

## Meeting Minutes from CHNYC Board Meeting - Monday, September 16th, 2024

1800 - 1900 via Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87671123811>

### Attendees:

M. Blanchard  
O. Dube  
K. Lyons  
B. Kneller  
J. Kelly  
W. Wasowski  
T. Alyn  
J. Gabriel  
C. Jenison  
J. Skeet

### 1. Specific Agenda Items

- a. Vote on 8/19/2024 Meeting Minutes - O. Dube
  - i. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only forums on 8/25/2024. [Link to 8/25 minutes.](#)
  - ii. Vote on approval of August board meeting minutes
    - i. An executive board vote was completed on 9/16/24 to approve the May 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion to vote by M. Blanchard, second by K. Lyons. All in favor. Motion approved.

### 2. General Updates

- a. Exec Board Updates
  - i. Commodore – Monica Blanchard
    - a. General Membership Meeting voting topics – need to notify club of topics no later than 2 weeks before meeting (Oct 9)
      - a. Position relief for C. Jenison as Treasurer and O. Dube as Secretary.
      - b. Voting on the change of title from “Rear Commodore” to “Immediate Past Commodore”, and associated changes to language in the bylaws
      - c. Dues structure for the upcoming year – no change from current dues.
    - b. Fall Banquet Nominations
      - a. Volunteer of the Year - someone who has given a lot to the club, gone above and beyond
      - b. Sportsperson of the Year nominations – emphasis on sportmanship, but also could be for big achievements in racing and other activities on the water.
      - c. Send nominations to M. Blanchard and O. Dube.
  - ii. Vice Commodore – Jill Skeet
    - i. No updates.
  - iii. Executive Rear Commodore – Kim Lyons
    - i. Reminder that Wreaths Across America can be sponsored at any point during the year.
    - ii. WAA day will be 14 December 2024; we usually attend at the Veterans' Cemetery in Exeter, RI.
  - iv. Treasurer – Charles Jenison
    - i. Jeanne Kelly will be taking over for Charles Jenison
    - ii. Considering opening a Navy Federal account.

- i. B. Kneller will discuss with C. Jenison whether we can reinstate old account or if a new account application is necessary.
    - iii. Latest financial report was sent out on 9/13.
  - v. Secretary – Olivia Dube
    - i. Welcome letters are up-to-date
    - ii. Secretary turnover “packet” is complete - O. Dube will meet with Wendy Lang to explain packet contents.
- b. Training – Bill Kneller
  - i. Off-season training possibilities
    - i. Molly Frazer Williams from the Better Bay Alliance has reached out with interest in putting on a Safety Seminar in the off season. CHNYC needs to coordinate and provide possible dates for the seminar.
    - ii. Rufus Van Gruisen expressed interest for Cay Electronics to conduct training about DSC electronics, etc., similar to last year.
    - iii. John Thurston from Lanex Yachting is willing to perform a lines and splicing training. West Marine is no longer expressing interest.
  - ii. Looking for a replacement
- c. Social Director – Jeanne Kelly
  - i. Fall Banquet planning (10/26)
    - i. Navy Band is booked.
    - ii. Color Guard has been reached out to, waiting for confirmation
    - iii. Food options are set and will be updated on the event link in the coming days; then, members can start registering with their food selection.
    - iv. Agenda is still tentative, working on confirming times.
    - v. Venue access will be available beginning at 9am.
    - vi. Raffle tickets will be sold 1 ticket for \$5, or 5 tickets for \$20.
    - vii. M. Blanchard will ask the venue if the bar accepts credit cards. – post meeting note: the bar accepts credit card
    - viii. Burgees, coins, etc. will be for sale.
    - ix. The venue will accept cash or check as payment (from CHNYC).
- d. Facilities & Property – Pat Tormey
  - i. Over \$2,000 in revenue have been generated from moorings to date this year
- e. Race Committee – Mike Incze
  - i. Winslow Recap
    - i. 3 Shields racers & 6 Rhodes 19 racers participated in the event.
    - ii. Three races occurred for each fleet
    - iii. A man-overboard (MOB) event occurred; the MOB was able to pull herself back into the boat without much difficulty.
      - i. As a result of the MOB event M. Incze has instated that prior to racing this Wednesday (9/18), crews are to, among-themselves, perform a MOB drill with each person at the helm on both an upwind and downwind leg.
  - ii. A racing clinic was held the week prior to the Winslow Regatta to cover spinnaker work and practice starts.
- f. Cruising – Walt Wasowski
  - i. West Marine special sale day date selection is still pending; October 5th is the proposed date, possibly additionally October 6th.
  - ii. Newport Nautical (Bud Eaton) was contacted in the recent past about a club-level discount day. This however, did not work out.
  - iii. Mitchell Regatta cruising event is on 10/12 and 10/13.
- g. Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain – Seth Moyer

- i. Our usual Wednesday-night fleet of Rhodes 19s have been joined in the month of September by a local fleet off Trimarans who's sailing season at Newport Yacht Club ended in August.
  - ii. This has resulted in several new members joining CHNYC.
- h. Shields Fleet Captain – Ron Oard
- i. PHRF Fleet Captain/Protest Chair – Tripp Alyn
  - a. T. Alyn is planning to reach out to the owners of Alliance and Gunga Din about writing a small piece about their Bermuda race experiences for the Telltale.
- j. BZ Scholarship – Mary Beth Schmitt
  - i. MB Schmitt has created appealing new flyers. They will be passed out at an upcoming Military Spouses Network event with 200+ attendees.
  - ii. MWR has offered to hang the BZ Scholarship flyers in various places around base for the price of \$150/month. J. Skeet will reach out to other POCs about possibly lowering cost.
  - iii. Social media can be used as an alternative advertising method in the meantime of further discussion with MWR.
  - iv. Still pursuing conferral of funds to Sail Newport for Julia Moran's sailing lessons.-  
post meeting note: C. Jenison sent check for \$426 to Sail Newport to fund Julia's lessons.
- k. Telltale Coordinator – Joe Gabriel
  - i. Pizza party was a success.
  - ii. September Telltale to be released imminently.
- l. NBYA Delegate – EC Helme
- m. Webmaster – Bill Kneller
- n. Web publishing – Pat Tormey
- o. Social Media – Erin Howe/Kim Lyons
  - a. Send K. Lyons anything that you would like posted.

### 3. Upcoming Meetings

- a. **October 21, 2024**
- b. **October 23rd, 2024 - General Membership Meeting**