

NEVADA YACHT CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2007

Minutes of the Nevada Yacht Club (NYC/the Club) meeting held May 18, 2007 at the Lake Mead Marina, Boulder City, Nevada. Minutes prepared by John Crawford, Secretary.

**Item I: Commodore Joedy Sisler**

Commodore Joedy called the meeting to order at 1937 hours. Members introduced themselves and identified their sailing yachts.

Minutes for the April 2007 General Meeting were presented. No additions or corrections were presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as submitted. The motion carried.

Joedy reported a recent discussion with a representative of the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Club. Leader Rich Kihara described the club as consisting of 20-25 members who paddle and race the canoes. They have a DVD of pictures of the club members in action with their boats. They have indicated interest in joining the Nevada Yacht Club. The Club offers organization, structure and by-laws, insurance, a committee boat, and nearly 100 skilled boating enthusiasts. Joedy indicated that the Outrigger Club members are interested in learning to sail. They have a strong youth program, as well as a family orientation, that fits well with the goals and purposes of the Nevada Yacht Club. Joedy will invite them to make a presentation at an upcoming club meeting, possibly the June meeting.

Joedy reported that inclusion of a group like the Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe group into the Nevada Yacht Club would likely be facilitated by a small revision in the by-laws of NYC. A number of yacht clubs in California have already included outrigger canoe groups into their clubs. Joedy noted that there is a committee already preparing the annual review and update of the NYC by-laws. They will soon present the annual by-law revisions for club member approval. Should an outrigger group eventually be accepted by NYC, that committee could prepare the by-law changes.

**Agenda item II**

Vice Commodore John Connolly stated he had no Club business to report at the time.

**Agenda item III**

Staff Commodore John D'Acunto was unable to attend. Joedy read his report. John D is leading and developing a nominating committee for a slate of officers for 2008. Members interested in serving on the committee and/or serving as officers for 2008 are encouraged to contact John.

**Agenda item IV**

Secretary John Crawford reported on efforts to improve communication for the Club. Minutes for the General Meeting are now being posted on the website. Webmaster Fred DeSousa will be adding the NYC by-laws to the website also.

Dr. John brought his personal copy of the new annual yearbook for the Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA). Club members looked at the one-page entries for each of the approximately 90 clubs, including the entry for the Nevada Yacht Club. NYC officer names and club identifying information were accurate. Most of the clubs included pictures of the officers, so Nevada Yacht Club will send pictures for the next yearbook, after the Fall election. While the Club is supposed to receive five copies of the yearbook, none of the Club members had seen a copy this year. Joedy will call the SCYA to get copies of the yearbook for the Club.

#### **Agenda item V**

Treasurer Angelo Gurreri reported he transferred \$3,000 from checking to the capital account. His report on Club resources included the following information:

4,315 in checking  
10,160 in capital account  
\$14,475 total

Additional NYC resources include the race committee boat, Grilleville and trailer, assorted race equipment, and five sailing dinghies. Angelo will investigate investing some of the capital account in certificates of deposit in order to get more return. He will report back on his findings. Joedy reported that \$4700 from Clark County boating Safety Committee will be available to pay slip fees for the race committee boat. That money will be available starting July 1.

#### **Agenda item VI**

Fleet Captain David Hoch reported on the NYC racing program. He thanked Steve Smith for getting the port side motor tuned and operating on Grilleville. David thanked Fred DeSousa for planning to serve as Principle Race Officer (PRO) for the Single Handed Race May 19, 2007. David thanked Dr. John for planning to serve as (PRO) for the Jack and Jill Race May 20.

David reported that race fee changes have been developed and presented to the Board. He, John D'Acunto, and Angelo Guerri served as committee to develop race fee changes. Fees will increase from 25 to 71 percent, depending upon the type of event. For example, fees for single day events for members would increase to \$15, a 50 percent increase. For non-members, a single day event would cost \$25, a 67 percent increase. The goal of the fee increase is to more nearly cover the expenses associated with racing. The Board agreed to implement the fee change starting with the Fall Series.

#### **Agenda item VII**

Cruising Captain John Haydukovich was unable to attend. David presented John's plans for the Summer Solstice Sail in June, on the longest daylight weekend of the year. Sailstice will be June 23 and 24. NYC will participate as part of a national event: [www.summersailstice.com](http://www.summersailstice.com) John plans for a big turn out of NYC and all sailors on Lake Mead. John has recently updated the 2007 Cruising Calendar on the NYC website. He also can be contacted on his cell phone for further details: 702 338-3853

John will be developing plans for a major cruise for the Club. He agreed to define three types of cruises for consideration. These would be a close cruise, such as Catalina, and intermediate distance/cost cruise like the San Juan or British Virgin Island cruises of the past, and a long

distant/high cost cruise such as Tahiti or Croatia. He will present those plans at an upcoming meeting.

John recommended setting up a dinghy sailing program for youth. Club members noted that NYC has the five sailing dinghies. Barbie Holt and Debbie Grubbs volunteered to help develop the program, and will report their progress at a future meeting.

#### **Agenda item VIII**

Membership Chair Shay Sisler presented her report. We have had four recent memberships. The total for NYC is now 50 memberships for 2007.

#### **Agenda item IX**

Webmaster Fred DeSousa was unable to attend. His report was presented by David Hoch. Fred will be preparing the website to include the Club by-laws. That information will improve NYC communication. Fred is also preparing computer access through the website to allow use of PayPal. The PayPal program allows use of credit cards to pay NYC membership dues. It also allows registration and payment for race events and series. Wait for further details on this exciting resource.

#### **Agenda item X: Old Business:**

Joedy reported on plans to develop continuity committees for:

1. Training and Education
2. Competition and racing programs

Details are still being worked out by the Executive Board, to be presented at a later General Meeting.

#### **Agenda item XI: New Business**

Joedy expressed thanks to newsletter editors Joyce Smith and Barbie Holt for their latest publication. Copies are available on the website.

Glenn Frank presented plans to offer sail training through Boulder City Parks and Recreation.

Las Vegas Review Journal will be sending a reporter to cover the upcoming Women's Regatta. NYC looks forward to the article and the publicity.

Installation dinner for the new, 2008 officers and all NYC members is being planned by John Haydukovich. Details will be presented at the next Executive Board meeting.

The May 2007 General Meeting of the Nevada Yacht Club was adjourned by Commodore Joedy Sisler at 2023 hours.

Next meetings:

- Executive Board --June 14, 2007 at 6:30 PM, Draft House Barn and Casino
- General Meeting---June 15, 2007 at 7:00PM, Lake Mead Marina