

Soundings



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Winter already?!?

Since we didn't get much sailing (if any) this year, I thought I'd start with this story and link - to keep the "I want to sail" winter blues away.

Keep Turning Left: A slow journey around the UK in a small boat

Professional cameraman and sailor Dylan Winter has set himself a challenge: to sail his 45 year old, 18 foot boat called "the slug" around the UK and film the journey as he goes. Three years into the project and he has only got from the Isle of Wight to North Norfolk, but he aims to film every river and estuary worth visiting along the way.

He makes films about the places he sails to – he tells about the history, the geography and the ecology of Britain. But he is a real down to earth small boat sailor. He tells stories about men who excavated dinosaur dung to sell as fertilizer, Viking raids and stupid admirals. He is rude about the French, admires the Dutch and hates big motorboats. And he tells it as he sees it.

His films on the web are very entertaining and offer interesting insight into the UK coastline.

He posts some films on youtube – type in "keepturningleft". The full collection is available on his website at – www.keepturningleft.co.uk. He has six hours of sailing – great boats, great scenery, great sailing. He charges \$4.99 through paypal for a three month pass - or you can email him and in return for a promise to put \$5 into a charity box he will email you a pass code.

Reminder to Members

- Give your change of mailing address to Dale Britton, so that you'll get your membership renewal!
- if you change your email address, let me, Jill Faulkner, know at djmfaulkner@cogeco.ca.
- Lock up your ladders and unplug your extension cords before you leave your boat for the day. This is to reduce our risk of accidents, theft and accidental fires.

Important Dates

General Meeting	January 17
Annual Fees due (\$60 rebate)	January 31

Executive Meeting Highlights

- Holding tank seems to be filling itself! Will have it looked at to see why!
- Will purchase Simply Accounting software to ensure we have running totals and better process for bookkeeping.
- Threw out some of the inside chairs that were falling apart. Will need more chairs sometime.
- Cruising looking at expanding celebrations after Canada Day Race.
- Discussed challenges of getting volunteers. Committees to organize activity, so that members know how to participate and everyone will have fun doing it!
- Parking lot has hydro consumption at strange hours. Will shut off breaker for a few days.
- Will be looking into costs for replacing Pier 1 floaters.
- Discussed challenges of fiscal year vs. calendar year planning.
- Discussed \$100 Capital Improvement Fee (formerly Common Fee). Currently paying off loan for new docks. Once those paid off, will be used on other capital projects for club.

NBYC Executive 2010-11

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Secretary
Jill Faulkner

Membership
Dale Britton

Christmas Party

A good time was had by all!

The 36 people who attended the Christmas Party on Dec. 5 enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon. There was lots of snacks and a great meal! Thanks to Bruce and Lyette for the wonderful turkey!

The games were, as always, a lot of laughs. The gift exchange was different to some extent this year, but just as controversial as ever! To find out more, you'll have to come out next year!

Many thanks for to those who joined the Trash and Treasure Auction to raise money for the Santa Fund in Callander.

Survey Needed?

Anyone need their sailboat surveyed this year?

A couple of members need a survey for insurance purposes. If others are in the same boat ;) it would reduce travel costs for the surveyor!

Let Richard Dale or Murray Woods know if you're interested!

A Funny Video

Thanks to Ed Capstick for sending this in.

If you want to see a funny video, go to www.youtube.com and search for "Hilarious British Animal Voiceover".

Membership

Have you moved?

Just a reminder to anyone who has changed their address or phone number or email to let Dale Britton, Membership, know asap. She needs your most current information to keep the membership records updated and be sure we can contact you in an emergency. Also, so she can send your 2011 invoice!

As well, if you change your email, be sure to send it to Dale or Jill Faulkner, Editor of Soundings, so you can keep getting your monthly updates!

Secretary

Constitutional Changes

I'm getting back to updating and modernizing the language in the Constitution. The Constitution appears annually in the NBYC booklets and is also on the website.

Ideas for changes were presented and discussed at the September General meeting. Some changes also appeared in the September Soundings. Many members had great ideas to clarify and streamline items in the Constitution. In order to get these changes into the 2011 booklet, they need to be voted on in March.

Therefore, please email me your changes and suggestions by January 3, 2011 at djmfaulkner@cogeco.ca.

Jill Faulkner, Secretary

Thank you!

A big **Thank You** to Norm Bailey, Don McNabb, and Bruce King for rescuing the ramp from Pier #1 on Nov. 23. Somehow it got knocked off and went into the water.

Through careful maneuvering, they got the ramp wrestled onto the driveway in very windy conditions.

It was a good thing it was noticed before it floated away!