

Soundings



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Important Dates

General Mtg & Elections	Oct 17
Cleanup Day	TBD
General Meeting & CYBN Shareholders Mtg	Nov 21

Executive Meeting Highlights

- discussed haul out
- current budget in good shape
- discussed Elections
- Presentation on AED at November's meeting

Election of 2013 Executive

Below is the Nominating Committees recommendations for the upcoming elections.

- Commodore - Jill Faulkner & Michel Mino
- Vice-Commodore - Norm Bailey
- 2nd Vice Commodore - Trevor Etches
- Rear Commodore - Lori Jamieson
- Executive Officer - Lynda O'Shea & Clarey Hawes
- Harbour - Bill Stewart
- Treasurer - Lyette King
- Membership - Peggy O'Connor
- Secretary - Mike Nolan

Positions where there are more than one member interested, the Nominating Committee support both members.

Also, please note there are no proxy votes. You need to have a full or Honourary membership to vote.

If you wish to find out more about the candidates, you are welcome to contact them by phone or email.

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)

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.



Our energetic Soundings staff working hard on your behalf!

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

NBYC Executive

Commodore
John Simmonds

1st Vice Commodore
Safety, Environment and Communications
Michel Mino

2nd Vice Commodore
Cruising
Clary Hawes

Rear Commodore Grounds
Gail Geddes-Bell

Sailing Commodore Racing
Ken Cork

Executive Officer
Clubhouse
Bruce King

Harbour Master
Bill Stewart

Treasurer
Lynette King

Secretary
Jill Faulkner

Membership
Dale Britton

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.

Harbour

Haul Out

This was a VERY long day - set up started at 7:30 a.m. and the last boat was completed at 6:30 pm.

There has been much discussion about why it took so long. There were many different problems and the Harbour Committee is developing a plan. Stay tuned!

Thank you to all who worked long and hard in the parking lot, on the point and in the clubhouse (they made sure we had food and coffee).

Wayfarer Regatta

50th Anniversary Wayfarer Regatta

The North Bay Wayfarer Weekend took place over the Canada Day long weekend. Our club once again hosted a very fun regatta which this year bookended Canada Day.

Wayfarers visiting from as far away as Lansing, Michigan, enjoyed the exceptional hospitality offered by NBYC. This year being extra special as it was the 50th anniversary of the first North Bay Wayfarer Weekend which took place in 1962.

The Wayfarer gang would like to extend their thanks to NBYC for once again, and for the 8th time running, hosting the event. Special thanks goes to those club members who gave unselfishly of their time to help make the event a success - members such as Linda O'Shea, Ross and Lori Jamieson, Mogens and Doreen Christensen, Ken Smith, Trevor Hughes, Bill Stewart, Ken Cork and others.

Clary Hawes' Canada Day event was very special and enjoyed by all. NBYC did indeed, as the flag banner in the photo says, "Welcome Wayfarers".



The MacNabb's Great Loop Trip - Part 2

Don & Jeannie MacNabb are taking a trip in their Campion 30 trawler from Georgian Bay down the Mississippi River. Here is the next installment from their trip.

September 10, 2012

Hi Folks;

We left Chicago early Friday morning, no wind or waves to worry about. Waved good-bye to Lake Michigan, will miss her crystal clear water but not the rolling waves.

First lock into the Chicago River is right downtown, not another boat in the lock, just us. The ride through downtown Chicago was amazing. The rain held off so I got to take some great pictures. I loved that city.



View of Chicago skyline

We went 40 miles to Joliet and tied up on the town wall. Three of us were tied up over night, all loopers. Spent a second night so we could get some groceries and donate \$6. To the "Smoke Free" casino. Three different looper boats were on the wall with us the second night.

Everything you have heard about the barge traffic is true. They run 24 hours a day and the tugs push as many as three across and three deep. The small barges are 34' X 200' long, the big ones are 54' X 300'. It looks like a small island coming at you. So far they have been very nice and we have had no trouble passing along side them. The night we were in Joliet one went by pushing 9 barges, the tugs has big headlights on them that look like the high beams on a car. It was hard not to sit up in bed and watch every time one went by.

The water along here is pretty yucky. We won't be doing any swimming for a while, that's for sure. Last night we anchored behind Sugar Island, we are now in the Illinois

Waterway. No barges, tugs, cars, bridges, trains or people, just a very quiet night. A nice change from the past week.

We are now in Ottawa, we have come through five locks, and all but one was a 40-foot drop. The one today took us an hour and a half, between waiting time and locking through time. That is the longest, so far.

Two of the three boats from Joliet are tied up on the wall with us here. With everyone going the same way we keep running into each other as we go along. So far we have only met one other Canadian looper.

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying this extended summer-like weather. Till the next time keep well.

Hugs, Jeannie and Don

September 25, 2012

Hi everyone! We are back online again.

Our two week holiday is over and we are heading south again. We left Ottawa bright and early Monday morning. Our first time to motor right up to the lock and enter.

It was wonderful to be with folks we know. So glad the Paceys made the trip from Cincinnati to spend a few days with us. Also Jack and Julie from Wisconsin and Tyler and Robin from Chicago.

The Illinois Waterway is a very busy place, apart from the barges and tows. After spending two weeks in the Ottawa/Starved Rock area, we observed many weekend pleasure boats, mostly pontoon, power runabouts and small cabin



Barge on the Mississippi

cruisers, but no sailboats other than those passing through.

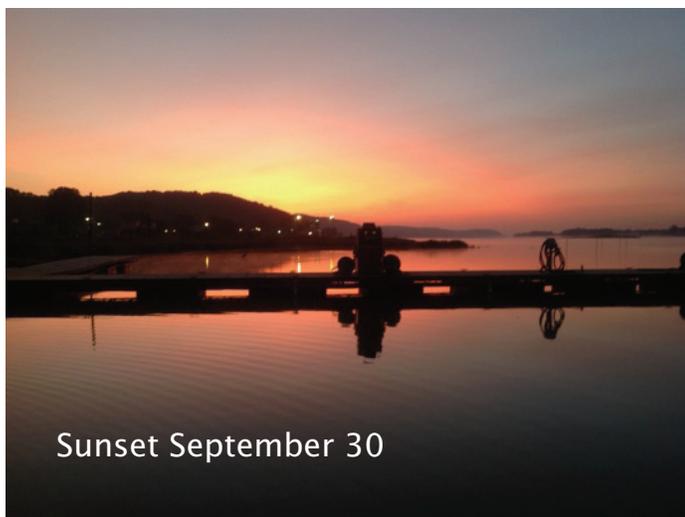
Weekend fishermen come out to catch the Asian carp, some with bows and arrows. Yes, bows and arrows! They tell us the carp are used to make fertilizer and a lot are shipped to China and processed to be sold as frozen fish. We got to watch them jumping today. Some jumped as high as three and four feet. A few even hit the boat.

Another interesting nature thing, thousands of white Pelicans along the waterway. They were going south, just hanging out I am not sure, but they sure are interesting to watch flying in long straight lines. I guess this is a great place for them with all the Asian carp to feed on.

The weather and the days are getting shorter, so we are going in the right direction. Take care everyone and we will write again soon.

Hugs, Jeannie and Don

September 30, 2012



Sunset September 30

Hi all,

We completed the Illinois Waterway from Starved Rock to the Mississippi in five days. A total of 234 miles made for some very long days.

Spent all five nights at anchor except for one on the wall at Peoria. First stop on the Mississippi River was Grafton Harbor Marina. I guess you may call this Marina party central. Hot tub pool and live music. Looper's special \$.10 off each gallon of gas. The party went on well into the night and kept Don awake into the wee hours of the morning, but not me.

We have been cruising down the Mississippi at 1,700 RPM and doing 9.3 miles per hour. We were told there wouldn't be that much current because of the low water.

So have been pleasantly surprised at how fast we are going.

The locks are larger than the ones on the Illinois. The water is just as yucky and the barge traffic is much heavier. Coming through St. Louis today, barges and tows were all over the place. Between the current and the wake from the barges it got a little tricky.

Lock 27 Chain of Rocks Lock and Dam was closed for repair about two weeks ago, causing a back up of barges to lock through. When we got there this morning it was all cleared out and we cruised right up and locked through. Sometimes it pays to be late.

The biggest problems with this section are a lack of anchorages and Marinas. Thus, you end up having to do 60, 80, and 100 mile days. Thank God for the current sending us faster than normal. My hope is to be off the Mississippi in a few days. 60 miles down and a 140 to go. We have gone over 1,200 miles in all so far.

The weather has been perfect, but they sure could use some rain here. Meeting lots of nice folks and seeing some beautiful country.

Hugs, Jeannie and Don

Year End Awards

Bay Racing

Congratulations to all the Racers who competed this year. It was very competitive, with many different boats winning races.

The overall winner for the year was JCool.

In White Sail the top three boats were:

1. Megawatt
2. Nomad
3. Gale Force

Flying Sails winners for 2012 were:

1. JCool
2. Ruby Tuesday
3. Caprice

Helping Hands & Sailor of the Year

These awards are given to members who go beyond the usual assistance or do a favour for someone.

The **Helping Hands Award** goes to **Paul Whitehead**. He is always willing to help and works hard at all the work parties. However, this year along with everything else, he volunteered to paint both of the sheds at the club.

The **Sailor of the Year** goes to **Ray Wilmot**. His support included towing another member's boat all the way home from the French River when their boat's motor quit.