

North Channel Yacht Club
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2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January
2016



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From the Editor...



Happy New Year to all the NCYC Membership!

Your new Flag and Board of Directors are excited to get to work for the club this year. Remember if there is anything this Board can do to help make our fine club better, please let us know. We are your voice.

Look inside this issue for the up and coming events: *Member of The Month, Commodore's Ball, Fleet Save The Date, Ski & Snowmobile Weekend, and ABYA Spring Rendezvous.* Also, new to the Beacon this year is our monthly *recipe page.* Everyone enjoy.

See you at the Ball,

Brent Malik
Director, Publications





Commodores Comments...



Happy New Year!

With the ringing in of the New Year, Sandi & I are once again excited to move into the next boating season at NCYC. It is humbling to sit at the helm and serve you as the 2016 Commodore. If you have not had the opportunity to get to know me you can look at the Vice Commodore's comments in the front of the 2015 Roster to gain a perspective on how I feel about our awesome club. It is inspiring to see the trust and support that has been granted to the Flag and Board by the membership. With the dedication of the newly elected Board and Flag, the many appointees, and the membership I am sure we will accomplish so much in 2016. The execution of the capital project list will ensure that the club will continue moving forward to meet the needs that the future brings. Work is well under way on the new bar area with the selfless support of our membership doing the hard work at hand.

The club business continues even as the island sleeps through the winter months. It is remarkable to see the volunteerism of our membership going so strong. The Week Manager's and Weekend OD schedules are filling up. Please give P/C Harley Burris a call if you can take one of the open weeks. We are in good shape for 2016, thank you. Our Fleet Captains Glenn and Sheila Nixon are well into the plans for the three rendezvous' for 2016. The activity calendar was sent out with the dues notices and will be in the Roster and Beacon. Mark your calendars early to attend the many great events.

Do not let the winter months stop you from sharing those stories of incredible fun that you have had at the Island with your family and friends. You only have a few short months to get them excited about becoming the newest batch of NCYC members. Growing the roster is always a priority and the best source of new members has always been "YOU".

I feel that I can say from the entire membership, "**Great Job**" to P/C Brian and his wife Renee McEvoy. We had a fantastic year with much progress made and tons of fun had by all. Thank you for a great 2015!

Sandi & I are looking forward to spending a special evening of traditional ceremony and pageantry with all of you at the 2016 Commodores Ball at Penna's of Sterling Heights on January 23, 2016 at 6:00PM. We have a great venue, fantastic food, a fun band, "Joy Ride" bringing them back from P/C Henry Siwek's year. They are sure to keep the dance floor full all night. If you have not received your invitation yet please call us. We will be having a ball setup up party on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. We will have refreshments and snacks to reward the effort. Come say hi, visit with fellow members, have fun, and help us get started with the party.

I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your family and friends.

Kind Regards,

Commodore Chuck Stroh

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Vice Commodores Comments...



Nancy and I hope that your Holiday Season was joyous and healthy, and would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. I would like to congratulate and thank outgoing Commodore Brian McEvoy and his wife Renee for all they did for the Club last year. Many thanks to Hugh Vestal, Don Reiss, and Brian Malik for their years of service on the Board and good luck to our new board members Scott Greenfelder, Bill Calihan, Tom Martin, and Brian Fringer.

The Commodores Ball, where we welcome our new Commodore Chuck Stroh and his wife Sandi to the helm of our club is approaching fast. All of us should consider attending the ball this year as member participation and involvement are the main ingredients for making our club flourish.

Cold weather has finally arrived, reminding us that we will have a winter this year, but spring is only ten weeks away. Now is the time to start thinking about participating in our early spring Elite Brigade work parties. We make use of these early work parties to start (or finish) the clubs main projects for the year. Please come out and lend a hand, you won't regret it.

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Rear Commodores Comments...



Linda and I would like to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Healthy New Year. I want to congratulate our outgoing Commodore and newest P/C Brian McEvoy and his wife Renee for a very successful 2015 NCYC year.

I am looking forward to a great 2016 with our new Commodore, Chuck Stroh and his wife Sandi at the helm. We also have a great Board of Directors with the newest Board Members, Scott Greenfelder, Tom Martin, Bill Calihan and Brian Fringer. I also want to thank our outgoing Board Members, Don Reiss, Hugh Vestal and Brian Malik. All of these guys worked hard to make 2015 a huge success for NCYC. Last but not least, I want to thank Sue Reiss as our outgoing Board Recorder. She did a phenomenal job keeping track of our minutes at our Board and General Membership meetings.

I am proud and humbled to represent you as your new Rear Commodore. I look forward to working with the Flag Officers, Chuck Stroh and Pat Carroll, as we steer the ship toward another successful year for 2016. We will continue to make NCYC the best club on the Lake.

R/C Randy Pagel

A Message From Chaplain Art Brooks...



Losing a family member anytime is difficult, but especially when celebrating the first holiday without them. Glen W. Lancaster, father of Everitt Lancaster, passed away November 29th. Please remember the Lancaster family during this holiday season in your prayers. A cheery card will help to lift their spirits.



“God’s Winter Wonderland” by Louise Pinkerton Fritz

Across the old red bridge we go
And onward tracking through the snow
O’er wintry, winding country lanes,
Past cottages with frosted panes.

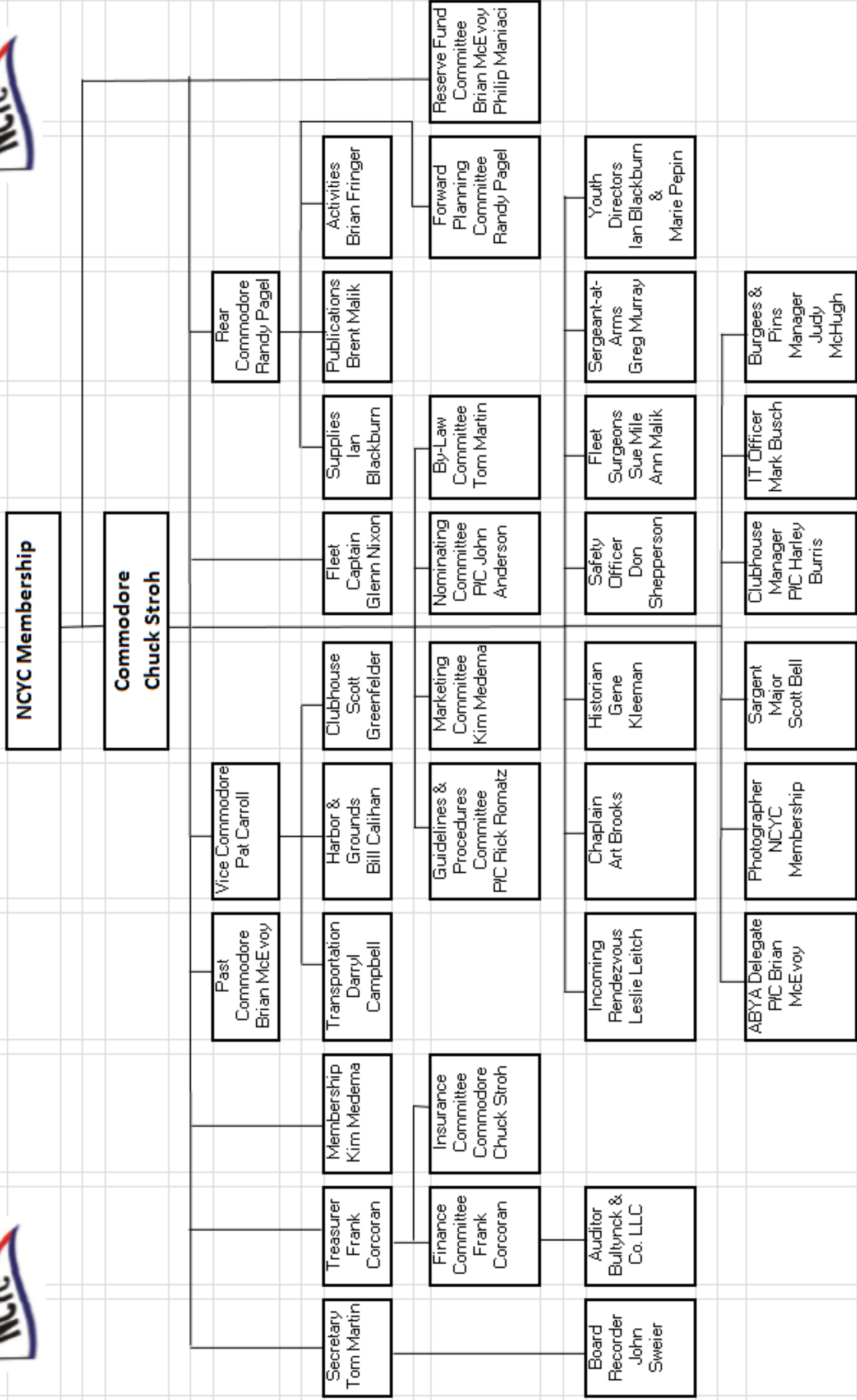
Along the way a deer appears,
Standing erect, with pointed ears.
Upon a hill, ice-laden trees
Leaning forward as on bended knees.

And down the hill the children ride
On sleighs ... it’s such a joyous sight!
On country pond the skaters band;
How great God’s Winter Wonderland.



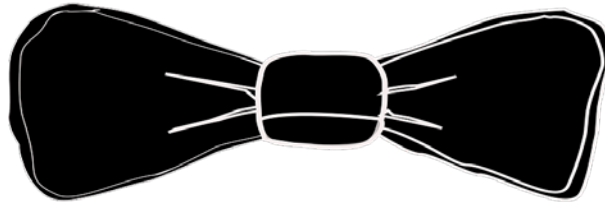


North Channel Yacht Club Organization Chart 2016





Commodore's Ball 2016



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There were 9 people at the December Business Meeting.

There were 21 people at the December luncheon at Terry's Terrace Restaurant.

Next Business Meeting is Jan 12, 2016 at the Moose Lodge at 1:00 P.M.

The January 21, 2016 Luncheon will be at Jimmy Dee's, 43820 N. Groesbeck, Clinton Twp., MI at 1:00 P.M.

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January 2016

Hope everyone had a great holiday season as we welcome in 2016!

Thank you Linda Pagel and crew for another successful First Mates Holiday Party. A special thank you goes to Dean Michel and Cassidy for providing the musical entertainment for the evening. Thank you to all who participated and for your generous donations to The Ronald McDonald House.

We would like to take a minute and introduce and welcome the new First Mates Board of Directors for 2016.

Marie Pepin – President

Linda Pagel – Vice President

Shelly Sweier – Treasurer

Diane French - Corresponding Secretary

Dianne Corcoran - Recording Secretary

Cathy Jarvis - Membership Director

Sue Brooks - Social Director

Jill Romatz - Boatique Director

We'd also like to recognize and thank the outgoing board members for their time, talents and dedication: Kathy Bell, Cathy Criner, Anne Malik, Josette Campbell, and our Past-President, Mary Marini.

*Please save the date of **April 30th** for the 2016 First Mates Annual Fashion Show. Watch the Beacon for more information as this is a great event to attend!*

Respectfully,

*Cheryl Moore-Swatosh
Publicity Director*

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3	TONY SERRA
4	DAVE GRONBACH
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
15	FRANK CORCORAN
16	BRIAN ROATH
17	BRIAN McEVOY (wells 2-6)
18	HUNT TAYLOR





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JUNE 5-10

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JUNE 19-24

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P/C BRIAN & RENEE McEVOY

JUNE 26-JULY 1

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R/C RANDY & LINDA PAGEL

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JULY 10-15

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JULY 17-22

P/C KEN & KAY SMITH

JULY 24-29

GLEN & PAT WAGNER

DAVE & CINDI McKNIGHT

JULY 31-AUGUST 5

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BILL & TERRI CALIHAN

AUGUST 7-12

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AUGUST 14-19

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AUGUST 21-26

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AUGUST 28-

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SEPTEMBER 5-9

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SEPTEMBER 25-30

JOHN & SHELLEY SWEIER

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OCTOBER 2-8

P/C TOM & JUDY McHUGH

V/C PAT & NANCY CARROLL

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
O.D.	Campbell	Hours	B. Michel	Hours	P/C Vanover	Hours	Snethkamp	Hours	T. Martin	Hours
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2016 Fleet Captain's Save the Date

June Rendezvous

Dates: 24, 25, 26th - June 2016

MacRay Harbor

34 Wells Reserved - More Details to Follow

July Rendezvous

Dates: 15, 16, 17th - July 2016

Maumee State Park

30 Wells Reserved

10 Hotel Rooms Reserved - More Details to Follow

August Rendezvous

Dates: 26, 27, 28th - August 2016

St. Clair Harbor

30 Wells reserved - More Details to Follow

Please contact Glenn or Sheila Nixon at glenn.nixon4@gmail.com to let us know if you plan on attending any of these Rendezvous... just so we can start to get a list together.

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Member of the Month

The 2015 Board of Directors has selected P/C Bob Watson as our November Member of the Month. P/C Bob has been a contributor to our club for many years including serving on the Board, Flag, and as our 2010 Commodore. The Club has taken on a good size project to replace the bar floor and upgrade the aging equipment. To make this project a success and have the bar ready for opening weekend, we needed to kick in the Elite Brigade to do as much as possible before the winter hit. P/C Bob Watson was in the middle of the work on the floor replacement and even found it in himself to feed the work crew. Thank You P/C Bob for your hard work and continued dedication to our club. Congratulations on receiving Order of the Anchor for November 2015.



P/C Bob Watson



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



Call to Order

Commodore, Brian McEvoy

Commodore Brian McEvoy called the meeting to order on November 12, 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>
FLAG OFFICERS			
Commodore	Brian McEvoy	X	
Vice Commodore	Chuck Stroh	X	
Rear Commodore	Pat Carroll	X	
DIRECTORS			
Transportation	Darryl Campbell	X	
Harbor & Grounds	Don Reiss	X	
Activities	Kim Miedema	X	
Treasurer	Frank Corcoran	X	
Publications	Brent Malik		Excused
Secretary	Randy Pagel	X	
Membership	Brian Malik	X	
Supplies	Ian Blackburn	X	
Club House	PC Hugh Vestal	X	
IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE	PC John Anderson	X	
APPOINTED POSITIONS			
Fleet Captain	PC Rick Romatz	X	
Board Recorder	Sue Reiss	X	

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: PC Hugh Vestal requested that we add a discussion on the work or pay delinquent members numbers to the agenda. Commodore Brian agreed. Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Ian Blackburn.

Motion Carried.



Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Moved by PC John Anderson to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Don Reiss.

Motion Carried.

Commodore's Comments:

Commodore, Brian McEvoy

Good evening and thank you for your attendance tonight. I feel that this is one of the most important meetings that we have as a Board during the year in that we authorize the expenditures for next year.

A lot of thought and planning has gone into this and I have to commend VC Chuck Stroh, Frank Corcoran and the Finance Committee for their efforts. They, as we all do, work for the betterment and well-being of North Channel Yacht Club. Ask your questions... do your due diligence. Please make sure that when we finalize and vote to authorize the 2016 budget that it's something we'll be proud to present to our Members this Saturday at the General Membership Meeting.

At next month's meeting we will celebrate the ending of another great year and offer thanks to all of you for your hard work and commitment this year. Your spouses are invited and following a short meeting we can all enjoy a nice meal together.

Vice-Commodore's Comments:

Vice Commodore, Chuck Stroh

Welcome to our regular Board members and visitors. This gives the new Board members a chance to see what goes on at the Board meetings.

Rear-Commodore's Comments:

Rear Commodore, Pat Carroll

Thanks to all of you who showed support and sympathy to me and my family on the passing of my Mom.

Financial Report

Treasurer, Frank Corcoran

Frank reviewed the current financial statements from October. He also reviewed the YTD numbers. Cash on hand at the end of October is \$138,753.79. Net income YTD is \$124,740.40.

A detailed report will be sent to the membership via email and presented at the November General Membership Meeting.

A discussion was held on the how to handle dormant gift cards.



Motion: Moved by Randy Pagel to accept the financial report. Seconded by Ian Blackburn.

Motion Carried

ABYA Report:

P/C John Anderson

The November ABYA General Membership Meeting was held at Windmill Point Yacht Club on November 2, 2015. A member from the Clinton River Watershed Council was on hand to receive a donation from ABYA Commodore Terry Dunn. The donation will help with the environmental cleanup efforts benefitting our immediate area.

The Detroit Power Squadron requested and was approved membership into the ranks of ABYA affiliated clubs.

Elections were held for the ABYA Board of Directors. Most notably, NCYC PC Rick Romatz will be holding the office of Commodore for ABYA in 2016.

In lieu of the December General Membership meeting, the ABYA 2015 Commodore's Christmas Ball will be held on December 5th at Fernhill Country Club. Tickets are still available if you desire to attend this event.

Correspondence:

A card was received from PC Scott Bell thanking NCYC for the planter, cards and prayers for his recent surgery.

A card was received from Linda Burris thanking NCYC for the flowers for her recent knee surgery.

Rich Goodman requested to go from a boating member to a non boating member.

A member sent a letter stating that NCYC correspondence should come with an NCYC return address label, so as not to confuse it with junk mail. A discussion was held on using stickers that state NCYC or an NCYC rubber stamp.

I. CURRENT BUSINESS

Activities - Kim Miedema

No report

Clubhouse - PC Hugh Vestal



The floor under the bar is progressing nicely. It will be ready for next spring.

Harbor & Grounds – Don Reiss

Don stated that there is a safety issue on two sections of D dock. There is a possible problem with members getting on and off their boats. Brett Kahl gave a quote of \$5,800 to fix this problem. After some discussion, it was determined that Brett could do the repair to the pilings and the membership could repair the dock.

Membership- Brian Malik

Brian stated that the work or pay dollars are coming in. There were 35 people that were scheduled to pay, but 4 of those people could prove that they in fact did work. Ten people have paid, and the rest will be contacted by Brian informing them of the November 30 deadline.

A letter was sent by Steve Saph stating that due to age and physical limitations, he was unable to work anymore at the Club. **Motion:** Moved by VC Chuck Stroh to excuse Steve Saph from his work hours permanently. Seconded by PC Hugh Vestal. **Motion Carried.**

Publications- Brent Malik

Absent-No report

Secretary – Randy Pagel

Randy stated that the 2016 week-end schedule of events is almost completed. There is still a need for 3 week-end OD's. VC Chuck and Randy will do a check of the work hours needed for each weekend to insure that all week-end workers are scheduled equally.

Supplies- Ian Blackburn

No Report

Transportation – Darryl Campbell

Fins II and III have been hauled, winterized and blocked in the NCYC parking lot. Fin I will be left in as long as possible to facilitate the Elite Brigade in doing repairs at the clubhouse.

The stern thruster for Fin number III has been ordered and is scheduled for production in about two weeks.



Fleet Captain - PC Rick Romatz

No report

I. OLD BUSINESS

Topic # 1 Guidelines Committee update on General Club Policy

PC Rick Romatz reviewed the final amendments to the General Club Policy, per the Guideline Committee.

1: Profanity in Club House.

MEMBER BEHAVIOR: Members should conduct themselves in a courteous manner and promote good fellowship at all times. Offensive Language and or behavior will not be tolerated. North Channel Yacht Club has a Zero Tolerance policy regarding any unwanted physical or sexual contact. This behavior will be handled according to NCYC By-Law Article 5, Section 4.

Parents are responsible for the actions and safety of their children. Parents are expected to know the whereabouts of their children and enforce the Club rules. Members are responsible for the behavior and safety of their guests.

Motion: Moved by Ian Blackburn to approve the above amendment. Seconded by Darryl Campbell.

Motion Carried.

General Club Policy Infractions.

1:A GENERAL CLUB POLICY INFRACTIONS: General Club Policy Infractions will be handled in the following manner. 1st offense: Member will receive a warning letter from the Board of Directors explaining infraction. 2nd offense: Member will receive notification from the Board of Directors requiring them to appear before the Board to explain the circumstances, the Board will determine the appropriate action at that time. The Board may take action up to and including expulsion depending on the violation.

Motion: Moved by Don Reiss to approve the above amendment. Seconded by PC Hugh Vestal.

Motion Carried



2: Gift Card Rollover Language.

NCYC Membership Card/Gift Cards: NCYC Gift Cards have no cash value and funds are non-transferable. In the event a member resigns his membership in good standing or takes an approved Leave of Absence that member will be issued a refund subject to Board approval. Any Funds remaining on a Gift card at the end of the calendar year will remain active on that card for future use. In the event a Gift Card goes inactive for a period of 12 months, a \$10.00 per month maintenance fee will be charged to the card until a zero balance is achieved. NCYC is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

Motion: Moved by Kim Miedema to approve the above amendment. Seconded by Don Reiss.

Motion Carried.

3: NCYC Commodore only may leave boat on Island up to full time.

Motion: Moved by Darryl Campbell to approve the above amendment. Seconded by Don Reiss.

Motion Carried.

7: Sleeping Rooms - Rights to Manager Apt. Mgr. / O.D.

SLEEPING ROOMS: The Weekend O.D. has jurisdiction over the Club guest rooms. The O.D. must follow the priority list for assigning the rooms as stated below. All policy decisions for the Guest room assignments are at the discretion of the O.D.

- A) Weekend workers
- B) Members
- C) Visitors / Guests of members as approved by the O.D. or Week Manager. No advanced reservations are accepted for visitors / guests. Rooms can be issued after 5pm Fridays.

7A: MANAGERS APARTMENT: The Managers Apartment may only be occupied by the week manager or the current weekends O.D. in the following order.

- A) Current Week Manager
- B) Incoming Week Manager
- C) Current O.D.



No other use of the Manager Apartment will be allowed.

Motion: Moved by Don Reiss to approve the above amendment. Seconded by PC Hugh Vestal.

Motion Carried.

4: \$250.00 Entertainment and Party Pricing.

It was discussed and agreed that this be addressed in the O.D. manual requiring O.D. to have prior approval from Activities Director. And the \$250.00 to be included in an Activities report to the Treasurer.

12: Dog Rule Violation Penalties.

See General Club Policy infractions.

13. Membership start date for new members.

The date to be recorded for the membership official start date will be the date that the NCYC Board and Flag vote the person in as a member. The membership date will not be related to money transaction dates.

Motion: Moved by Randy Pagel to approve the above amendment. Seconded by Ian Blackburn .

Motion Carried.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Topic #1 2016 Budget and Financial Review

Frank Corcoran reviewed the financial projections for 2016. An email was sent out to the Board to review before the meeting. An email of the budget power point presentation will be sent to the membership for their review prior to the General Membership Meeting. **Motion:** Moved by Ian Blackburn to approve the Financial Review and the 2016 Budget. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

VC Chuck Stroh reviewed the 2016 capital projects to be presented at the November General Membership Meeting on Saturday. This presentation will also be included



in the email sent to the membership. **Motion:** Moved by Ian Blackburn to approve the capital projects for 2016. Seconded by Don Reiss. **Motion Carried.**

Topic #2 Loan Payoff/Promissory Note

Frank Corcoran stated that the flood insurance, that is required by the bank for our loan, has been increased from \$4,300 to \$6,700 for 2016. A way to avoid the flood insurance cost is to pay off the bank loan. The loan payoff as of November 6th is \$77,543. One concept to be considered is to have 8 members at \$10,000 each or 16 members at \$5,000 each pay off the loan and in return they will receive a onetime payment of principal plus 6% interest, which is the interest rate the bank charges. This initiative was considered to be presented to the membership at the General Membership Meeting in November.

Motion: Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to present this initiative to the membership. Seconded by Randy Pagel. **Motion Carried.**

Good of the Order:

Don Reiss presented a list of the items that the Ancient Mariners have approved for the Club. These include a wireless barometer for the bar area and a new keg dispenser.

Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by PC Hugh Vestal to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by RC Pat Carroll
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Next Meeting

Date and Time: December 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Location: Rosie O'Grady's

Respectively Submitted,

Sue Reiss
Board Recorder

The Cracked Pot

January 1, 2016

BLACK BEAN SOUP

1lb. dried black beans, washed; stones removed

2 onions, chopped

1 green pepper, chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 ham bone or 2 ham hocks (if using ham hocks, add 1 cup diced ham)

1 Tbsp. oil

2 Tbsp. ground cumin

2 tsp. dried oregano

1 tsp. dried thyme

2 tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper

2 Tbsp vinegar

Sour cream

Fresh chopped cilantro



Take it slow...

WELCOME to the Crocked Pot! With everyone keeping such busy schedules, why not turn to the crock pot or slow cooker to ensure an on time meal without the “what’s for dinner?” stress. Or make a dessert you don’t have to fuss over at the last minute.

Please enjoy these recipes, all of which I have prepared. Whether you are in your land lubber’s kitchen or the galley of your boat, these recipes can be prepared ahead of time and crocked in the pot upon arrival at your destination.

Black Bean Soup is the first in this series. What better way to use that left over ham bone you put in the freezer from the holidays! No ham bone? No worries, you can substitute a couple ham hocks and diced ham.

Liz Perry Wyss

1. Soak beans overnight in 4 quarts water. Drain.
2. In the crock pot, combine beans, onion, green pepper, garlic, ham, oil, cumin, oregano, thyme, salt, pepper and 3 cups water. Stir well.
3. Cover and cook on low 8-10 hours or on high 4-5 hours
4. Remove half the cooked bean mixture and mash. Return to crock pot.
5. Stir in vinegar. Debone ham if using ham bone; add ham back to crock pot or remove ham hocks.
6. Serve in bowls with a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle of cilantro.

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