

NEVADA YACHT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2007

Minutes of the Nevada Yacht Club (NYC/the Club) meeting held April 20, 2007 at the Lake Mead Marina. Minutes prepared by John Crawford, Secretary.

Item I: Commodore Joedy Sisler

Commodore Joedy called the meeting to order at 1938 hours. Members introduced themselves and identified their sailing yachts. New member Kevin Olshauger, owner of a Cal 31 sailboat, received a special welcome from the Club.

Joedy reported on the success of the Leukemia Cup Regatta, held April 14 and 15, 2007. This was the fifth year of the Regatta for Nevada Yacht Club. The Regatta continued the tradition of raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, money for research and treatment. Dinners and parties were held at the Hacienda Hotel and Casino Friday and Saturday, along with the awards banquet Sunday. This year brought winds for fine racing as well, with the Military Challenge on Friday, and the Regatta on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's winds were particularly rigorous, testing the skills and equipment of Club members.

Awards were presented at the awards banquet. Joedy summarized by congratulating winners including Fred DeSousa and Glenn Frank for the spinnaker fleet, Alan Stromberg for the non-spinnaker A fleet, and Randy Holt for the B Fleet. Also winning was Jim Rosaschi in the Holder 20 fleet and George Johnson in the Capri 26 fleet. Complete results are on the website.

Item II: Vice Commodore John Connolly

Vice Commodore John summarized recent Club successes in Sail Training and Novice Race Training. The next sessions for each are in preparation at this time.

Item III: Staff Commodore John D'Acunto

The Staff Commodore was unable to attend and provided no report.

Item IV: Secretary John Crawford

Secretary John reported great sailboat racing at the Leukemia Cup, with particularly challenging conditions on Saturday. He crewed with sailing buddy Sharon Hasselbach on the Ultimate 20, Grace Note. He repeated Commodore Joedy's congratulations to racers for experiencing this fine Leukemia Cup sailing adventure.

Dr. John reported on plans to post the minutes of the NYC General Meeting to the website. Minutes for the past 4 or 6 meetings will be available to help Club members keep track of Club activities and events.

Item V: Treasurer Angelo Gurreri

Treasurer Angelo presented his report. Highlights included:

\$ 9,698 in checking account

\$ 7,760 in capital fund

\$17,458 total

Additional resources included the Club race committee boat, Grilleville and trailer, assorted race equipment, and five sailing dinghies.

Item VI: Fleet Captain David Hoch

Fleet Captain David was unable to attend the meeting. He asked Joedy to present the trophies for the Winter Series races.

Spinnaker

1st Fred DeSousa, Golden

2nd Shane Stephens, Healing Arts

3rd Floyd White, Possibilities

Non-spinnaker A

1st Mike McElhaney, B Natural

2nd Steve Smith, Winsornaut

Non-spinnaker B

1st Randy Holt, Swingin' Dixie

2nd Jeff Parsons, Wind Riener

Item VII: Membership Chair Shay Sisler

Membership Chair Shay reported recent new members have brought NYC membership total to 50.

Item VIII: Webmaster Fred DeSousa

New Webmaster Fred DeSousa thanked former Webmaster Marty Smihula for his excellent efforts in developing the Club site. Fred encouraged members to visit the website for current information about club activities and events. He said he welcomed ideas to plan additions and revisions to the site. Two additions presently being planned are: 1. Club by-laws. 2. Minutes of the General Meetings for 4-6 months.

Item IX: Old Business

Topic A

Change in date of Spring Race from April 28 to May 6.

Change in time of Competitors Meeting for Women's Regatta from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM.

Topic B

Beth Clark reported that Sailing World magazine will be printing an article about the national Leukemia Cup racing series. Included will be information about the Nevada

Yacht Club April 14-15, 2007 event. A photographer will be in Las Vegas to take pictures of event winners. Beth will call winners with plans and details.

Item X: New Business

Topic A

Commodore Joedy proposed developing new committees for NYC. In addition to the present standing committees for Membership and Programs, NYC has special committees for the Newsletter, Clubhouse, and By-laws. Each year, the club also appoints special committees for Nominations of officers, and Leukemia Cup. Joedy and the Board have been considering the need for committees to provide better continuity and planning for key club activities. With the election of new officers, Club activities may decline until the new officer learns the role and responsibilities. One observation was that Sail Training could face a decline with the election of a new Vice Commodore, until that person gains experience. The new Novice Race Training has had a great start, but might now benefit from broader Club support in planning the next phases. Similar concerns were recalled about the Club racing program being uneven and inconsistent in the past when directed by a new-elected Fleet Captain.

General discussion followed. A number of meeting participants indicated interest in participating on committees to improve planning of programs and continuity of programs.

Joedy agreed to develop a proposal for adding two special committees to the NYC structure. One committee would serve to plan and improve consistency in the NYC Education Program, including sail training and novice race training. A second committee would serve to plan and improve consistency for the NYC Racing Program, including regattas such as the Leukemia Cup and supporting the Nevada Cup program.

Topic B

Joedy reported some financial resources remain from the grant funding of Clark County Boating and Safety. Barbie Holt will prepare a request for a color printer.

No other new business was presented. The April General Meeting of the Nevada Yacht Club was adjourned by Commodore Joedy Sisler at 2019 hours.

****Next General Meeting: Friday, May 18, 2007, 7:30 PM, Lake Mead Marina****