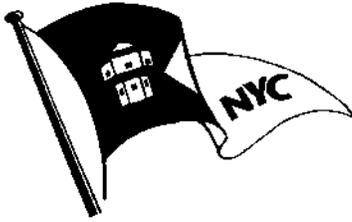


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NEWSLETTER OF THE NANAIMO YACHT CLUB

January - 2017

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General Meeting Dinner

January 12, 2017

Dinner Chicken penne alfredo, salad, rolls cookies, coffee

Cookies & coffee

\$5.00

Commodore's Report

Rob Wiebe

Happy New Year to all our members. I hope you brought in the New Year in the style that suited you. December was a busy month of Club activities starting with the Carol Cruise and finishing with New Year's Eve celebrations.

It's great to be around the Club when there is so much energy and fun. Shelley and I had the honour of taking the NYC staff (all 4 of them!) for a holiday lunch, to say thanks for their service and enjoy their company.

It was also Carol Shaw's last day of work, after 20 years. She is now 'officially' retired, and I know I speak for all the members when I thank her for her contributions to our Club, and wish her the best in the future. Don't forget the Retirement Party (Carol's Country Ho Down) on January 28th, which PC Pat Grounds is organizing.

On a more sad note, Past Commodore Bill Clark passed away over the holidays. The passing of time is never more apparent than when we lose a former leader. Bill was Commodore in 1995, and I remember getting a phone call from him as Rear Commodore, when I got my first permanent moorage spot. Although it was over 20 years ago, I still remember that phone call; and our paths crossed many times since then. My condolences to Arlene and the Clark family; Bill will be remembered and missed.

The other issue I'd like to touch on is our ongoing negotiations with the Nanaimo Port Authority on our water lot lease.

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Special Note:

**Bar will be open
all Fridays
all Year Long !**

The Club web site is at: **www.nanaimoyc.ca**



email: **nyc@nanaimoyc.ca**

phone: **250-754-7011** 754-0759 after 5:00 pm

Submissions to the Logline:

elogline@nanaimoyc.ca



View our [Member Photo Galleries](#). If you are a NYC member you can share some photos!

BUY & SELL

Our [Buy & Sell Area](#) allows NYC members to post items for buying and selling.

Commodore's Report .. continued

This is under the Flag of the Vice Commodore, but Doug Bell is away until the end of January, so I've been keeping on top of this until he returns.

There has been considerable activity on this file, including the development of an ad hoc group called the Nanaimo Marina Association. I have written a separate report on the NPA/NMA activity that you will find in this month's Logline. It is meant to keep the

members informed on what's happening behind the headlines. Nothing would please myself, or our members more, than negotiating a lease on our water lot with reasonable terms and rates.

In closing, I hope you have a great 2017. I look forward to meeting many of you at Club events, or out cruising.

See you around the Club.

Rear Commodore's Report

Michael Ganderton

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. Winter has settled in on us this year, but that doesn't mean the work around the club has stopped. The Harbor and Moorage, Electrical, Visitor & Reciprocal Moorage and Environment Committees are still hard at work.

The " Dock Crew " is currently planning to replace the Warf under the gang ramp. There is about fifty feet of Warf starting under the gang ramp and headed towards B- Sheds that is rotten. This is a big job which will also include our Electrical Committee. Construction will start in the next couple of months and your patients during construction will greatly be appreciated.

The Visitor and Reciprocal Moorage Committee are currently reviewing reciprocal rates and visitor liability insurance requirements.



Currently our club reciprocal fees for moorage are fifty cents/ foot in the winter and seventy-five cents/ foot in the summer. The committee is wondering if these rates are too low and are reviewing what other clubs are charging for reciprocal fees. Once they have the information, a report will be given to the Executive.

The issue regarding visitor liability insurance is a house keeping issue. Currently when a Visitor registers in, they only have to sign in saying that they have liability insurance. The Committee is now looking at having the Visitor provide proof of insurance when they register at the office.

The Environment Committee is still working on the Pump-Out Station. They have made progress and we are just waiting approval from the Port Authority. May be with a little luck, Brian's hard work will finally let us have our own pump-out station!!!

At this time, I would like to thank all the volunteers that make our club as great as it is and wish everyone a Happy 2017!!!

Any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten sail in time.

* Joseph Conrad

The goal is not to sail the boat, but rather to help the boat sail herself.

* John Rousmaniere

Prevention is, as in other aspects of seamanship, better than cure.

* Sir Robin Knox-Johnston

If you can't repair it, maybe it shouldn't be on board.

* Lin and Larry Pardey

"I want a boat that drinks 6, eats 4, and sleeps 2."

* Earnest K. Gann

"He was now convinced that the most valuable sail on board was the diesel."

* Ray Kauffman

"I don't know who named them swells. There's nothing swell about them.

They should have named them awfuls."

* Hugo Vihlen

"The art of the sailor is to leave nothing to chance."

* Annie Van De Wiele

Staff Captain's Report

Michael Reeves

Here its 2017 already. I hope you all have had a festive season and that Santa Claus brought you all those boating goodies you were wishing for.

At the time of writing this we have sold around 125 tickets for News Year (a great turnaround from last year). I was blessed with an offer to help with the organization of this event. A huge relief. A special thanks to all those who volunteered and took over.

We are still looking for several volunteers to fill some key position:

- 1) A PR person. This person helps the Bridge promote our club.
- 2) Someone to help organize the dinners before our monthly general meeting (we normally feed 30-35 members)
- 3) Someone to co-chair the bar and help Garry with the running of the bar.

By now Carol will be a retired lady of leisure. (Well-deserved I may add), I know that we all wish her and her husband the best, with this part of their new life. Carol, have a great retirement, and only think of us occasionally.

I have had to change the un-deck the hall date, and will probably do it after the breakfast January 01/2017, as the hall will be used on January 6, 2017 for a celebration of life for Bill Clark, a member since April 1972 and past Commodore 1995. Our sincere condolences go out to his family.

As always we are constantly searching for new members. Look around, see who's in your group of friends, neighbors, work mates and help us promote our club. You know the virtues of the Nanaimo Yacht club, the benefits now sell it to others.

Anna and I wish you, your families and everyone a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2017.

Michael Reeves

New Member Applications

Ted Grounds

Frank & Vivian Pizzitelli
174 Pacific Terrace Nanaimo B.C.
Sponsors George Bishop Gary Ford

John & Gerry Starling
7126 Blackjack Drive Lantzville B.C.
Sponsors Mike Billingham Barry Franzmann

Ryan Millar
404- 1620 Townsite Rd Nanaimo B.C.
Sponsors Don & Estelle Millar Ted Grounds

Albert & Margaret Barrie
#103 - 550 Blue Girl Way Nanaimo, BC
Sponsors Barry Kenna / Helen Randal & Greg Fiddick

Associate Membership
David & Lynda Fuller
5262 Nelsonwoods Place. Nanaimo B.C.
Sponsors Gilbert Requena Mike Starky

MEMORIAM

Bill Clark

passed away peacefully on the afternoon of December 25th.

He joined the club April 13, 1972 and was Commodore in 1995

Race Report

Courtney Simpson

"You haven't won the race, if in winning the race you have lost the respect of your competitors."

- Paul Elvstrom (1928-2016)

It's time to get in the classroom to sharpen our knowledge of racing rules and tactics.

The upcoming Winter Sail Days are January 8, January 22 and February 5. Meet at the clubhouse at 0930 for a classroom session followed by on the water practice.

This is an excellent opportunity for skippers as well as your crew, so please share this invite with anyone who comes racing with you or who thinks they might want to. Questions?

Call Greg Keel at 250-753-5655.

There will also be an evening seminar on the 2017 amendments to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Come to NYC Thursday, February 2 at 1830, for a complete update on the new rules and how they will affect your racing.

Vancouver Island Rules Guru Mike Turner will be reviewing the new rulebook. If you plan to be on any sailboat race start line in 2017, you have to attend!

Mark your calendars: Thursday, Feb. 2 (Groundhog Day) Bar opens 1830, presentation kicks off at 1900 Nanaimo Yacht Club, upstairs in the main hall.

Presented by Mike Turner: ([clickable links](#))
<<http://www.bcsailing.bc.ca/pages/news/november122015bc.php>>

Here is an outline of the changes to be in effect beginning January first, 2017:

<<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/StudyVersionoftheRacingRulesfor20172020Final-%5B13380%5D.pdf>>

For a complete 2017-2020 rulebook, click here:
<<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-%5B20946%5D.pdf>> .

See you on the start line!

Courtney Simpson,
Race Chair

CPS Training

Please see the posters up in the club.

With some of the upcoming courses we want everyone to know about them.

It should be noted that in order for NYC members to register with member pricing he/she either has to be a member of CPS or register through:

Sheila Boutcher 250-756-9227 or smab@shaw.ca
Alexa Stochmal 250-390-3805 or koraldanser@shaw.ca

Another offer for NYC members is Half Price tickets for the Vancouver Boat Show.

I have a limited number available for \$8.00 each. Beats standing in line.

Again contact is: Alexa Stochmal 250-390-3805 or koraldanser@shaw.ca

Sheila Boutcher at the helm of M/V Diane with Darlene and Bob Moss. Returning from a weekend at Princess Cove on Wallace Island.



photo credit Darlene Moss

WHAT'S HAPPENING BETWEEN THE NANAIMO PORT AUTHORITY AND THE NANAIMO MARINA ASSOCIATION?

I'm writing this report to provide some background on recent events, reported in the local media, regarding the Nanaimo Marina Association (NMA) and the Nanaimo Port Authority (NPA).

The NPA is the Authority that leases the water lots to (note) most marinas and users from Departure Bay to Dodd and False Narrows.

About 5 years ago, the NPA increased its lease fees by about 400%, causing considerable hardship on both the commercial marina operators and our Yacht Club. For marina owners, it's meant that operating costs are consuming up to 80% of their revenue. For our Club, it's meant increasing fees to members, moorage vacancies for small boats and dropping membership.

The NMA was formed by the commercial marina owners along Newcastle Channel, that are in the NPA jurisdiction. It is currently an informal, ad hoc stakeholders group with a goal to lobby for a rate model that is more fair, like based on income.

Now that 5 years has passed, lease rate renewals are coming up, and the NMA has been increasing the pressure on the NPA to change to a more reasonable model. When NPA leadership pushed back, saying the NMA did not represent 'all' the Users, NYC was approached by Mr. Odai Sirri to add our Club's voice to the group. The Executive voted to support the NMA, and now this group now represents all the marina lessees along the Channel, Log Sort Operators in the estuary and the SFN. Mr. Sirri has been the Marina Association's spokesman to this point, and has brought the issue to the attention of Transport Canada, City Council and media.

Let's look at a few facts:

NYC has been unable to negotiate a lease with the NPA for 5 years.

NYC's marina comprises about 20-25% of the moorage in Nanaimo harbour. We have been paying their exorbitant lease rate for those 5 years, in good faith, while we tried to negotiate a Lease with language we could accept.

Our original lease included language requiring us to finance a considerable share of the cost of upgrading the walkway in front of the Club. A walkway that we

don't own, and which is of no benefit to us. A walkway that impedes on the use of our own leased property on land. We had to start a Capital Reserve fund with a member assessment to prepare for the eventuality that we would indeed be liable for this.

There are marinas on the north end of Newcastle Channel that are under Provincial jurisdiction that pay fees that relate to a percentage of gross income. These fees are less than 20% of what the NPA charges.

Lease rates in the NPA are calculated using upland values and have no bearing on actual water lot value or any sustainable business model.

Where does this leave us?

From the prospective of someone sitting on the Executive and watching this issue go nowhere for 5 years, I'm happy to see some progress in bringing this to the public's and politician's attention. We know the effect the fee increases were having on our Club; we did not know how devastating they have been for local marina businesses under NPA jurisdiction. I personally also did not know about the neighbouring marinas in Provincial jurisdictions (which also include Schooner Cove and Ladysmith) paying much lower rates.

After years of thinking that the Port Authority was negotiating in good faith, many of our members have concluded that they are not. I have lost confidence that they have any interest in resolving this negotiation, as long as we keep paying their absurd bills.

The Nanaimo Marina Association recently issued a declaration of non-confidence in the NPA, calling for dismissal of the Board and termination of leadership.

This move illustrates the level of frustration amongst all the Users. Will it lead to the NPA changing the way the marina industry is treated and how rates are assessed? That would probably be enough to satisfy most of the users. The declaration of non-confidence might lead to a different administration model for the harbour. The current model is clearly not working for anyone other than the Port Authority.

The Marina Association is currently exploring the formation of a more official organizational, one with legal status; those developments will be passed along. We are an important entity in our harbour; our Club needs to be involved.

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The NPA should be supporting the local Marine market instead of threatening its economic survival. The NPA has a legislative mandate to work with communities and keep its rates fair and reasonable. The NPA also has the ability to fix this; they are not constrained by Transport Canada in their operation of the Port Authority. There is nothing fair and reasonable about the current model.

Nanaimo harbour is a special place. It is the heart and soul of the City. Small boats and the enjoyment of our west coast environment are key elements of this equation. The NPA is putting this all in jeopardy.

My biggest fear is that our 85-year-old, working man's yacht Club will slowly lose its smaller boats, and become an exclusive big boat, rich persons Club. I don't want to let that happen on my watch.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Wiebe



Commodore Rob Wiebe presenting a new official Good & Welfare bucket to Tom Alexander.

Credit
Shelley Boese



2017 Nanaimo Yacht Club Calendar Highlights



January

- 6 Undeck the Halls
- 8 Winter Series Racing #1
- 12 General Meeting
- 22 Winter Series Racing #2
- 26 Executive Meeting
- 28 Carol Shaw Retirement Party

February

- 2 Race Committee Bill Jones
- 9 General Meeting
- 11 Wine & Cheese
- 19 Spring Series Racing #1
- 23 Executive Meeting

March

- 5 Spring Series Racing #2
- 9 General Meeting
- 19 Spring Series Racing #3
- 30 Executive Meeting

April

- 9 Spring Series Racing #4
- 13 General Meeting
- 16 Easter Egg Hunt
- 19 P/C Dinner
- 27 Executive Meeting
- 30 Spring Series Racing #5

May

- 7 Sail Past
- 11 General Meeting
- 19 Silly Boat Fundraiser
- 25 Executive Meeting

June

- 3 RNSA and NOVI/MS Fishing Cruise
- 8 General Meeting
- 10-11 Dinner Cruise
- 17-18 Day & A Bit Race
- 29 Executive Meeting
- 30 Snake Island Nanaimo (SIN) Race

July

- 1-2 SIN Race
- 22 Bathtub Weekend/Silly Boat Race
- 28-31 Victoria Splash

August

- 19-20 Margaritaville - Ganges
- 26 Sail 'E' Brations
- 31 Executive Meeting

September

- 1-4 Corn Roast
- 14 General Meeting
- 16-17 Shoreline Cleanup & Newcastle Picnic
- 24 Fall Series Racing #1
- 28 Executive Meeting

October

- 7,8 Jack & Jill Race
- 12 General Meeting & Elections
- 14 Wine & Cheese
- 15 Fall Series Racing #2
- 26 Executive Meeting
- 28-29 SAFETY INSPECTION
- 29 Fall Series Racing #3

November

- 4-5 Safety Inspections
- 9 AGM & General Meeting
- 12 Fall Series #4
- 18 Commodore's Ball
- 24 Deck The Halls
- 25 Craft Fair
- 26 Fall Series #5
- 30 Executive Meeting

December

- 2 Christmas Light Cruise
- 3 Children's Christmas Party
- 14 General Meeting & Budget
- 21 Executive Meeting
- 31 New Year Eve

Special Note: the lounge Bar will be Open all Fridays, all Year!