

Soundings



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Important Dates

General Meeting	Sept 19
Frost Bite Race	Sept 15
Closing Party	Sept 22
Haul Out	Sept 29
General Mtg & Elections	Oct 17

Executive Meeting Highlights

- Weed abatement was successful and welcomed by many members
- debriefed about Fish Fry
- discussed Elections
- Closing Party coming up
- budget on track for the year

Closing Party - Sat, Sept 22

5-6 p.m.	Cocktails
6-8 p.m.	Sit Down Dinner and Awards
8 p.m. - ?	Party time with DJ

Menu: Surf & Turf (Steak & Broiled Lobster)
 Potatoes, salad, fresh vegetables
 Desserts

Cost \$30 per person.

Please sign up in the Clubhouse ahead of time to reserve your space! We are limited to 60 people and members get priority. Also indicate if you want red or white wine.

Election of 2013 Executive

Elections for 2013 Executive is coming up at the General Meeting on October 17. A member can be nominated for election to the Executive Committee in two ways: by the Nomination Committee and by nomination from other members. (as per the Constitution, Article 11)

- Any three (3) members in good standing may require the Secretary to add names of other eligible members to the list of nominees with written consent of the nominee. This notification must be delivered to the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the General meeting.
- The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall be made by written notice to the members a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the General Meeting.
- The name or names of members added by the Secretary, and the names of the members chosen by the Nominating Committee, shall form the slate of nominees.

Please contact Dave Britton, Chair of the Nominating Committee, if you know someone who may be interested in serving on the executive.

Soundings is a monthly newsletter for members of the North Bay Yacht Club. Monthly issues are sent to all members the first half of the month. The editor is Jill Faulkner.

You can also download Soundings from the Yacht Club website at www.nbyc.ca.

If you have any ideas for articles, pictures, or links, please email them to djmfaulkner@cogeco.ca

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Haul Out

This year, haul out will be on Saturday, Sept. 29. We will be providing an email later in September with what you need to do to prepare for haul out. Cost per lift will be \$90.

When taking your mast down, be prepared, go slowly and safely!

VERY IMPORTANT: The effort required to turn the winch handle **WILL NOT** increase as the mast is elevated. If it does, something is still attached to the boat, and you are essentially lifting the boat out of the lake. This is VERY dangerous.

Race Results

Date	Flying	White Sail
Aug 14	1. Ruby Tuesday 2. Caprice 3. Jazz	1. Gale Force 2. PeiHui 3. Megawatt
Aug 21	1. JCool 2. Hot Sheets 3. Caprice	1. Claret 2. Megawatt 3. Nomad
Aug 28	1. Ruby Tuesday 2. JCool 3. Caprice	1. Megawatt 2. Gatekeeper 3. Last Shot
Sept 4	1. Caprice 2. JCool 3. Ruby Tuesday	1. Claret 2. Nomad 3. Gale Force

Cruising

Fish Fry

This was again a delightful event at both the French River and on the point at the Club. The fish and corn were excellent and the pot lucks were delish! Kudos to all the cooks!

Each group had about 25 people, with 13 boats at Kentucky. It was a great day filled with lots of food, stories and friends.

Fall Regatta

The Fall Racing Series was a wild weekend of sailing. Saturday was cold, rainy and VERY windy. Sunday, was sunny and also windy. We were fortunate (or was that skilled?) there weren't more breakage or injuries. Kudos to all those who competed, especially Oshkinodin, who came all the way from North Bay Marina to compete.

Overall winner: J Cool

Flying Sails Fleet

1. J Cool
2. Ruby tuesday
3. HotSheets

Non Flying Sails

1. Claret
2. Oshkinodin
3. Megawatt

Notice of Motion

Below is a proposed Notice of Motion for changes to Article 3 in the Constitution. This will be discussed at the September General Meeting and voted on in October. The proposed change are in italics.

Article 3, Objectives

The objectives for which the Club is formed shall be the promotion, encouragement and fostering of boating, boat racing, and aquatic sports and all legitimate activities in connection therewith, the provision of facilities for the furtherance thereof, the promotion of the best interests of the members of the Club and of friendly camaraderie among them.

The Club shall base its affairs on the concepts of integrity, honesty, transparency, mutual respect, accountability, cultural differences, and personal growth.

All members are encouraged to participate in club activities fostering fellowship and kinship through all forms of boating.

The MacNabb's Great Loop Trip

Don & Jeannie MacNabb are taking a trip in their Campion 30 trawler from Georgian Bay down the Mississippi River. On the next 3 pages are emails from their trip.

July 27 From Little Current

Hi All;

Our journey has began. We have only gone 60 odd miles so far. The weather has been perfect. Rain one night but, as in most of Ontario, they needed it here.

The water in the North Channel is so beautiful. Tons of boats at the anchorages. There have been lot of places to anchor but we have yet to be along. Last night I think there were 11 boats at the end of the bay we were in and at least the same number in the other end. Little Current is very busy and they tell us the long weekend in Aug. will be crazy.

The boat is running well and this is the first time we have found a library. Only half hour time here so I will try to write more next time. Hope all is well with you all. Till the next time,

Hugs, Jeannie and Don

August 9 From Drummond Island USA

Hello all

Well, it's been a few days but will try and catch you up.

We moved on to Blind River on Tue. morning. Had lunch, saw our old sailboat Our Time and then, since it was perfect weather, we headed straight south for Vidal Bay on the northwest end of Manitou in Island. Had a 42-mile perfect day.

The night wasn't quite as good. Wind went from west to north and boat was rocking a little too much but we slept. Checked out Meldrum Bay, didn't like the anchorage so went another 21 miles to Cockburn Bay, a ghost town from the past. There are 200 summer residents but only 1 in the winter. Very interesting and an excellent anchorage. Island has very friendly folks but no gas, stores or anything.

Thurs. Got up to strong northeast winds and the outlook were for stronger winds for the rest of the week. Came 25 miles to Drummond Island, USA. Was very rough for the first 3 hrs but got better as time went on.

We are early for the USA but the customs want a few days maybe to decide if they want us for 10 months, so we are happy we arrived early. Very nice Marina and great price compared to Canada, so if we have to stay for the weekend we will not have to ask you all for a loan.

It's Drummond Island Yacht Haven if you are in the area or have friends looking for a place to stop.

Customs said we can leave the boat but we cannot carry on our trip till they get the paper work to us. Told us we had to stay on the Island.

So until next time we have a chance to write that's all folks.

Hugs, Don and Jeannie too

August 11 Westward from Drummond Island

Hi All;

We got ALL the paper work we needed and more. Look out U.S. friends, instead of the 10 months requested they gave us 12. As much as it took two full days, the customs guys were great, went the extra mile to make sure every "I" was dotted and we would have no problems along the way. Once we got the go ahead, it was well after noon.

So, we just went as far as Harbor Island, the largest fresh water and natural harbor in the world. You have got to see this place! I wanted Don to take a picture, well 4 pictures, cause it is protected all around, except for the small opening to the south.

It is sooooo good to be at anchor. I forgot how noisy the docks are. Poor Don, he is a light sleeper so had more trouble sleeping than me. This harbor is shallow, so we are just three trawlers for the night. The sailboats anchor in the outer harbor, in 10 to 20 feet.

The weather is still cool and rainy, but tomorrow is supposed to be nicer. So the plan right now is to head southwest tomorrow. Hope to be in Mackinac Island by Mon. or Tues. depending on the weather, of course. For now, I am just looking forward to a night without the banging and squeaking of the docks. I am sure Don is too.

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying this Aug. weekend.

Hugs, Jeannie and Don, too

August 13 Mackinac Island

Hi All;

We are here at anchor in the harbour of Mackinac Island. We had a perfect run down from Cedarville this morning. Been for a walk around the Island and tried the library but wouldn't you know it - open Tues. to Thurs. So on a long

shot, I thought I would try and see if there was Internet on the Island. Well here I am, but this will be short cause I am not sure when it will be gone. All is well with us and we will be here for the night.

Love and hugs, Don and Jeannie

August 15 Mackinac Island West

Hi You All,

We have come 88 miles since I wrote from Mackinac Island. We are just motoring across Little Traveres Bay, Michigan in flat water. A Godsend from yesterday.

We left Mackinac Island under near perfect conditions, but about halfway across to St. Ignace the fog set in and we couldn't see ten feet in front of us. We went along watching the GPS till we arrived "some place" on the St. Ignace shore. We put the anchor down and waited. After 45 minutes there was no change in the fog, so we inched our way along the shore to the marina. Tied up at the pumps, got gas and asked if we were o.k. There till the fog lifted.

We went into town, got groceries and by the time we walked back to the dock, the fog was lifted. We headed for the Mackinac Bridge. We have been over the bridge many times but never under it.

Three hours out, the winds picked up from the S.W. and the rocking started side to side and back and forth. Five hours later we reached Harbor Springs. A beautiful, protected harbour surrounded by million dollar homes. Mooring balls every, but not a place to drop the hook. On top of that, the harbour is 75-100 feet deep. After a number of laps around the harbour we gave up and anchored in front of one of the million plus dollar homes in 54 feet of water.

It's 9:00 by now and the windlass decides this is a good time to act up. By 10:00 we were anchored and eating peanut butter sandwich for dinner. We were both very ready for a much needed sleep.

That was Tues. It is now Wed. A whole different kind of day, thank God. This town is like something out of a picture book. They are calling for storms tomorrow so we are going to stay here for a few days. Hope you are all well and we will write again soon.

August 16

Hello. Chain jammed around the drum - may be the speed it was falling at, not sure. Once I got it unjammed it worked fine.

The harbour we are in here is not as deep, but still in almost 50 feet of water. Steel trawler beside us that

weighs 30 tons says he put out 265 feet. Think we have about 125 to 150 and so far holding fine.

Lots of fun watching them try and set anchor in this depth. They just let them touch bottom and then try and back up, and of course they just drag it along.

Didn't take the time to hook up the radar yet, as I am sure we will have to drop it to get through Chicago. Should have had 3 feet cut off the mast.

GPS worked great. Took us right to the shore at the south end of St. Ignace where there are large cement docks about 150 feet long. Saw them and had lots of depth to slow down from 5 mph and drop the anchor. After a short time we could make out the shore, so that's when we crawled along the shore with the GPS to the marina. Sure makes it easy if you are brave enough to believe what it's telling you!

After we went under the bridge and into Michigan, we cut the corner off at Grey's reef watching the GPS. We're in 9 feet of water in 3 foot waves and more, and you could see the bottom. We hoped we didn't go down a wave at the wrong time. But cuts about 5 miles off the turn.

Today is the most rain we have had and so far no leaks, other than the front windshield. But we put the cover on last night so no water gets in and still can't believe it leaks!

Boat running fine. So far changed the oil after we got here yesterday as we are almost at 100 hrs.

August 20

Two days short of a month since we left Britt. We have come 442 miles so far.

Last time I wrote we were in Charlevoix. The friendliest, prettiest town we have had the pleasure to anchor in. So much so, we spent 3 nights there. It was so protected. When we did leave we did not expect the wind and waves to be so strong and high. So, we only went 25 miles to Northport that day.

That is one of the nice things about the east side of Lake Michigan; there are good anchorages about every 25 miles or less. The waves were coming over the bow and water was getting into the anchor locker. One more job for Don to put on his "to do" list.

We got up the next day and started out, under much kinder conditions. We headed for South Manitou Island. Just like at home in front of the house. We had a following sea to the Island, made Don wish he were a sailor again.

South Manitou is a National Seashore Park. No stores, no Marinas and no pets. Just wilderness campsites, hiking trails and a restored 1858 lighthouse. We managed to

make the 3:00 tour and climbed the 117 steps to the top. It was a clear day so the view was breathtaking. South Manitou is a crescent shaped Island with lots of good anchorages. It was a very peaceful night.

We got up this morning to flat water. We started out not knowing how far we would go. We would let the wind and waves decide that for us.

About noon the wind picked up and so did the waves, so we came into Frankfort, another very protected little lake with a dug channel into it. This library is right on the water's edge, so here we are.

Hope this finds you all well and till the next time, keep well and enjoy these lasts few weeks of summer.

August 22

Hi All;

It is a beautiful morning here in Ludington, but a strong south wind has kept us in port; at least for the morning, and we'll see if it lets up.

We are half way down Lake Michigan and as nice as the water is and interesting as the shore line and ports are, I will be glad to be done this section of the trip. We have another 160 miles of it to go.

About the waterspouts, you may have heard about on the news. They have been warnings on the VHF weather for the past week, but so far, happy to say, we have not seen any.

Most of the ports we have come into are small lakes with a dug channel into them. Makes them very protected, but hard to tell what the big lake is doing. The whole population in the last two ports must be fishermen. In Frankfort, we watch over 100 fishing boats launched from trailers after dinner. When I asked if they always had this many going out, they said the salmon were running. Not as many here in Ludington but still a fair number.

We came 50 miles yesterday from Frankfort to here, a good day on the water. WiFi here at the dock so will catch up on e-mails and laundry. May head out after lunch if the wind is right. Thanks to the folks who send e-mails, nice to hear what is going on with you all.

August 31-2012

Hi Everyone;

We left Michigan City at 6:15 a.m. Wanted to get an early start as the wind was to pick up as the day went on. It was SSW. Just the way we were going. Pretty rocky but doable.

Got here to the Hammond Marina at noon. There are 900 slips in this marina. Don called ahead and the gal on the VHF said P38..... 300 slips later we found P38. We had to walk 1/4 of a mile to get to the office. So we ate lunch first and then went in and registered.

They have a promotion on right now, pay for one night and get the second free. \$35 for two nights. We will stay here till the bad weather they are expecting from the hurricane, has passed.

The Horseshoe Casino is part of this marina, sort of. It was 92°F here today and very humid. So after dinner we went into the casino to enjoy the air-conditioning. But Indiana has not caught up to the rest of the country as far as smoking in public places. We didn't enjoy the air-conditioning very long. But by the time we came back to the boat the sun was gone and the air had cooled.

90% of the boats in this marina are seasonal. All we have met are very nice and friendly. We are 13 miles outside of Chicago. We will take the bus from here into the city. That is the plan for tomorrow. Hope everyone is having a good start to the last long weekend before it is all over for another year. Take care and be safe.

September 5

Hi Everyone;

Six days we have been playing tourist here in Hammond and Chicago. It has been great, all six nights at the Marina. Won't know what to do with myself when we are back anchoring. I will probably be trying to step off the boat.

We have met two couples are here at this Marina, and it has been nice to go back and forth. We spent two full days in Chicago and loved the city. Seen a lot of it but missed a lot, too. We took the bus part way and the subway the other part, took two hours in all to get there.

Seen the "Bean", the Navy Pier, ate Chicago deep dish pizza and met lots of nice folks in the Apple Store and AT&T new flagship store. After many hours did get a plan for the ipad.

It has been a wonderful six days but the plan is to head out tomorrow, go the 13 miles to Chicago and anchor in the harbour next to the Navy Pier. Then, get up early Friday morning and go through the lock and into the Chicago River. We should be able to go without worrying about winds after Friday. I hope with the iPad and the plan, I will be able to write wherever I can get signal.

Hope you are all rested up from the summer and enjoying the extended summer weather.

