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December 2007 - January 2008

Commodore's Corner: About three years ago, we made some changes at the yacht club. We shortened the hours that the Galley was open. We also made an effort to improve service on the docks. We embarked on a program to improve the Clubhouse. We really weren't sure how these changes were received by members so we surveyed you. 272 out of the membership responded, that is about half.

My big worry was the dining room. 49% said the food is ok, 39% said improve; 61% said the service is ok; 31% said improve and 64% said the shortened schedule is ok. This survey was conducted in June of this year. I think Marilyn responded to these responses and both service and food improved over the summer and fall.

The second was the waterfront. 66% said the service at the gas dock was good; 58% thought that launch service was ok. The waterfront committee and Joe are striving to make these numbers bigger.

The condition of the docks is of concern. The majority of those who have slips indicated that their condition is satisfactory. However, we are going to hire a consultant to advise us of improvements that we might make.

We have embarked on a program of improving the Clubhouse and Grounds. 72% were in favor of keeping the improvements going. So we will.

In regard to the Clubhouse, I have been asked by a few members if we would consider putting in an elevator. In the survey 44% approved, 22% had no opinion and 33% disapproved. In view of this response and in courtesy to those few who need it, we are going to get bids for an elevator on the north side of the Clubhouse.

As you know the original bar was built in 1949 at a cost of \$1004. The first the bar took in \$2866. Fifty eight years later, we ripped that bar out, saved some parts, and what you see cost \$40,000. This year it took in \$122,000. The survey showed that the bar service was approved by 75%, but 11% thought service should be improved. Paying attention to the minority, we are installing more terminals to improve service.

Bill Dingwell (e-mail: Commodore@nbyc.com)

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee meets every month and reviews all membership applications prior to being considered and voted on by the Board of Directors. It also reviews and recommends any proposed changes to membership rules to be considered by the Board. The committee is comprised of Darryl Murphy, Dr. Joseph Burke, Jr. and myself.

This year the Board of Directors approved an Emeritus subclass which affects widows or widowers of deceased members. The same rules for Emeritus status apply, however the requirement of 20 years of consecutive membership has been reduced to 10 years of consecutive membership. The Board considered and approved this change in an effort to retain spouses who have long been associated with the Club. Please contact the Club office for details if you or a family member qualifies and wishes to reclassify.

The Membership Committee would like to ask that proposers fully acquaint themselves with all requirements of the membership process. Our system relies on the proposer to ensure that all paperwork is complete and as such is the first point of contact when questions arise. We ask that members who are providing references be specific regarding their knowledge of the proposed candidate and elaborate on the reasons the applicant wishes to join the New Bedford Yacht Club. Questions regarding the application process should be directed to Carol or to any member of the Membership Committee.

The following is a summary of membership statistics and activity at the New Bedford Yacht Club during calendar year 2007:

<u>Current Membership</u>	<u>Resignations</u>	<u>New Members Accepted</u>
500 Senior	15 Senior	21 Senior
46 Intermediate	3 Intermediate	4 Intermediate
47 Emeritus	5 Emeritus	
10 Juniors	1 Junior	1 Junior

Currently there are 18 applications for Senior membership
Ricardo J. Bermudez, Rear Commodore & Membership Committee Chairman
(e-mail: RearCommodore@nbyc.com)

Manager's Corner: The 2007 season has come to an end and NBYC staff is busy working on preparations for spring 2008. NBYC web page will be updated as events are finalized and the calendar for 2008 will be available as Committee Chairs make their final plans.

The "**Lost and Found**" box by the office is overflowing with nautical items, towels, clothes and more. If you are missing something, stop by and check it out. Unclaimed items will be donated to the **Annual Sailing School Yard Sale** in July 2008.

Please send in your current Club information sheet to Carol so we can update our 2008 Membership Book. Be sure to include your summer and winter phone numbers and email address. Check the 2007 Membership Book to see if your information is correct.

Mark your calendars for our "**10th Annual Chili Night**" on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 6:30pm. Alan Ferguson and his team will prepare their "Dragon Fire Chili", along with Greg's Margarita and Mojito Bar. Watch for a flyer in the mail about this fun filled member event.

While we are closed, reciprocal privileges have been extended once again to our members by the Hope Club in Providence. The Hope Club is a private, members' only fine dining club located at 6 Benevolent Street. The club is open for both lunch and dinner; reservations must be made by calling the club at 401-421-4960. Gentlemen must wear both jacket and tie. Members need only sign and your NBYC account will be charged.

Contact me if you would like to host a party at the Club between Labor Day and Commissioning. The beautiful view and ambiance of the yacht club lends itself to a spectacular venue for an office, anniversary, birthday or wedding. You may also sponsor a non-member for an event. Call for details and fees.

DATES AHEAD

Friday, December 7th
Friday, December 22nd - January 1, 2008
Saturday, January 19th
Friday, January 25th-27th

Last Tavern Night of 2007
Club office closed
10th Annual Chili Night
NBYC Sails North for Ski weekend

The following information was received from the Army Corps of Engineers:

"Effective immediately the controlling depth of the Cape Cod Canal is changed to 30 feet as a result of a reduction in sand shoaling in the vicinity of the Canal station 450 at the eastern end of Hog Island Channel, and sand shoaling in the vicinity of Canal station 155, just west of the Sagamore Bridge. Vessels drawing greater than 26 feet should consult well in advance with the Marine Traffic Controller on Duty."

The staff and I wish all our members and their families a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. A reminder the office will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st. See you in 2008.

As always, I welcome your comments, my door is always open!
Marilyn P. Sams, CCM (e-mail: marilyn@nbyc.com)

Property Committee: Members will see many new improvements to the Club when the 2008 season begins in May. A new fence on Elm Street will be installed in early 2008. Inside the Clubhouse, new lighting and window shades are scheduled for the Dining Room. The Dining Room floor near the west and south facing windows will be leveled. Exterior trim, rain gutter and soffit painting will be completed in the coming year.

There will also be improvements made that are not readily noticeable, but necessary such as a new hot water heater, a new ice freezer, chimney and flue repairs, and a new parking lot storm drain.

David Hall, Chairperson (e-mail: quickshole@comcast.net)

Docks and Slips Committee: On December 1st we will be mailing the slip contract renewals for 2008. This year we are requiring the Emergency Contact information. Please provide accurate information so that our files are correct and double check all the highlighted information. We will be sending the contracts back if any information is not filled in.

A 20% deposit will be charged to your NBYC account on December 31st.

Ted Herlihy, Chairperson (e-mail: tjher@comcast.net)

NBJR Committee: In January, we will begin to start planning for the 2008 NBJR. It is a wonderful event for our junior racers each July. From Opti Green Fleet to 420's and Lasers, this is sure to be a friendly and fun regatta. We welcome the support from our members, especially new faces! If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please contact me.

Patty Sweriduk, Chairperson (e-mail: phsweriduk@aol.com)

Jr. Activities Committee: The JAC hosted 120 ghosts and goblins for a hauntingly wonderful Family Halloween Party on October 27th. Games, food and of course, the Haunted Basement, kept everyone silly and scared.

Our Breakfast with Santa, December 1st, will no doubt prove to be yet another terrific NBYC Holiday Family Event that starts off the festive season with family and friends.

The Babysitting Service for Tavern Nights has ended. Please send any comments/suggestions regarding this service to my attention at k2w@comcast.net as we wish to improve upon it when we continue in the spring of 2008.

The JAC and I wish everyone in the NBYC family a very happy and safe holiday season.
Karen Woodcock, Chairperson (e-mail: k2w@comcast.net)

Race Committee: The annual Race Awards and Dinner was held on Friday, October 19th. The 165 people who attended was the largest ever for this event.

The following is a summary of the perpetual awards:

George B. Knowles, Jr. Trophy	Edmund "Ted" Scott
Barb McCarthy Award	DJ Walsh
Demarest Lloyd Trophy	Ira Perry " <i>Seefest</i> "
Frank Vining Smith Trophy	Tom Selldorff " <i>Kinship</i> "
E. Eugene Ashley Memorial Trophy	Kevin Flannery " <i>Shindig</i> "
Narada Perpetual Challenge Cup	John Pinheiro " <i>Faial</i> "
James E. Stanton, Jr. Trophy	Tom Selldorff " <i>Kinship</i> "
Horatio Brewster Memorial Trophy	Bill Dingwell " <i>Zoomer</i> "
Russ Smith Trophy	Warren Hathaway " <i>Baby Grand</i> "
The Commodore's Cup	Geoffrey Marshall " <i>Maelstrom</i> "
The Mishaum Cup	Ira Perry " <i>Seefest</i> "
	Bill Dingwell " <i>Zoomer</i> "
	Peter Kavanaugh " <i>Dog Fish Stu</i> "
	Jamie Simmons

The Sunset Series awards are posted on the Club website (www.nbyc.com).

Race events offshore news: Two NBYC members, John Bentley and Peter Kavanaugh competed in the 2007 Laser Master World Championships in Roses, Spain, in early October. There was a total of 419 competitors representing 33 countries. Races were sailed on two circles and then broken down into age categories.

In the Grand Masters Class (ages 55-64) Bentley finished 28th in a very competitive field of 75. He was the third American in the Class. One of the two Americans that beat John was former world champion Doug Peckover.

In the Masters Class (ages 45-54) there was a total of 107 competitors and the class was broken into two fleets. Kavanaugh was 12th overall in the silver fleet and the top sailor from the U.S.
Don Watson, Chairperson (e-mail: dwatson@neboatworks.com)

NBYC Calendar of Events 2008

(as of November 30th)

December	01	Jr. Activities- Breakfast with Santa - 9:30-10:30am - Santa arrives 10:30am
	07	Caroling in Padanaram - Last Tavern Night serving 5:30-8:30pm
	08	Private Function
	14	Private Function
	20	Board of Directors' Meeting at 8:00pm
	22-31	Club office closed
	31	Private Function
January	01	New Years' Day - Club closed
	17	Board of Directors' Meeting at 8:00pm
	19	10th Annual Chili Night - 6:00pm
	25-27	NBYC Skis North