor	16	J. Vandenbossch	16
7	R. Goodman	16	R. Richards	16	R. Oliver	8	C. Watson	8	P. Rener	16
8	J. Whyard	8	S. Stay	16	M. Oliver	16	S. Richardson	16	A. Garofalo	8
9	J. Saur	16	G. Gostomski	16	D. LeVeque	16	N. Watson	16	J. Garofalo	8
10	T. Loy	16			D. DuVerney	16			B. Carnaghi	8
11	B. Watson	16								
12	T. Szott	8								
13	D. Vosler	16								
14										
15										
TOTAL		176		136		136		136		136

2017 O.D. AND WEEKEND WORK SCHEDULE

Week End	6		7		8		9		10	
	July 4th Celebration		Open Weekend		Ancient Mariners		Christmas in July		Float Down	
		128		128		128	Party (McHugh)	136		128
Date	6/30	Work	7/7	Work	7/14	Work	7/21	Work	7/28	Work
O.D.	G. Nixon	Hours	T. Martin	Hours	K. Miedema	Hours	T. McHugh	Hours	B. Carroll/ K. Verkest	Hours
1	P. Frame	16	D. Siwek	8	M. Wonderly	16	D. Glick	16	L. Verkest	8
2	F. Corcoran	16	J. Hogan	8	G. Freese	16	T. Hart	16	T. Verkest	8
3	D. Coburn	16	B. Buwalda	16	D. McKnight	16	P. Poirier	16	N. Werner	16
4	J. Sweier	16	M. Linden	16	G. Brigman	16	P. Kelton	16	S. Scarpaci	16
5	T. O'Brien	16	G. Wagner	16	A. Schafer	16	R. Rzesut	16	V. Scarpaci	8
6	B. Edens	16	D. Pomeroy	16	D. Alcazar	16	D. Pelletier	16	D. Ruma	16
7	J. Lutz	16	J. Rose	16	R. Braun	16	A. Pelletier	16	J. DeQuick	16
8	K. Lipowski	16	J. Mantyk	16	A. Vercnocke	16	A. Weishapt	16	G. Wojtalik	16
9			G. Shaligan	16	A. Brigman	8	A. McHugh	16	R. Pawelczyk	8
10									B. Scarpaci	8
11										
12										
13										
14										
15										
TOTAL		128		128		136		144		120

2017 O.D. AND WEEKEND WORK SCHEDULE

Week End	11		12		13		14		15	
	Karaoke		Open weekend		NCYC Rendezvous		Potluck		GM Meeting	
		136	Meat Mania	128	at MacRay Harbor	128		128	Labor Day	
Date	8/4	Work	8/11	Work	8/18	Work	8/25	Work	9/1	Work
O.D.	R/C I. Blackburn	Hours	B. Calihan	Hours	D. Campbell	Hours	V/C R. Pagel	Hours	R. Draper	Hours
1	B. Rose	16	B. Hendricks	8	T. Steinmache	16	J. Dequick	16	C. D'Andrea	8
2	M. Napior	16	B. Roath	16	T. Ellul	16	D. Gronbach	8	S. Goemmel	16
3	D. French	8	C. Calihan	8	R. Kolodchin	16	T. Grennan	16	C. Cook	16
4	T. Dean	8	M. Calihan	8	L. Piecuch	16	B. Bauer	8	Alexa Cook	8
5	J. Tucker	16	D. Klicki	16	D. Aitken	8	R. Kemp	8	Anna Cook	8
6	B. Skibinski	16	F. Zrepskey	16	J. Zych	16	M. Winkler	16	L. Leitch	16
7	H. Burris	8	D. White	8	A. Durand	16	D. Huntley	16	B. Cross	8
8	D. Jacott	16	S. Oliver	16	H. Aljida	16	B. Swan	8	J. Gierlach	16
9	B. Marin	8	B. Michel	16	E. McIntyre	8	C. Penzien	16	L. Malik	8
10	H. Taylor	16	D. Michel	8			S. Marten	16	S. Popkie	16
11			N. Michel	8					J. Rener	8
12									Bre. Malik	16
13									S. Romatz	8
14									J. VanDeWinkle	16
15										
TOTAL		128		128		128		128		168

2017 O.D. AND WEEKEND WORK SCHEDULE

Week End	16		17		18		19		20	
	Open Weekend		Open Weekend		Smoke on the Water		Commodore's Clay		GM Meeting	
		128	Ray Fogg	128	Party	136	Shoot at NMSC	128	Haul-Out (Party)	136
Date	9/8	Work	9/15	Work	9/22	Work	9/29	Work	10/6	Work
O.D.	B. McEvoy	Hours	R. Romatz	Hours	R. Latowski	Hours	S. Greenfelder	Hours	D. Hall	Hours
1	C. McEvoy	16	E. Romatz	8	M. Snethkamp	16	D. Vanover	16	H. Vestal	8
2	R. Adams	16	J. Wunderlich	8	D. Hines	8	S. Tampa	16	J. Wyss	16
3	J. Mile	16	R. Mann	16	K. Hay	16	J. Krist	16	T. Rathbone	16
4	T. Marini	8	D. Hagendorff	16	J. Butler	16	J. Lewandoski	16	M. Pusateri	16
5	Lar. Malik	16	C. Strzyzewski	16	D. Koster	16	J. Lewandoski	8	R. Laraia	16
6	G. Criner	16	S. Bell	8	D. Raymond	16	M. DeNeve	16	G. Smith	16
7	J. Edgerly	16	P. Maniaci	16	D. Bruce	16	G. Jialanella	16	J. Schebil	8
8	Bri. Malik	16	J. Prochaska	16	E. Lancaster	16	D. Pienta	16	C. Morisette	16
9	A. McEvoy	8	T. Powers	16	V. Day	16				
10	S. Criner	8	R. Brown	16						
11			C. Klapec	8						
12										
13										
14										
15										
TOTAL		136		144		136		120		112

DETROIT POWER SQUADRON
CLASS SCHEDULE

DPS – EDUCATION DEPT. SCHEDULE

ABC Courses

<u>Mac & Ray's (7-9pm)</u>	<u>DYC</u>	<u>KEAN'S (7-9pm)</u>
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	6 th
September	13 th
September	20 th
September	27 th
October	4 th
October	11 th
October	18 th
October	25 th
November	1 st

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



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

New Opportunity for the Members:

Here's an opportunity to display your boat logo.

If you have a boat name like ours that always generates interest or questions on it's origin, send me a logo with the story behind it and I'll publish it here in the Beacon for a few months. Here's ours below.

Bearhooks^{III}



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When fish are biting well, they are known to bite a bare hook;
Jeri is known as the Bear, and in many tournaments the
Bear Hooked more fish than most of the guys.
Since this is our 2nd Bearhooks she's got a double header on the line.



The End