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2015



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# From the Editor...



Members, please remember to attend the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Barrister Gardens, S.C.S. This meeting will layout the clubs plans and events for 2016.

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

See you on land,

Brent Malik  
Director, Publications



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## *Commodores Comments...*



November already, I can't believe how fast time went by this past year. It feels like it was just yesterday that we were making our first trip over to the island. Even though the time has flown past, looking back I can say we had a lot of good times with great friends this past year.

We had great participation in the last two work parties to close down the Island. It was really nice to see so many jump in to help and it made the closing down process very smooth.

Quite a bit of work was also done in the bar area. The bar was removed, tiles were removed, and all of the rotted support boards cut out. The floor joists were reinforced where needed and some new plywood was cut and set to cover the floor in places. In the spring when the weather is warmer, new drains will be installed along with new tile. A redesign of the layout behind and under the bar will be completed to make the best use of the space available, and then the original bar will be placed back.

Even though our island is shut down for the season, there is still work to be done. It's time to start planning for next year. I look forward to seeing many of you at the General Membership meeting on November 14th at Barrister Gardens. Treasurer Frank Corcoran and V/C Chuck Stroh will present the budget for 2016, and R/C Pat Carroll will present the Forward Planning report.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Commodore Brian McEvoy

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## *Vice Commodores Comments...*



Fall is upon us, the temperatures have gone downhill, the trees are rapidly dropping their leaves, and the boats are out of the water and put to bed until spring, mine is anyway.

That does not mean that NCYC is closed. There are still many things to look forward to. We are still working on rebuilding the bar floor and bar area. We have the November membership meeting to attend, Jill Romatz has bowling set to go, the Commodores' Ball is just around the corner, the snowmobile trip, and the Midland rendezvous with ABYA. These are all great ways to stay connected to the club and our membership through the off-season.

Thank you to all of the attendees at the work parties to close up the island, everyone did a great job getting it ready for the winter.

We had several visitors to our last board meeting. Those visitors were the oncoming Board members who are eagerly getting ready for their new roles.

It will not be long before we will be preparing for the upcoming holidays, they are great family bonding times. Enjoy Thanksgiving with your families and don't eat too much!

See you at the general membership meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at Barrister Gardens in St Clair Shores.

V/C Chuck Stroh

## Rear Commodores Comments...



The Clubhouse has been closed down for almost four weeks now but every Saturday a small group of dedicated members has gathered to repair the floor under the bar area. If one looked at the bar and its floor, no one would have imagined that the floor was ready to collapse. Luckily a leak was noticed and in checking out the leak the extent of the damage was discovered. The condition of the floor was reported to the Board and Flag and a plan to correct the problem was drawn up. The repair of the bar area floor was moved to the top of the list of next year's improvements.

Thankfully the damage was noticed before any collapse occurred. What we need to learn from this is that our clubhouse is well over one hundred years old and we need to pay closer attention so that issues like these are caught in their infancy. Through diligent maintenance we can preserve and improve our beautiful and historic clubhouse so it can be enjoyed for many more years.

If you have been considering attending the November General Membership Meeting, by all means do attend. The 2016 budget is presented in detail and there is no better way to see how the club plans for the coming year.

Please do not forget the First Mates Women's Annual Holiday Party on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Avante Banquet Hall.

I would like to thank the Club and it's members for their tremendous outpouring of sympathy for the loss of my Mother. My family was deeply touched and on their behalf I personally thank each of you.

RC Pat



## A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...



Kathleen McKeown has recently undergone surgery on her hip. The surgery went well and Rehab is being started with treatment being several weeks in duration. Presently, she is in a temporary location and hoping that she can get in something more suitable for her liking. Given the tentative location, she would appreciate NCYC members' thoughts and prayers. She does receive her postal mail from home and can be reached by Cell phone.

Since I talked to P/C John I received her temporary address and cell phone. The address is Sanctuary at White Lake - 10770 Elizabeth Lake Rd. - White Lake, MI 48386. Her cell is 248 520 7278.

Thankfully, we did not have any messages last month regarding ill members. Linda Pagel did have knee surgery right after Haul Out. The word is that she is doing very well. Way to go, Linda !!

PC Scott bell, recently had a minor surgical procedure. All went well and he is at home recuperating, get well cards and letters are welcomed.

I received a note from Nancy Carroll regarding the passing of R C Pat Carroll's mother. Please see below for the funeral arrangements.

Marie Christine Carroll, age 88 and Mother of Patrick Carroll, passed away on Saturday. A visitation will be held from 4:00 - 9:00 on Friday, November 6, 2015 at the Will and Schwarzkoff Funeral Home, 233 Northbound Gratiot, Mount Clemens, MI 48088. A funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. (in state 10:30), Saturday, November 7, 2015 at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market Street, Mount Clemens with the Reverend Father Michael N. Cooney officiating. Private cremation to follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Ministries.

We did receive notice that Karen Emmendorfer passed away. She was the sister of Denise Cox and sister-in-law of Ruth Durand. Please remember our friends in your prayers.



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There were 6 people at the May Business Meeting.

There were 10 people at the October Luncheon.

The next business meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge at 1:00 p.m.

The next luncheon will be at the Sugarbush Tavern on 10 Mile road between I-94 and Kelly Road, Eastpointe, Michigan at 1:00 p.m.

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# *First Mates Mention*

## *Happy Thanksgiving!!*



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Social Director - Susan Brooks

Boatique Director - Jill Romatz

Boatique Director Assistant - TBD

Past President - Mary Marini

Thank you to everyone for sharing your time, treasures and talents!!

This year's Christmas party is Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Avante Banquet Hall in Clinton Township. The evening begins with cocktails starting at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:45pm. Everyone is welcome; please invite your family and friends for a delicious dinner, open bar, raffle, entertainment and a fun ladies night out; all for only \$35. Send your reservation to Linda Pagel, 37420 Lakeville, Harrison Twp., MI 48045 or [lindapag59@gmail.com](mailto:lindapag59@gmail.com) - 586-242-0525. Remember too, we are collecting donations for Ronald McDonald House.

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

First Mates would like to say thank you to everyone who shopped at the Boatique this year. Thank you Jill Romatz for a great job keeping it well stocked.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!!

Respectfully,  
Cathy Criner



North Channel Yacht Club  
Women's Annual Holiday Party  
Sponsored by the First Mates

Who: NCYC Members, First Mates, Family and Friends

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

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

Where: Avante Banquet Hall, 36217 Gratiot, Clinton Township

Dinner: Chicken Picante, salad, potatoes, vegetables

Cost: **\$35 per person including an open bar**

Please join us as we celebrate the holiday season with our friends and family. In lieu of the gift giving we are asking all guests to help us contribute to the Detroit Ronald McDonald House. Needed items include Keurig K-Cups, canned soup, laundry and dishwasher detergent, fabric softener just to name a few. A full list of requested items can be found on their website at [www.rmhc-detroit.org/how-you-can-help/donate](http://www.rmhc-detroit.org/how-you-can-help/donate)

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5	DONNA GLICK
6	CHUCK STROH
7	DEBBIE SIWEK
8	RUSS ADAMS
9	TOM ALTOBELLI
10	TOM FORD
11	TOM MCHUGH
12	DENNIS BIEL
13	JOHN ANDERSON
14	MICHAEL LINDEN
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16	BRIAN ROATH
17	BRIAN McEVOY (wells 2-6)
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## 2016 WEEK MANAGERS

<b>MAY 22 - 27</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
MAY 30 - JUNE 3		P/C HARLEY & LINDA BURRIS
JUNE 5 - 10		P/C JOHN & BEVERLY ANDERSON
JUNE 12 - 17		LADIES WEEK
JUNE 19 - 24		P/C RICK & JILL ROMATZ
		P/C BRIAN & RENEE McEVOY
JUNE 26 - JULY 1		P/C PAUL & CATHY JARVIS
		R/C RANDY & LINDA PAGEL
		FRANK & DIANE CORCORAN
		PETER & NORMA FRAME
JULY 3 - 8		BOB & BRIAN FRINGER
JULY 10 - 15		P/C KEN & KAY SMITH
JULY 17- 22		P/C KEN & KAY SMITH
<b>JULY 24 - 29</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>JULY 31 - AUGUST 5</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>AUGUST 7 - 12</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>AUGUST 14 - 19</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>AUGUST 21 - 26</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>AUGUST 28 - SEP 2</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	
SEPTEMBER 5 - 9		P/C HARLEY & LINDA BURRIS
		CHRIS & JULIE STRYZEWSKI
SEPTEMBER 11 - 16		DARRYL & JOSETTE CAMPBELL
		RUSS & PAT ADAMS
SEPTEMBER 18 - 23		ED & DIANE ROMATZ
		RON & JEANINE KEMP
SEPTEMBER 25 - 30		JOHN & SHELLEY SWEIER
		DICK & VICKY RAYMOND
OCTOBER 2 - 8		P/C TOM & JUDY McHUGH
		V/C PAT & NANCY CARROLL

**I would like to give a big THANK YOU to this year's Week Managers for stepping up in 2015!! We still have 7 open weeks in 2016, hopefully we can fill some at the November General Membership Meeting.**

**Thanks, Harley**





Week	11		12		13		14		15	
	Float Down		Open weekend		Karaoke		NCYC St. Clair		GM Meeting	
							Rendezvous		Labor Day	
Date	8/5	Work	8/12	Work	8/19	Work	8/26	Work	9/2	Work
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**North Channel Yacht Club  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting**



**Call to Order**

*Commodore, Brian McEvoy*

Commodore Brian McEvoy called the meeting to order on September 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at Rosie O'Grady's

**Roll Call**

*Secretary, Randy Pagel*

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION:** Moved by PC John Anderson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brent Malik  
**Motion Carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Don Reiss to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Darryl Campbell.

**Motion Carried.**



**Approval of Labor Day Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by Ian Blackburn to approve the Labor Day Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Kim Miedema. **Motion Carried.**

**Commodore's Comments:**

*Commodore, Brian McEvoy*

Thanks for coming tonight. I appreciate everyone's help throughout the year.

**Vice-Commodore's Comments:**

*Vice Commodore, Chuck Stroh*

There is only 3 weeks left before we have to start thinking of closing the club. Please talk to your fellow members about stepping up and coming to help with this job.

**Rear-Commodore's Comments:**

*Rear Commodore, Pat Carroll*

Today I was at the Ancient Mariners 'Meet the Candidates' and steak luncheon. I was disappointed at the number of candidates that were in attendance. They are running for positions in the Club and should take every opportunity to address the Club and introduce themselves.

**Financial Report**

*Treasurer, Frank Corcoran*

Net income for August was \$6,007 versus \$1,700 for August 2014. Revenues were \$46,958, including dockage of \$13,888, First Mates contribution of \$5,000, and kid's jar monies of \$1,824. Expenses for August were \$40,951, the single largest item property taxes of \$12,200. Year to date net income stands at \$123,787, compared to \$115,808 last year to date. Revenues at \$289,340 are up \$24,000 over this time last year. One revenue item that stands out is the "kid's jar" monies at \$3,200 versus \$2,600 for YTD 2014. Expenses YTD of \$165,552 are up \$16,000 over last year with no unusual fluctuation in any category. The balance sheet continues to be strong with cash on hand of \$154,700 and a continuation of declining debt level to \$87,287 at August 31. Debt reduction YTD is \$31,400.

**Motion:** Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Don Reiss.

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Moved by Frank Corcoran to transfer 50% of the \$15,400 in initiation fees to the Cash Reserve Fund, per the By-Laws. A total of \$7,700 will be transferred by September 30. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**



**ABYA Report:**

*P/C John Anderson*

The September ABYA meeting was held on September 14th at NCYC and hosted by Yvonne Murray for Great Lakes Cruising Club.

Donations were made by ABYA Commodore Terry Dunn to representatives of the Macomb and St Clair County Sherriff's departments to help in their purchase of needed items for their respective Marine Divisions.

A representative from Ray Marine gave a presentation on marine electronics and current products that they are offering to the public. The focus of the presentation was on radar equipment.

The next ABYA General Membership meeting will be held on Sunday October 4th at the Idle Hour Yacht Club.

**Correspondence:**

A thank you note was received from Marie Yowan for the flowers and cards for her recent illness. Marie also requested to be excused from her work duties due to health issues.

**Motion:** Moved by Randy Pagel to excuse Marie Yowan from her work duties. Seconded by Darryl Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

A thank you card was sent from Clayton and Melissa Winkler for the flowers sent for the birth of their daughter, Kristen.

Thurston Dean wrote a letter concerning boats impeding boat traffic in the harbor.

A letter was sent from PC Harley and Linda Burris discussing members not following NCYC rules. Observations from PC Harley and Linda were members that are not managers or OD's staying in the managers apartment. Dogs being allowed to run the island without a leash. Members leaving their boats unattended overnight. Discussion followed. It was decided that a letter will be sent to the members in question, reminding them of the rules. The issue of a second boat on the island will be sent to the Guideline/ Procedures Committee for clarification.

**I. CURRENT BUSINESS**

Activities - Kim Miedema

We have had only one addition since my last report and that is 150 people attended the PC beer bust with a profit of \$375.31.



That brings us to \$81 dollars over budget for activities profit. All deposits have been made through labor day activities. Still to be added is Smoke on the water, the Golf Outing, Pot luck and Haul out.

Best of all we have had a lot of fun along the way. As always, a huge thank you to all that have led an activity, helped put one on, and participated!

Frank stated that is important to remember that the reports from the directors regarding financial information may be different from the official reports, due to timing of the events.

#### Clubhouse - PC Hugh Vestal

PC Hugh informed the Board that the floor under the bar needs to be repaired. He also stated that the Clubhouse budget for next year will need to be raised to accommodate an extra spider spray during the year, extra propane costs and extra electricity costs.

#### Harbor & Grounds – Don Reiss

No report.

Commodore Brian asked about water spigots on the docks for members to wash their boats. Don will check into that.

VC Chuck asked if we need more weed control applications in the Harbor. Don stated that we have two applications per summer and that should be enough.

#### Membership- Brian Malik

Absent-Excused

#### Publications- Brent Malik

No report

#### Secretary – Randy Pagel

The ballots were mailed yesterday. The completed ballots will be sent to Commodore Brian since Randy is on the ballot. The teller committee will consist of Don Reiss, Ian Blackburn and PC Hugh Vestal.

#### Supplies- Ian Blackburn

Bar sales are doing very well this year. We currently have \$74,000 so far this year and we had \$75,500 for all of last year. The kid's jar currently has \$3,400 as opposed to



\$3,100 for all of last year. Ian noted that the POS cash register tracks inventory which is periodically verified with a physical count.

Transportation – Darryl Campbell

After doing some research, Darryl informed the Board that the \$2,200 approved for the rear thruster on Finn 3 is not going to be enough money. The thruster for \$2,200 will not fit the boat. The correct thruster will cost \$4,500. Discussion held.

**Motion:** Moved by VC Chuck Stroh to approve the extra \$2,300 to purchase the correct thruster. Seconded by Ian Blackburn. **Motion Carried.**

Fleet Captain - PC Rick Romatz

We had a good year. Thanks to everyone who came to the rendezvous'.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**Topic #1**

PC Hugh informed the Board that the floor in the bar needs to be replaced. If we don't do it now, it could become dangerous. The wood is rotting and there has been some mold detected under the floor. The bar and all the coolers and freezers need to be pulled out so the job can be done correctly. Kim suggested that we put in an ice station in the middle of the bar to avoid congestion at the other two ice stations. Don suggested that we pull out the upper cabinets and put in shelves to make more room for the liquor bottles. A discussion was held on doing a reconfiguration of the whole bar area.

**Topic #2**

There were a couple of incidents with JYC when they came to the Club for an incoming rendezvous.

Inappropriate behavior by two woman was observed on the Robison.

A PC of JYC was seen bring liquor into the club three times. When approached by our OD, she said that she would write a letter to our Board and complain that the OD was insubordinate. To date, no letter has been received.

**Motion:** Moved by Don Reiss to suspend JYC from coming back to the North Channel for their rendezvous. Seconded by Brent Malik. **Motion Carried.** Letter to be sent to JYC.



**Good of the Order:**

Darryl Campbell wanted to thank Terry Steinmacher for putting in 23 hours on his OD weekend, because he had several people that did not show up. Also he wanted to give Ron Draper a "High 5" for installing the mounts for the windows in Fin 3.

Kim Miedema suggested that we not post the number of votes of the candidates on the bulletin board after the elections, only announce numbers for the winners.

Kim Miedema will contact someone on the Algonac Lions Club to see if they will change their date for their steak dinner at the NCYC Clubhouse. It is too difficult for the weekday managers to have Selfridge and the Lion's Club in the same week.

A "High 5" was sent out to Chris Strzyzewski for his help in all of the extra things that he did while he was a week day manager.

October 17 is the last work party. We will send a letter after that date to the people that did not work and need to pay.

Kim Miedema suggested that we send a letter to the new members to reinforce their commitment to the Club.

**Member of the Month:**

PC Bill Hendricks for his work on the Wi Fi system.

PC Jim and Sandy Angers for trimming the shrubs and weeding the flower beds around the Clubhouse and garage.

**Motion:** Moved by VC Chuck Stroh to approve the Members of the Month. Seconded by Darryl Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Ian Blackburn to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brent Malik.  
**Motion Carried.**



Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

**Next Meeting**

Date and Time: October 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Location: Rosie O'Grady's

Respectively Submitted,

Sue Reiss  
Board Recorder

# Haunted Haul Out 2015



*Pumpkin Contest*



*Scary Larry*



*Ghost of Sarah*







*Captain Ghoul*



*And they served  
roast beast...  
aka...Portello's*

*After the  
Midnight Hour...*





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*Thank you OD's Brian & Lori and their A-Team!*



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June 23, 2015

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