

NEVADA YACHT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2007

Minutes of the Nevada Yacht Club (NYC/the Club) held February 16, 2007 at the Lake Mead Marina. Minutes prepared by John Crawford, Secretary.

**Item I: Commodore Joedy Sisler**

Commodore Joedy was delayed. Vice Commodore John Connolly called the meeting to order at 1736 hours. Members introduced themselves and identified their sailing yachts. New members introduced themselves: Jeff Parsons (702) 254-3642; David Strutt (800) 734-8542.

Minutes of the previous meeting 1/19/07 are on the NYC website. A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the minutes. The motion passed.

**Item II: Vice Commodore John Connolly**

Vice Commodore John reported Spring Sail Training will start Saturday, March 31 at the Water Safety Center at Lake Mead. Recent evaluations from the trainees have been very positive, so few changes are planned in the course curriculum. The initial session will consist of classroom training using the text Basic Keelboat from U. S. Sailing. Training will continue Sunday, April 1 at Lake Mead Marina with on boat demonstrations, activities including safety and knot tying. Both afternoons will provide on-the-water sailing instruction. There were nearly 60 participants in recent training sessions. John will need the assistance of club members for all phases of instruction, including classroom, dockside, and on-the-water training.

**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 reminded members that the Club schedule of events and activities for the year is on the website. The minutes of the general meeting are also on the website, with updated information about each upcoming event. Together, these resources provide excellent resources for planning and participating in NYC events. Dr. John encouraged Club members to participate fully in the rich spring schedule, promising fine weather temperatures and the best winds of the year on Lake Mead.

**Item V: Treasurer Angelo Gurreri**

Treasurer Angelo presented his report. Highlights included:

\$ 7,756 in checking account

\$ 7,239 in capital fund

\$14,995 total

Steve Smith reported additional financial success for the Club. He said the Commodore Joedy had succeeded in getting the allocation from the Clark County Boating Facilities and Safety Committee for the Sail Training, as anticipated. In addition, Joedy had applied for and received another allocation of approximately the annual slip rent for the NYC Committee Boat, Grilleville. Steve suggested club members express their appreciation when Joedy arrived for the meeting.

Steve also thanked David and Yvonne Hoch for purchasing a winning ticket at the Lake Mead Marina Slip Renters' Christmas Party. The ticket won a month's slip rent for Grilleville.

**Item VI: Fleet Captain David Hoch**

Fleet Captain David reported on the plans for the Nevada Cup 2007 award. The full proposal for the award has been posted on the website. The general provisions are

- One award for each Club racing class: Spinnaker; Non-spinnaker A; Non-spinnaker B
- Annual award for best boat racing performance
- Boat performance on (nearly) all Club race series and races
- At least one boat crew to serve on race committee each year

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Nevada Cup 2007 proposal. The motion passed.

**Item VII: Cruising Captain John Haydukovich**

Cruising Captain John reported on the Wolf Moon Sail. This cruise has held Friday, February 2, part of the Moonlight Sail series. John agreed with club members who described the event as: "Awesome!"

John invited all Club members to participate in the Echo Bay event Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. Club members can participate in the race, or use the weekend as an informal cruise across the Boulder Basin, through the narrows of Boulder Canyon, up the Overton Arm, to Echo Bay Resort. John recalled that motor sailors frequently arrive before sailboat racers who encounter light winds. Early arrivals allow more time for extended partying.

John invited Club members to join the Lake Mead Sailing Club for the Swallow Bay Cruise Saturday, March 10. Contact John for all the details: (702) 338-3853 or [haydukovich@yahoo.com](mailto:haydukovich@yahoo.com)

John announced the dock party to accompany Spring Sail Training. This will be the first dock party for NYC Sail Training. It will be the afternoon of Saturday, March 31. Club members are encouraged to contact John and volunteer to assist with the party.

**Item VIII: Membership Chair Shay Sisler**

Membership Chair Shay brought 2007 Nevada Yacht Club membership cards for new and renewing members. She reminded NYC members about the benefits including reduced race fees and reciprocal privileges offered by other yacht clubs. Shay distributed

the membership cards to the 2007 members. She encouraged others to submit their dues as soon as possible to gain maximum benefit of membership. Shay will distribute a list of members including names, addresses, telephone number, and sailboat names.

### **Item IX: Old Business**

#### **Beth Clark-Leukemia Cup**

Leukemia Cup Chair Beth described progress so far for NYC 2007 Leukemia Cup Regatta. Gina from the Leukemia Society has been particularly helpful for the Club. The Regatta will be held April 13 through April 15. The Military Challenge for April 13 has a sponsor. Beth wants Regatta sponsorship packets to be submitted to her now so that sponsors can be included in the printed materials. Everything goes to print Monday. In addition to the regular fund raising efforts, Beth encouraged contributions for the raffle and the auction.

Beth asked for volunteers for leadership roles for the Regatta:

- Logistics Chair
- Military Challenge Chair
- Silent Auction Chair

Tommy Rocker will be the band at the Regatta dance. Other highlights of the Regatta include dinners at the Hacienda Hotel. Awards will be there Sunday after the Regatta.

#### **Item I: Commodore Joedy Sisler (cont)**

The Commodore was welcomed with a standing ovation. Club members recognized his efforts in getting grants from the Clark County Boating Facilities and Safety Committee.

They are a non-profit group that distributes funds to other non-profit boating groups in the county. The committee has a substantial income from taxes on fuel sales at Lake Mead. They get \$ .09 (9 cents) per gallon of fuel sold at the Lake.

Joedy has served as the representative for the Nevada Yacht Club to the committee. In January, 2007 the committee reviewed its resources. Last year they distributed about \$136,000. While this year they anticipated a reduction in funds, they actually had an increase, to about \$160,000. The committee approved NYC request this year for approximately \$5,000 to fund sail training. This funding is for the sail trainings scheduled for September 2007 and April 2008. The committee also approved the NYC supplemental request for approximately \$4,300 for slip rent for Grilleville. The grant will cover slip rent from July 2007 to June 2008. The total value of the grants is approximately \$9,000.

The committee meets six times per year: January, February, April, May, June, and November. Meetings are at 1:00 P.M. and last for 1.5 to 3 hours, at the Clark County Government Center. Joedy said that there may be an opening on the committee for a second representative from NYC. He explained that the committee is a small group, and the public is encouraged to attend. Joedy encouraged interested club members to consider attending the meeting regularly to learn about its function and to gain

recognition for possible appointment to the committee. He encouraged NYC members to meet with him and plan to attend upcoming meetings: (702) 415-7430 [joedy111@cox.net](mailto:joedy111@cox.net)

Joedy described the history of NYC participation on the Clark County Boating Facilities and Safety Committee. Initial representation on the committee was provided alternately by Andrea Rosaschi and Britt West. When subsequent representative Alex Comfort moved away, Joedy was appointed to complete his term. Joedy will be able to serve one more term under the term limit of two terms because of that partial term. It was moved and seconded that Joedy be appointed as NYC representative to serve another term on the Clark County Boating Facilities and Safety Committee. The motion was approved.

### **Item IX: Old Business (cont)**

#### **Fred DeSousa-Novice Race Training**

Fred described plans for the new NYC event, Novice Race Training. The objective of the event is to introduce members who have little or no racing experience, especially at the helm, to the basics of racing in a non-threatening setting. This is a perfect opportunity for novice racers or current crew members who'd like to try driving.

The first part of each session will be a one-hour "chalk talk," with questions and answer opportunities. The second part of the session will be on-the-water racing. A skilled racer from the Club will be offered to serve as a mentor/instructor for each sailboat. The on-the-water session will consist of 3 or 4 short races, depending upon Lake Mead wind.

Novice Race Training will offer two sessions. The one in the spring will focus on starts and upwind racing. The fall session will focus on downwind sailing, sail trim, possibly spinnaker sails, possibly distance races. Fred invited all club members to attend the Novice Race Training as either trainees or mentor/instructors. Session one is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2007.

John Crawford and Fred will prepare a bibliography for Novice Race Training to encourage participants to further develop their knowledge and skills. Shay showed her flyer for the Novice Race Training to be posted in the NYC information window display at Lake Mead Marina

### **Item X: New Business**

Joedy reported on a proposal to establish a Club House Feasibility Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to decide whether or not to plan for a NYC Club House. Joedy explained that part of the resources of the Club have been set aside for a capital construction plan, although the plan was not developed and little has been done in recent years. Discussion followed. Directions were set that the committee would report their progress in the old business agenda at the General Meeting each month. The committee would complete the feasibility study and present their report at the October 2007 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to form the committee. The motion was passed. Four club members were appointed to the committee: Glenn Frank, John Haydukovich, David Strutt, and Floyd White.

A raffle with excellent prizes followed the meeting:

- \$25 gift certificate at Bass Pro Shop
- \$25 gift certificate at Milo's Best Cellars of Boulder City
- \$50 gift certificate at Bass Pro Shop

The meeting was adjourned by Commodore Joedy at 2053 hours.

\*\*\*\* Next General Meeting: Friday, March 16, 2007, 7:00 P.M. Lake Mead Marina\*\*\*\*