

# Soundings



**NORTH BAY YACHT CLUB** P.O. BOX 1171, NORTH BAY, ON P1B 8K4

## Clubhouse

### Closing Party

Date: Saturday, September 25  
 Cocktails: 4:30 p.m.  
 Dinner: 6 p.m.  
 Price: \$22.50 per person

**DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP: Wednesday, September 22**

Sign-up sheet is already in the Clubhouse, or email Lynda at [mdoshea@sympatico.ca](mailto:mdoshea@sympatico.ca)

### Menu

- \* Cocktail nibbles
- \* Salads: Caesar, Greek and Garden
- \* Rolls
- \* Chicken Thighs Italian & Pasta
- \* Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
- \* Parsley Potatoes
- \* Vegetable du Jour
- \* Assorted desserts
- \* Coffee/Tea

### Entertainment

Discover if your ideas of how you were going to spend the summer actually happened! Bring a photo from your past so that we can have another guessing game, just like last year! There will be a prize again for whoever guesses the most correctly and for the person no-one can guess.

Might also be a couple of awards handed out to those hardy few who dinghy raced this year. Hope to see you there!

Lynda

## Important Dates

General Meeting	Sept. 15
Closing Party	Sept. 25
AGM & Elections	Oct. 20

## Executive Meeting Highlights

- Cancelled Bell phone line. Will now use the internet for phone. Ask for old cell phone, which can be used to dial 911, if needed.
- Security system is up and running.
- Shopping around for Directors and Liability Insurances saved the Club over \$1,000 this year.
- Grounds cut back this year to save money as well. Will be doing some work in the Fall to the gardens and usual Fall cleanup and putting away chairs, etc.
- Received building permit for fence on west side of property. Difficulty getting quotes for fence posts from contractors. Need to add fire routes to plans and post them at Club. Will prepare large site plan for members to view.
- Discussed updates to Constitution. Generally, changes are to update wording, clarify roles of Executive and Nomination process.
- Election and Nomination process discussed. Ensure members are aware they also can put forth names for elections, following the Constitution, Article 11 (g).

## Fish Fry

What a great time at the Fish Fry, even though the weather was cold, wet and windy! We were fortunate there were less than 60 people, so we could all huddle into the Clubhouse.

Many thanks to Lynda, Bruce and Clary for cooking the fish, corn and opening the bar. And what a spread! A big thank you to everyone for their potluck offerings. I'm still full from everything and I probably only tried half of all the different dishes! Whew! Good job everybody!

It was great to talk to everyone, including some of our older members, find out what everyone else had been doing this summer and just relax with good friends.

Most people were very glad they weren't at the French River - too cold, wet and windy!

Some bad news though - Sue Pilling and Steph are moving to Parry Sound - good for them, bad for us. And Lynda O'Shea is stepping down as Clubhouse Manager. And Lynda, we won't miss just your chocolate chip cookies!

## Questions Requests for Members:

1. Does anyone have an old cell phone? We could use one to leave at the club to use if anyone needs to call 911. Of course, we'll need the charge cord as well.
2. We often get requests from people interested in trying sailing. If you would be willing to take people for a sail to introduce them to sailing, please let the 1st Vice Commodore know. You could do this on Thursday Cruising nights, during Race Night, or just on a casual sail.
3. If you have some perennials you are splitting this fall, we're looking to fill in the gardens at the Club. We want plants that take little maintenance, are not aggressive spreaders and long-flowering, or have attractive foliage.
4. Elections for Executive Officers are open to anyone. If you know someone interested in a position, simply get three people to nominate the person and have that person sign indicating they agree to the nomination. Then forward documentation to the Secretary by mail or email, at least two days prior to the AGM on October 20.

## In memory of Dorothy Onions

A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, September 25 at 11:00 hrs** at Omond Memorial Church, 319 McKenzie St, North Bay.

A luncheon will follow.

## NBYC Executive

Commodore  
Dave Britton

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore  
Safety & Communications  
John Simmonds

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commodore Cruising  
Clary Hawes

Rear Commodore Grounds  
Gail Geddes-Bell

Sailing Commodore Racing  
Ken Cork

Executive Officer Clubhouse  
Lynda O'Shea

Harbour Master  
Bill Stewart

Treasurer  
Paul Waque

Secretary  
Jill Faulkner

Membership  
Dale Britton

## Bilge Water Warning

As a trades person, I tend to cut my hands up a bit at work. Cuts and grazes are normal. During the winter while doing engine maintenance, I dropped a few parts in the bilge area under the engine (as happens). Two of the cuts in my hand's became infected. Then other cuts became infected, then my throat got infected (I suspect from having a quick bite without washing my hands). The doctor seemed to think this was an anaerobic bacteria, the type you would find in stagnant bilge water.

So, if your hands go into the bilge, don't just wipe them on a rag like I did. Wash them!

*From Sailing Anarchy*

## Proposed Updates to Constitution

Following are some proposed updates to the NBYC Constitution, as discussed by the Executive. These changes are suggestions only and members are welcome to comment, discuss changes or add their own revisions.

The following changes are primarily to:

- clarify the roles of Executive Members. Previously, the duties were outlined in the Committee section.
- modernize some of the wording
- establish some accountability for Executive and some method of replacing Officers if they resign or are removed
- document an election process, because there was nothing written previously.

The changes are written in blue and the rationale is indicated in red. Words to be deleted have a line through them.

Please review them and be ready to discuss them at the next General meeting Wednesday, September 15. Voting on changes to the Constitution will be made at the October General Meeting. This gives members a time to reflect on any of the following proposed changes as well as any other changes members suggest.

### Article 3, Objectives (change Objects to Objectives)

The objectives for which the Club is formed shall be the promotion, encouragement and fostering of boating, boat racing, and aquatic sports ....

### Article 6, Officers

- (a) (i) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Commodore, 1st Vice Commodore, (safety, communications and environment), ... (added communications)

### Article 10 (will be changed to 7), Executive (move this ahead of Duties of Officers, so that it becomes Article 7. It provides overview of Executive before going into individual duties)

The powers and duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

- (d) To prepare and distribute (new) the agendas for the general and annual meetings of the Club.

(all others stay the same).

### Article 7 (will be changed to 8), Duties of Officers

- (a) The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as are necessary incident to the office of Commodore.
- (b) (Changed order) The 1st Vice Commodore shall be responsible for safety, for matters pertaining to the environment. The 1st Vice Commodore shall also be responsible for communications and (deleted some duplicate words) matters pertaining to the Soundings, the club booklet, website and public relations. In the absence of the Commodore, the 1st Vice Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the

Office of Commodore.

- (c) The 2nd Vice Commodore shall be responsible for the organization and operation of Club cruises (added from Article 11, (c) Cruising Committee) and have custody of all records and other properties pertaining to cruising activities. (Changed order) ~~and may appoint a committee to assist. (deleted)~~
- (d) The Rear Commodore shall be chairperson of the Grounds Committee and shall appoint a committee to assist ~~(deleted)~~ responsible for the Club lawns and gardens, and all matters incidental thereto. (added from Article 11, (b) Grounds Committee). In the absence of the Commodore and Vice Commodore, the Rear Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as are necessarily incident to the Office of Commodore. [moved from end of (b)]
- (e) The Sailing Commodore shall be chairperson of the Racing Committee and (deleted) shall be responsible for the organization and operation of Club races and regattas. As well, the Sailing Commodore shall keep and maintain permanent records of racing results and rules, the data pertaining to trophies and other awards, racing programs, race courses, all trophies and other properties pertaining to race activities and all matters incidental thereto. (added from Article 11, (d) Racing Committee) As well, the Sailing Commodore (added to make full sentence) may appoint a committee to assist.
- (f) ~~The Executive Officer may appoint a committee to assist and will be the Chairperson of the House and Entertainment Committee. (delete)~~

The Executive Officer shall be responsible for the care and furnishings of the Club premises and ensure the Club House is available to all members of the Club. The Executive Officer **is required to have a Smart Serve Certificate and (new)** shall be responsible for social arrangements and entertainment in connection with all functions, including rentals and all matters incidental thereto. **(added from Article 11, (e) House and Entertainment Committee).**

- (i) The Membership Officer **is empowered to collect all membership (new) dues and slip fees from the members, pass on such dues and fees to the Treasurer, issue membership cards (added from Article 11, (f) Membership Committee) and any other matters pertaining to membership (new).** ~~shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee. (deleted)~~
- (j) ~~The Harbour Master may appoint a committee to assist and will be the Chairperson of the Harbour Committee. (deleted)~~ **The Harbour Master shall be responsible for the allotment of berths, maintenance of harbour facilities, as well as parking and storage allotment of boats. Harbour charts prepared by the committee and instructions in connection therewith, shall be kept posted throughout the season in a prominent place in the Club House for the convenience of members and visitors. (added from Article 11, (a) Harbour Committee)**
- (k) The Past Commodore shall be the Chairperson of a **Nominating Committee** ~~constituted~~ **composed** of all Past Commodores **who are voting members, (new)** (or in their absence any other 2 club members appointed by the Past Commodore). **There shall be a minimum of three (3) members on the Nominating Committee. (new)** ~~They (new to make a new sentence) duty (deleted) shall be to (deleted) form a nominating committee and a returning committee at the Annual elections. The recommendations of the Committee shall be made by written notice to the members a minimum of seven (delete) fourteen (14) (new) days prior to the date of the General Meeting.~~

### Article 8 ~~(will be changed to 9)~~, Resignation of Officers

- (a) Any Officer or member of a Committee wishing to resign shall notify the Secretary in writing before relinquishing his duties.
- (b) Any officer failing to perform his duties to the satisfaction of **the majority of Executive (new)** may be removed from office. **This will be done by majority vote of the members present at the next general meeting.**
- (c) Any Officer missing more than three Consecutive Executive meetings may be removed from office by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Committee

and no point will be awarded for that Officer for that term. **(new)**

### Article 9 ~~(will be changed to 10)~~, Replacement of Officers ~~and Committee Members~~ ~~(delete Committee members because they are not elected)~~

Should a vacancy occur among the Officers, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement for the vacant Executive position for the balance of the term until the next Elections of the Club. **(new)**

**This will replace the following:**

~~Vacancies occurring among the Officers and members of committees shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Club following the occurrence of the vacancy, when the vacancy will be filled by nomination and ballot for Officers, and appointment for committees.~~

### Article 11, Elections **(new)**

#### **Nominations**

A member can be nominated for election in two ways: by the Nomination Committee and by nomination from other members. **(new)**

- (a) Any three (3) members in good standing may **require the Secretary to add names of other eligible members to the list of nominees [changed the order of the sentence from Article 11, Committees, item (f)] with written consent of the nominee. This notification must be (new) delivered to the Secretary at least seven (7) (new) two (2) (delete) days prior to the annual meeting.**
- (b) The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be made by written notice to the members a minimum of **fourteen (14) (new) seven (delete) days prior to the date of the General Meeting. [moved from Article 7, (k)]**
- (c) The name or names of members added **by the Secretary, with** and the names of the members chosen by the Nominating Committee, shall form the slate of nominees.

~~Any such person nominated by other than the nominating committee shall not be eligible unless he or she has filed consent to his or her nomination in writing to the secretary. (deleted - information added above)~~

#### **Election Process**

- (d) **The Nominating Committee will present their slate of nominees. The Secretary will add the nominees received from members.**

- (e) For a contested office, Candidates will be given five (5) minutes to present their credentials prior to a secret ballot of members.
- (f) If required, two members selected by the Nominating Committee will be asked to count the ballots. After the ballots have been counted and numbers confirmed, the ballots will then be destroyed.

**Article ~~11~~ (will be changed to 12), Committees**

~~At each Annual meeting, (deleted) Each Officer may appoint a committee to assist with their duties.~~

[deleted list of Committee explanations from (a) to (f). Will then change the alphabetical list for the rest of the Committee section, starting with (a) Other Committees, and so on]

All Article numbers following in the Constitution will have their number increased by 1 to follow the numbering above.