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SAILPAST - A CONTINUING TRADITION

Sailpast, is a tradition dating back more than a 100 years at our Club, which marks the official start to the "on the water" club activities. Consequently, it is expected that all NYC Members, their families and friends, will be there to participate in this annual event, which will take place on June 4. It has always been a tradition for the dress code at this event to be "Blazers & Whites" for the men and similar appropriate attire for the ladies with "Navy & White" theme.

All members, new and old, are hereby encouraged to join the Commodore and Vice Commodores and other Officers of the Club for the blessing of the fleet, the actual Sailpast and a Cocktail Hour, after passing through a reception line at 1700 hours. At the reception line you will have the opportunity to meet your Commodore, Vice Commodores and Fleet Captains. After the Cocktail Hour, you can close off this eventful day by attending "The Sailpast Dinner Bash & Dance", which provides great food, entertainment and the opportunity to mix with your fellow club members. Book your table early, as it is always a full house!

"Sailpast" is based on the nautical tradition that when you meet your Commodore at sea, you are required to render the normal "naval salute" by dipping the Canadian Ensign and waiting for the response, of a salute from the Commodore. Years ago, in and around yacht clubs, this became an inconvenience, with so many boats on the lake, and requiring continuing salutes by the Commodores. It was decided a long time ago, that it would be better to condense this tradition into one ceremonial salute, at the beginning of the boating season, instead of

saluting at every meeting on the lake. The annual Sailpast was thus created and continues to this day.

The Saluting Routine at the National Yacht Club for this annual event is as follows:

Boats are grouped together by category (to be advised at the Skippers Meeting prior to the event), starting with the current Board Members, all other groups follow and continuously follow each other heading for the gap between Commodore Neill's boat 'Solstice' and Grand National appropriately anchored on the lake. As your boat passes by the Commodores boat, your ships company should stand attentively, weather permitting, as your bow comes in line with the Flagship. You are then required to lower your Canadian flag or furl if it is flown from the transom or if no Canadian flag, luff your jib. Commodore Neill will salute you and your boat, as you continue sailing past his boat. Please remember that you are not required to salute yourself in this routine. This is a great experience and a fun time for all participants, of course, weather permitting.

After the boats have passed the Commodore's boat, all will return to the club to enjoy the continuing activities, while Commodore Neill, will sail out into the lake, to cast the memorial wreath upon the waters, which represents those of our members who, have passed since last year's Sailpast.

Looking forward to seeing you all at this great traditional event in our boating year.

Linda Morley – VC Marketing & Comm.

NYC Newsletter

The National is a Quarterly publication of National Yacht Club, with Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter issues. It expands on and supplements the weekly email club updates generated by the office staff and provides additional news and information about the club and club activities.

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News from the Bridge

Season Amnesia

I was launching my new boat for the first time. I had purchased her the year before and had laid up for the winter at Port Credit. The launch was uneventful and, once the hoisting straps were cleared, the travel lift operator asked me to back down the basin. The engines hadn't been started yet and, as I looked down at the vaguely familiar instrument panel I thought, "Oh-oh, I totally forget how to start the engines!" I sheepishly asked the launch crew to take lines and, as they hauled me down the basin, I searched out the owner's manual to look for that vital 'how to start your engine' information that had somehow mysteriously disappeared from my memory over the winter. Lesson learned. Don't expect to remember everything from one season to the next!

We Lake Ontario boaters are a seasonal lot. We launch in April. We lay up in October. During the season lots of stuff happens. We learn to do things (like that back splicing thing that I laboured over for an entire season only to be totally inept at it the next year). And it's not only practices and procedures that we forget. It's people too. We meet lots of new people over a boating season. If you're new to the club it can be a daunting task to remember names and who's on what boat and a million other things that are expected to be stored, and accessible, in our seasonally amnesic brains.

Okay, maybe it's an age thing for me but it's also a challenge that I look forward to at the start of every new season. So now that we're launched and ready to really start the season, let's make a pact that we will help those of us who are somewhat memory challenged, or those who are simply new to the club

over the past couple of years by mentioning your name and boat to others who may have not remembered it from last year.

On another topic – club membership, I recently read some interesting facts and figures about 'clubs', not just yacht clubs but golf, tennis, canoeing and other types of sports clubs (not sure whether bridge clubs are included... but I digress!).

The article focused on the challenging times clubs of all types of having with their membership. The writer quotes club consultant Dan Ehrmann of ClubExpress as saying that in typical clubs: *"Five percent of members run the club and show up for almost every event, and another 15 percent of members regularly participate. Another 20 percent occasionally participate. But the remaining 60 percent never show up for anything!"* This rang true for me as I think about recent changes to NYC's leadership team. It's great to have some younger members on the Board. Thanks for stepping up Bonnie and Russell. You have brought the Board's average age down considerably! But now we all need to be thinking of ways of attracting new, younger members to our great club. The sailing demographic is aging and many yacht clubs are finding it difficult to attract new members. Let's meet this challenge and be on the lookout for potential new members from your off-season world.

Sailpast is fast approaching and I hope to see you all there with boats and crew dressed for the occasion. If the weather Gods allow, we will have a real sail past this year!

Here's to a great 2106 season!
Neill MacMillan, Commodore

SAVE THE DATE!!!

TOWN HALL MEETING

WHO?

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

WHEN?

JUNE 6, 2016 7:00 P.M.

WHERE?

NYC DINING ROOM

WHY?

National Yacht Club's property, docks and clubhouse are at stage where a number of our assets and member areas need some love and attention which will require time and investment. In some cases, our aging infrastructure simply needs repair, other elements need to be replaced and then there are the enhancements in appearance and functionality that we might all enjoy. As our debt is almost eliminated, the time has come to evaluate priorities and the logistics of longer term plans.

The Finance Committee would like to invite you to an open meeting for all members. Some of our projects whether on the "need to do" or "nice to do" lists may require significant funds and we'd like to provide you with some detail on some of the plans that are already under way and highlight potential areas of focus. Most importantly, we'd like to have your insights and thoughts as we plan for next years' budget and beyond.....

Pease join us... lend us your ears and give us your voice!

Finance Committee

Russell Hopper, Pamela Robertson, Keith Morley

READY SET GO A SUMMER OF FUN ON THE WATER

Summer is so close we can feel it, so time to get planning for all the great activities that the club has for all of us.

ALL RACERS mark your calendars:

We have a fantastic club-racing schedule planned thanks to our awesome Race Committee Chair – PK Smith. Practice starts for club racing starts May 11th and weeknight spring series racing starts May 17ths. Don't forget about the spring Round the Island race too, great time to bring friends and family out to the racecourse. Registration is up and the NOR and SIs are on line. Don't forget to check your PHRF rating and register today!

We are hosting three regattas at the club this summer including the J80s North American Championships, The Shark Gold Cup and the National Yacht Club Annual Open Regatta! The NYC Open Regatta is making its grand return to the club and is on both the LORC and the IRC calendars. We will need lots of volunteers to make all these regattas happen so all the racers, please come and help us out!

ALL CRUISERS mark your calendars:

The cruising schedule is coming together thanks to Karen Ford and her excellent cruising fleet. We have another active cruising season in the works with 9 cruising weekends lined up including two kids cruises. The cruising web site is being updated and we will advise when it is finalized so that you can get the cruising dates on your calendar. Cruise sign up sheets will be posted on the day of Sailpast so get ready to get on the water.

ALL MEMBERS mark your calendars:

Sailpast is the official NYC opening of the sailing season and all members

should come out and take part in the festivities on June 4th. If you have no boat, come and jump on someone's boat for the review of the fleet from Commodore MacMillan. After the review come and join us upstairs for an awesome dinner followed by dancing! It's a fabulous way to open the sailing season and get us all in the mood for a great summer.

This year, the event of the season is the **NYC Summer Social: Get Your Boat Out!** on June 11th (Formerly called "The National Yacht Club Family day"). This event is intended for all members of the club and will also replace the Sips on Slips party as the first club fun social event after Sailpast. Different from Sips on Slips, it's a whole day and night of fun. The day starts with on the water activities where you pick either racing (pursuit race) or cruising (scavenger hunt). Once the competition is done on the water, we all return to the club for in the harbour opti-racing and many more great activities. There will be a BBQ and prizes. Then, as evening sets in, the party starts up again! We hope that **all members of the club** bring their friends and family and enjoy a day for the whole club to get together and have fun!

Finally, the Poker Run is an event not to miss on July 23rd! It's a great day where the boats go out in the area, gather their cards and then anchor for an afternoon swim and festivities. Everyone then returns to the club for an awesome dinner, poker game and dancing. It's a perfect summer day!

So lots going on at the yacht club for everyone this summer. Get out your calendars and start your planning!

Enjoy!
Sandy Steffen, VC Fleet

Marine Operations Update Spring 2016

As the new boating season is quickly approaching, I want to provide you with a summary of the various committees that fall under this portfolio so that you are better informed for the season ahead. Each of these committees is chaired by a member volunteer, without whose efforts, we would not have the excellent facilities and services they each provide. When you meet any of them please show your appreciation for their efforts, and secondly, contact them for work hours and see what you are able to do to help them in their tasks. You will find it a satisfying experience.

Launch:

By the time this article is published, launch will have happened. The team has been busy preparing for the start of the boating season, so thank them for that.

Chairs: Mike Brown and Paul Chandler

Docks:

We had a moderate winter and as a result, the entire NYC basin was hardly ever completely iced over. This has been very good for the extended life of D dock. Last year this entire section was completely iced in and the ice weight caused the fingers to sticking up into the air. Not this year! This will mean less repair maintenance required prior to launch. We did experience a section at C dock, that had sunk. Kropf inspected the issue and found that several end brackets had been torn loose, compromising the hulls, which then filled with water. They are now repaired.

Chair: Ed Konzelman

Moorings:

Plans are underway to continue the replacement of more of the old tires with new mooring balls. Later in the spring, teams of divers will be out in the basin making a complete inspection of all moorings, from the bottom to the top shackle. If you are a certified diver and would like to get involved, please contact me directly. We'd really appreciate your help in this matter.

Chair: Malcolm Kirk

Cranes:

Both the White and Blue cranes are in good working order. Last year saw the complete replacement of the motors and cables on the White crane and the installation of two lights to masts that were very much appreciated during the last days of sailing. This year, lights will be added to the masts of the Blue crane.

Chair: Kevin Brown

Water Taxi:

By the end of last year's boating season, the NYC water taxi, **Go Between**, was looking very "tired". Although some work was done last winter, several of her more serious issues needed to be addressed. Of most concern was the issue of her taking on and holding water. This was partly due to a faulty bilge pump and the draining from the forward locker. There were also issues with the motor and all of its control/fuel lines in the stern locker.

After evaluating competitive quotes, we contracted with Bridge Yachts to complete all of the work. The boat was picked up in November and was returned to NYC at the end of March. Her entire hull was cleaned and polished, 2 new bilge pumps installed, stern locker modifications to handle the control lines and a new sealed locker has been created in the bow. The bumper pads replaced around the entire boat with new fenders to be installed along the starboard side. New graphics in identical format will be installed. In addition, a new more robust motor has been installed, with a special prop to

aid in moving heavy loads at low speeds, which is a necessity for such a water taxi.

Polecat:

Last year we had many issues with the polecat, with a resulting loss of availability. It was discovered that the control linkages were so badly worn that the controls appeared not to be working. It has demonstrated the need to have an on-site unit that can raise and lower masts at any time during the season. While the polecat had been used to move cradles, this activity had to be restricted as the hydraulic system was already compromised and heavy loads would just speed up the possibility of a complete failure. With all this front of mind, a team began a search for a replacement unit capable of handling masts as well as assist in the movement of cradles following Launch and preceding Haulout. Such a unit has been found and was delivered to NYC before launch this year. Following its arrival, training sessions will be held for the designated members to be able to operate the unit in one or more of its various roles.

Chair: John Arnott

Environment:

This team has been working very hard to increase the accreditation that the National has been awarded for our collective awareness of all issues related to our environment. And we want to see that increased. As our boats are prepared for a new season, it is very important that we all do this with a very clear focus on the handling, storage and disposal of the debris we create. The shrink-wrap covers should be packed up and deposited in the specially marked bin for recycling. All paints and associated brushes and rollers need to be disposed of properly and not just thrown into the garbage. Engine antifreeze should be collected, as best as possible when the engines are restarted. This can be recycled just outside the workshop, along with used engine oil.

In case you either create, or see a fuel or oil spill into the basin, there are containment supplies located in the locker just outside the west door to the clubhouse. They are there for member use to quickly and completely contain and remove the spilled liquids from the basin and away from surrounding boats.

Chair: Geoff Hadriil

Safety:

With a new committee Chair in place, we have begun a renewed awareness that will focus on safety around the club. The primary directive is to elevate the understanding of how situations can quickly change and how we can be better prepared to respond if and when such a situation were to occur. Most importantly, is for members to avoid placing themselves in places where harm can come to themselves or others. I would ask members to make themselves aware of this initiative as they perform their boating activities.

Chair: Brian Harrison

Succession planning is an ongoing activity for all Board members, as well as those in the various chair positions. I will be stepping down at the end of this year. To that end, and to assist the Nominating Committee, I have already begun a search for a successor. I am available to discuss the role and how volunteering for the Club is so rewarding. Let's talk!

Here's to another excellent boating season at the National Yacht Club! Enjoy and be safe!

Don Weston VC Marine Operations



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65th Toronto Sea Scouts Are Planning A Historical Summer

Don't be too surprised if you see a dozen or more young sailors around the club who look like they stepped out of the early 19th Century. They're just our Sea Scouts, dressed in period costumes and training for one of several historical naval re-enactments that are in their plans this year.

The 65th Toronto Sea Scout Group, which is sponsored by the National Yacht Club and moors "United," a 27-foot open Montagu whaling boat, in the club's basin, has been involved for about 10 years with several bands of War of 1812 re-enactors across Ontario.

In the winter, the Scout Group's five age-divided sections of boys and girls hold weekly meetings in the gym of Roncesvalles United Church, a few blocks north of the lake on Roncesvalles Avenue. But as the weather warms up, their thoughts turn to sailing, and more of their outdoor activities focus on their boat at NYC.

The youngest Beaver Scouts, who range from 5 to 7 years old, are already looking forward to a sail in Humber Bay. Our Cub Scouts, aged 8 to 10, are thinking of taking United across Toronto Harbour for a night of tent camping on Snake Island, which we arrange through Toronto's Parks and Recreation Department.

The Sea Scouts, boys and girls who are 11 to 14 years old, take United out for sailing or rowing practice at NYC almost every week in the summer. But they also get to dress and play the part of tars in the Royal Navy's Provincial Marine in staged re-enactment battles with other historical bateaux and tall ships at several summer festivals.

Only the older Sea Venturers (14 to 17 years old) and Sea Rovers (18 to 26) can learn how to fire United's black-powder swivel cannon, which is mounted on a post at her bow. The training is intense, and you have to be at least 16 years old to qualify. While we shoot only blanks, the explosions from our big gun are enough to excite the crowds that come out to watch us.

Our Scout Group is part of Scouts Canada and the Worldwide Brotherhood of Scouting, which has been the largest youth movement on Earth for more than 100 years. Like all other Scouts, our young people focus on having fun outdoors, learning life skills and leadership, and volunteering in their community.

It's all based on the solemn promise each Scout makes to carry out the spirit of what they call the Scout Law: "A Scout is helpful and trustworthy, kind and cheerful, considerate and clean, and wise in the use of all resources."

But Sea Scouts (we're one of only two Sea Scout Groups in Toronto) put a special emphasis on learning how to have fun safely on the water.

This summer, we'll be taking United on the road again as our Scouts participate in historical re-enactments in Barrie, Bath, Amherstburg and Fort Willow, highlighted by a week of sailing and camping along the shore of Lake Erie.

We're always looking for new members, so please stop by our tent, next to the Quonset hut in the east yard, if you know any boys or girls who might want to join our fun.

John C.P. King - "Skip 65th Toronto Sea Scouts



2016 NYC Summer Social - Get Your Boat Of The Dock Save the Date

The NYC Buddy System Needs YOU

Let's get everyone off the docks to enjoy some friendly competition and socializing! All NYC racers, cruisers and power squadron are invited to participate in the continued revival of the annual NYC Open with NYC Family Day. With a carnival atmosphere, bring your friends and family to join in the fun.

Enjoy on the water activities and/or competition (pursuit race for racing types and by popular demand the return of the on the water scavenger hunt for cruisers and power squadron) then back to the club for fun and games, draw prizes, vendor demos, a BBQ and live music. Cheer on your skipper or crew mate in the Opti challenge and raise money for junior sailors. Top it off with a dipped cone from the Ice Cream Truck and your day will be complete!

Be sure to mark the date in your calendar and invite friends, family and crew to enjoy the day. Fun for all and all for fun!

Visit the club website for details www.thenyc.com

Chris Allen

I am looking for additional volunteers to assist new members (cruisers, racers, dinghie, keelboat, and powerboat) to integrate into the NYC community. The goal is to improve their on-boarding experience, and increase retention among all categories of membership going forward.

With this program, existing and new members will be linked, with the idea being that the existing members will help new members by showing them around the club; reminding and helping them regarding the protocol at functions such as Sailpast, Commodores Banquet, Commodores Cruise, other Cruises and Regattas; advising them of places to go and see around the club; introducing them to the staff; helping link them to the club, if required. These buddy volunteers will be available as someone that the new members can call/email when they need information about something at the NYC.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please email me at sophia.weber@gmail.com. When a need is created, I will try and match you up with people with similar interests.

Thank you,

Sophia Weber

THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF OUR CLUB HOUSE

On April 8th, the night of the wine tasting event, you may have seen a group of us in the Dining room huddled in the corner making notes and looking like food critics. That was your Food and Beverage (F&B) Committee working with Chef Dani getting ready for the Spring Menu.

This article is to provide our members with a little more insight into your F&B Committee, some changes in the kitchen process, and where we need some help from you.

First, your F&B Committee works with the dining room team to help ensure it achieves our members' expectations. As

you can imagine, with such a wide variety of member's preferences, not all will be achieved. Our goal, however, is to achieve a balance. It is no secret that in 2015 the dining room was down in sales and showed a financial loss. With this in mind your F&B Committee is tasked with helping to improve our member dining experiences, and to entice more members and guests into our dining room. Since we review and discuss **all member feedback**, here are some examples of what we've heard we need to consider; quality and consistency, healthier menu choices, more variety on the

menu and bring back some of your items.

Therefore, after a number of menu iterations, and our rigorous and delicious tasting night - we are pleased to launch your new **Spring Menu!** Here are some highlights of the new menu which we think you will all enjoy.

Food & Beverage Committee



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Education at NYC!

Youth Learn to Sail

The National Yacht Club Sailing & Racing School is gearing up for another great season of teaching young people how to sail! If you visited the Club during the first week of May you might have seen our instructors hard at work setting up coach boats and sailboats in preparation for the summer season. Again our sailing school will offer the full complement of Sail Canada levels **CANSail 1&2** for beginners, **CANSail 3&4** for intermediate level sailors and **CANSail 5&6** for our advanced level junior race team.

Our beginner CANSail 1&2 summer camp program is perfect for first time sailors aged 7 to 15 and focuses on fundamental skill acquisition. Students learn to skipper their own boat while mastering basic sailing skills, boat control and sailing terminology. Not only do campers spend their time out on the water sailing, they also learn how to set up and put away their boats, how to tie knots and of course have loads of fun playing games and doing arts & crafts! Once young sailors have mastered the basics, they can join our upper level programs where they are taught advanced skills and how to apply them on the race course.

Have children, grandchildren or friends with kids? Don't let them miss the boat, register for one-week or two-week sessions during July and August. For more information visit our website www.thenyc.com/youthsailing or contact us directly by email programs@thenyc.com or phone at 416-260-8686 ext 32.

Adult Learn to Sail

If you have friends or family looking to get into the sport of sailing let them know about our wonderful adult learn to sail courses available to participants aged 16

and up. We have a variety of entry level courses to choose from in both keelboats and dinghies.

Instructed by National 1-Design Sailing Academy we are again offering Sail Canada's **Start Keelboat Sailing Course**, the 18-hour program that introduces participants to the fundamentals of being an active keelboat crew member. Offered over a single weekend in June, July or August this is the perfect course for people to get a taste of what sailing is all about! For those looking for a more comprehensive course we are also offering the popular **Basic Cruising Course**, another great option for sailing newbies! This 28-hour program, offered on weekends or weeknights from May to August, covers how to crew and helm a keelboat and is the course to take if you are planning on owning a boat someday.

If exciting small boat sailing is more your cup of tea, we are again offering **CANSail 1&2 Adult Dinghy Learn to Sail**. Taught on our fleet of 14-foot C420 dinghies and available on weekends or weeknights from June to August this course is both challenging and rewarding.

We also have a few new courses for 2016 to further your sailing education! The **Basic Keelboat Racing Course** is the perfect course for someone who wants to improve their racing chops for this season. We are also offering a **Keelboat Spinnaker Course** for members who want to learn how to trim their kite and make gains on the downwind.

If you are interested in registering for any of these courses or would like more information visit our website www.thenyc.com/education/learntosail or contact us directly by email programs@thenyc.com or phone at 416-260-8686 ext 32.



On a visit to the club in February, in the midst of what was supposed to be our winter, I was disappointed to find that the notice for an upcoming Sailor's Night had been defaced, something like that shown below:

The inference was that the travel through the Arctic, as depicted by the vessel in the poster, was not "sailing" - it was "motorboating" - and that the act of "sailing" is reserved for wind driven vessels only.

That's, in my view, a simplistic understanding of the general use of the word. For instance, when the Bismark "sailed" westward from Bergen in May 1941, to her demise, or the Queen

As a noun "sailing" has the meaning of , "...the action of sailing in a ship or boat; a voyage made by a ferry or cruise ship, especially according to a planned schedule; an act of beginning a voyage or leaving a harbour." To "sail" is a verb also having many meanings, among them, "...to move along or travel over water; travel in a ship or boat using sail or engine power; travel by ship on, or across, a sea; navigate or control a ship or boat; [or to]

MOTORBOATING
Sailing through Arctic Research
 with Sandy Steffen
 Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 2016 - "First Gun" at 7:30 pm

Sandy has been an Arctic researcher studying contaminants in the air over and around the Arctic Ocean for 20 years. Her work has taken her from Alert, Nunavut to the Beaufort Sea on the Amundsen icebreaker and from Svalbard to Barrow. She will talk about her experiences in the Arctic and why the Arctic Ocean would be a tough place to sail.

Sailors' Night NYC's Winter Speaker Series

Elizabeth "sailed" on schedule, from New York to the UK, or modern cruise ships sailed from Miami, none raised a main or unfurled a jib. Yet they are all said to have "sailed".

The word "sailing" in its simplest sense refers to "the sport or activity of traveling on water in a sailboat", but equally applies to "the technical skill of managing a ship or its navigation".

move smoothly and rapidly or in a stately or confident manner; or succeed easily at something, (especially a test or examination)." So, as sailors know, "sailing", in any of its forms is neither limited nor simple. And that here was no need to deface the poster.

David George

AHMEN RACING – 2016 SCHEDULE

Race	Date	Race Committee
1	Sun Aug 7, 2016	EYC - Etobicoke Yacht Club
2	Sun Aug 14, 2016	NYC - National Yacht Club incorporating ARGOSY ROSE BOWL Trophy
3	Sun Sep 11, 2016	MCC - Mimico Cruising Club
4	Sat Sep 17, 2016	AYC - Alexandra Yacht Club
5	Sun Sep 25, 2016	TS&CC - Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club
6	Sun Oct 2, 2016	QCYC - Queen City Yacht Club

AHMEN series update: NYC Racers Own the Podium!

The AHMEN Awards Dinner was held at NYC on February 5, 2016. The NYC participants had a successful year. White Sail 2, Harvey Cracknell was 2nd in **Reville**. In White Sail 1, George Pettyan skippered **Gaoh** to a win, while **Daybreak** skippered by Bonnie Reib achieved a second place overall. In Spinnaker 2, Michael Brown in **Windburn** won while in 3rd place was Richard McKean in **Aristosera**. In Spinnaker 1, Dan Berizan won in **Surprise** while in 3rd spot was Denys Jones in **Carpe Ventus**.

In the ARGOSY ROSE BOWL, **Xoomer Xpress**, skippered Adam Farkas, was pushed out of contention by ten seconds, by Hot Water from Mimico Cruising Club.

In 2015, AHMEN added two starts for the IRC fleets, providing start and finish times to the IRC Group which then used their own scoring system.

The AHMEN series was started in the 1970s by Carole Percy, then at Harbour City Yacht Club, and the late Janet Willings of NYC. AHMEN racing was originally spawned as a Frost-bite series when the various club markers had been lifted and fixed shipping navigation marks were used to have some late season racing fun. Other clubs became interested and today we have ten participating clubs.

In 2000 NYC has the second highest participation at 39%, then eclipsed by Etobicoke Yacht Club. In 2008, during his last year as AHMEN representative, the late Roly Andrews of NYC, saw his club climb to first place where it has stayed since as the leading club. The current NYC participation rate is 44%, more than twice that of the next club. Richard McKean is the current NYC Rep.

AHMEN races provides a good mix between the social and competitive aspects of sailing. This must be the right mix as the AHMEN has maintained its participation rate while other more formal events have seen a decline in participation. For those who relish data, in 2015 there was an average of 29.5 starts per race day (28.7 is the 16-year average.) Spinnakers represent 62% and White Sail 38% of the fleet. A trend is faster boats is evident. In 2000, Spinnaker 1 starts totalled 24 and by 2015 had grown to 74.

AHMEN organizes six weekend PHRF handicap races and is currently supported by race committees from Alexandra Yacht Club, Etobicoke Yacht Club, Mimico Cruising Club, National Yacht Club, Queen City Yacht Club and Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club.

It's time to add the 2016 race dates to your sailing calendar (see heading)

Stephen Fallor and Richard McKean
 Photos: PK Smith



LAND TASK FORCE

What do you think?

We need your input!

As you know from discussions in the NYC Annual Reports, at the last two AGM meetings and the Strategic Planning workshops last fall, there is a diverse group of members called the Land Planning Task Force working on some long term plans and solutions for our small piece of property. We report to the VC; Finance and are composed of past or current members from each of the following committees: Finance, Systems and Operations, Sailing and Racing School, Drysail, Cranes, Workshop, Pump-out, Masts, Launch and Haulout, Landscaping, Match Racing Club, Environment and are joined by Tal Wolf, Samantha Glass and Amelia Leeksma.

The concept of the Task Force is to deal with some immediate issues on the property which affect all the members but also to develop some long term solutions with 3 – 5 year implantation plans, produce conceptual drawings and story boards of the various ideas and post at the clubhouse for the members to vote. This is similar to the approach we used for support of the dining room renovation in 2007.

The initial work centred around a “blue sky” inventory and wish lists originating from the committees represented at the table. Priority has been given to research and costing around the infrastructure and safety of our property eg. Sinkholes, rodents, crumbling leaky trailers, fences, gates, lighting and then a focus on increased storage, improved appearance and activity areas. Initial discussions have occurred and been ongoing with architects and engineers in regards to the foundation of our landfill and any limitations that might be present.

Each person on the Task Force has taken responsibility for researching and costing a specific idea and now that we have gathered preliminary information, it is time to hear from you, the membership, about any additional thoughts and comments you might have.....

For the sake of focus and project management, we've divided the property into zones: West end of yard and berm, west lawn and flagpole, east end of building under deck, east end of yard and workshop, south fence, north retaining wall/ walkways and front gate area . Some of the elements currently being considered and researched include:

A multi-use building for Sailing and Racing School, which could also accommodate member events and winter storage
BBQ area and possible fire pits
Gazebo for possible regatta usage
Offsite cradle storage
Kayak/ tender storage
Enhanced base for flagpole
Crew Member lockers
Crane enhancements
Patio area on current berm
Storage racks under the east end of the deck
Moveable shrubbery
New pedestrian gate
Additional cages in Quonset hut
Indoor/ outdoor chartroom
Enhanced waste management area

This will be a big and expensive project regardless of the phased approach. Based on member feedback and comments over the years, we know that there is interest in preserving our foundation and also making it more useful and beautiful. We would love to hear from you about any other ideas you might have and your thoughts on the direction we are heading. Please email us at landplanning@thenyc.com or drop a note into the club office.

Pamela Robertson

Welcome NEW Members

Senior Resident

Martin Schultz - Hull-A-Baloo, C&C 25
Anthony Kovachis & Mario Martel - Marant, Carver 38
Mark Fiorillo & Kathy Mosakos - Whisper, Tanzer 22
Erika Caceres – TBA 28' Power

Congratulations!

Ken Knapp - Dory, Shark
Susan Asquith - Amigos, Catalina 30
Nathalie Lovasz & Alex Lecca – Bayette Grampian Discovery 7.9\l
Sarah Henstock & David Troian – Abishag, Catalina 34.4
Phil Obendorf & Charlene Diguseppe – TBA Jeanneau 419
Mike Kennedy – CL16
Sean Gagnon – Blue Oyster, Beneteau 423 Oceanis

Dinghy

Eric Yeo - 2.4 mR
Dinu Cebzan - ICU Seabright Marine 500P
Andrew Glenn - 29er
Nathan Joos - Hobie Wave
Mike Kennedy – CL16

Introductory Crew

Jacob Tingling	Meaghan Peer
Rambert Sin	William Severin
Jade McDonnell	Xi (Jenny) Chen
Bryan Timm	James Crouch
Anjeer Khan	Eric Decorte
Marius Oochsior	Keith Rose
Catherine Knights	Rick Galbraith
Pamela Griffiths-Jones	Jerome Kovacs
Nino Ricci	Lesley Gallinger
Pam Huggler	Christina Collins
Cecilia Marino	Celine Chranofsky
Marco Battaglia	Damian Lewis
Dan Fonseca	Lezlie Bain
Nicole McVan	Fred Crossley
Robert Lauder	Brad Johnston
Judy Kan	James Fong
Judith Purves	William Ginther
R. Ian Salter	Dragan Milanovic
Nancy Salter	Jacqueline Taggart
Collin Young	Ramin Grewal
Joel Smith	George Nogalo
Simon Paquette	Victoria Rexhepaj
	Lena Rogers

Social

Dave Pearce
Paul Carleton
Michael Parsons

Junior

Luca Ricci



NYC EVENTS

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Launch Local Road Closures - Goodlife Marathon	2	3 NOTSA AGM & Luncheon	4	5	6 Pub Night	7
8 Mother's Day Brunch	9	10 Practice Starts	11 Practice Starts	12 Practice Starts	13	14
15	16	17 Spring Series Week 1	18 Spring Series Week 1	19 Spring Series Week 1 420 Club Begins	20	21 Basic Cruising - Session 1
22	23 Club Office Closed Spring Round Island Race	24 Spring Series Week 2	25 Spring Series Week 2	26 Spring Series Week 2 420 Club	27	28 Rock n' Roll Spring Fling
29	30 Basic Cruising - Session 2	31 Spring Series Week 3				
June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Spring Series Week 3	2 Spring Series Week 3	3 Start Keelboat Sailing 1 Begins	4 Sailpast
5	6 Adult Dinghy Learn to Sail Begins	7 Spring Series Week 4	8 Spring Series Week 4	9 Spring Series Week 4	10	11 NYC Summer Social
12 NOTSA Regatta	13	14 Spring Series Week 5	15 Spring Series Week 5	16 Spring Series Week 5		18 Sail for Burn Survivor's 2016
19 Father's Day Brunch Buffet	20	21 Spring Series Week 6	22 Spring Series Week 6	23 Spring Series Week 6	24	25 NYC Cruise to Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club
26 NYC Cruise to CBYC - Gt Lakes Alberg Regatta	27	28 Spring Series Week 7	29 Spring Series Week 7	30 Spring Series Week 7		
July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada DAY Club Office Closed	2
3	4	5 Spring Series Week 8	6 Spring Series Week 8	7 Spring Series Week 8 420 Club	8	9
10	11	12 Summer Series Week 1	13 Summer Series Week 1	14 Summer Series Week 1 420 Club	15	16
17	18	19 Summer Series Week 2	20 Summer Series Week 2	21 Summer Series Week 2 420 Club	44	89
24	25	26 Summer Series Week 3	27 Summer Series Week 3	28 Summer Series Week 3	29	30



It's your club, your passion, get involved