

## **Minutes for General Membership Meeting - Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

1900 - 2000 via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81986629184>

### **Attendees:**

M. Blanchard  
O. Dube  
S. Takacs  
C. Jenison  
P. Tormey  
P. Schmitt  
M. Reifer  
K. Lyons  
A. Mitchell  
J. Skeet  
A. Wittkamper  
J. Litherland  
E. Irwin  
K. Lynch  
M. Lynch  
R. Schult  
M. Doherty  
R. Bouley  
D. Davis

### **Proxy votes:**

Wendy Lang (using M. Blanchard as proxy)

Mary Beth Schmitt (using M. Blanchard as proxy)

#### **1. Certification of Quorum - O. Dube**

- a. 152 total members; 15 members required for quorum (1/10 of general membership per Bylaws 4.7.1). Voting is judged according to the majority of quorum, per Bylaws 4.7.2.1. A 2/3 quorum vote is required to change any Bylaws.
  - i. Quorum certified.

#### **2. 2023 General Membership Meeting minutes for approval - O. Dube**

- a. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only forums on 9/21/2023. [Link to 2023 General Membership meeting minutes.](#)
- b. **VOTE:** Approval of 2023 General Membership meeting minutes. Motion to approve by M. Blanchard, second by C. Jenison. All in favor. Motion approved.

#### **3. Bylaws Updates -**

- a. Proposed: Change of title from "Executive Rear Commodore" to "Immediate Past Commodore," and update Bylaws to reflect this change.
  - i. CHNYC Bylaws, Section 4.1.3

- From: The immediate past Commodore shall be designated as the Executive Rear Commodore and shall be a regular member and shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the execution of the duties of their offices, and shall act in the place of the Commodore in the absence of the Commodore and the Vice Commodore.
  - To: The Immediate Past Commodore shall be designated as such, shall be a regular member and shall assist the Commodore and Vice Commodore in the execution of the duties of their offices. The Immediate Past Commodore shall act in the place of the Commodore in the absence of the Commodore and the Vice Commodore.
- ii. CHNYC Bylaws, Section 4.2.1: change “Executive Rear Commodore” to “Immediate Past Commodore”
- From: The Commodore as Chief Executive Officer, or in his/her absence the Vice Commodore or Executive Rear Commodore in order of rank, shall be empowered to act for the organization when the Executive Board is not in session, provided that his/her acts shall not be contrary to any law, article, by-law, or policy of the Executive Board, and provided that he/she shall report his/her action or actions to the Executive Board at their next meeting.
  - To: The Commodore as Chief Executive Officer, or in his/her absence the Vice Commodore or Immediate Past Commodore in order of rank, shall be empowered to act for the organization when the Executive Board is not in session, provided that his/her acts shall not be contrary to any law, article, by-law, or policy of the Executive Board, and provided that he/she shall report his/her action or actions to the Executive Board at their next meeting.
- b. **VOTE:** Approval to change the position title of “Executive Rear Commodore” to “Immediate Past Commodore,” and updated Bylaws to reflect this change. Motion to vote by A. Wittkamper, second by C. Jenison. All in favor. Motion approved.

#### 4. Election of Officers - M. Blanchard

- a. In accordance with Bylaws 4.7.4, the Nominating Committee makes the following nominations:
- i. *Commodore*: Monica Blanchard, to serve another term
  - ii. *Vice Commodore*: Jill Skeet, to serve another term
  - iii. *Executive Rear Commodore*: Kim Lyons, to serve another term
  - iv. *Treasurer*: Jeanne Kelly (to relieve Charles Jenison)
  - v. *Secretary*: Wendy Lang (to relieve Olivia Dube)
- b. **VOTE:** Approval of Executive Board nominations listed in 4.a for 2024 term. Motion to approve by A. Wittkamper; second by C. Jenison. All in favor. Motion approved.

#### 5. Appointments - M. Blanchard

- a. *Trimaran Fleet Captain*: Sandy Takacs
- b. *Social Director*: unfilled (post-meeting note – Anne Mitchell will be our new Social Director)
- c. *Rear Commodore of Training*: unfilled

## 6. Membership Dues for 2024

- a. Per Bylaws 5.1.1, the amount of dues shall be determined annually for the next year at the General Membership meeting
  - i. Executive board proposes no change to current dues.
- b. **VOTE**: Approval of continuance of 2024 dues structure (\$50/individual, \$60/family). Motion to approve by K. Lyons; second by A Wittkamper. All in favor. Motion approved.

## 7. Executive Board Updates

- a. M. Blanchard, *Commodore*
  - i. Notable highlights for Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club in the 2023-2024 season include: winter trainings, the Army-Navy Game, bowling, the Naval Academy Meet & Greet (Jill Skeet), the Progressive Meet & Greet, pizza party, and the Winslow Regatta. A personal goal of Monica's, as Commodore, was to increase participation in the racing series, which the board was successful in doing.
- b. J. Skeet, *Vice Commodore*
- c. K. Lyons, *Executive Rear Commodore (Immediate Past Commodore)*
  - i. National Wreaths Across America day is on December 14th this year. Last year, several members participated in the laying wreaths at the Veterans Cemetery of Exeter; it's a great way to honor veterans. So far this year, we've sponsored 12 wreaths, each of which affords us \$5 back (currently \$60 back). Remember, honor, educate.
- d. C. Jenison, *Treasurer*
  - i. CHNYC currently has \$10,446 in Greenwood Credit Union; this amount, is on trend with previous years' budgets at this time of year.
  - ii. Switching to Navy Federal Credit Union for 2025; for convenience/proximity of incoming treasurer and executive board.
- e. O. Dube, *Secretary*
  - i. CHNYC gained 22 new individual and family memberships this season.
- f. B. Kneller, *Rear Commodore of Training*
  - i. Organized a training/demonstration with Cay Electronics this past season. In the process of discussing a Better Bay Alliance training with the community for learning how to use of their new app. There is also the possibility of a lines and splicing training coming this Winter. Bill is looking to fill this position next year.
- g. M. Incze, *Race Committee*
  - i. Organized the race committee volunteers on Wednesdays as well as for the Winslow Regatta. Planned and executed safety stand-downs, spinnaker demonstrations, and a mid-season racing clinic
- h. W. Wasowski, *Cruising*

- i. Organized the Mitchell Regatta as well as a successful cruising event in Bristol.
- i. P. Tormey, *Facilities & Property*
  - i. Doubled mooring utility this season. Next year, intends to amplify awareness of our moorings via various channels including YCA
- j. R. Oard, *Shields Fleet Captain*
  - i. Regularly orchestrated the Shields fleet racing on Wednesday nights.
- k. S. Moyer, *Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain*
  - i. Consistently made Rhodes 19s available for Winslow and Wednesday racing as needed.
- l. T. Alyn, *PHRF Fleet Captain/Protest Chair*
  - i. Had one (1) protest to adjudicate this year; which took place quickly.
- m. MB. Schmitt, *BZ Scholarship*
  - i. Updated BZ scholarship flyers to be more informative. Has been distributing them at the Military Spouses Luncheon, schools, libraries, and YMCAs. Applications will be accepted until January.
- n. J. Gabriel, *Telltale Coordinate*
  - i. Released 4 excellent, quarterly Telltale editions this year.
- o. J. Kelly, *Social Director*
  - i. Organized the Progressive Meet & Greet (with Ron and Penny Bouley), the pizza party, the Naval Academy Meet & Greet, and (currently) the Fall Banquet. M. Blanchard is looking to appoint a replacement to this position next year.
- p. B. Kneller, *Webmaster*
  - i. Website continues to run successfully with quick turnarounds on changes and requests.
- q. EC Helme, *NBYA Delegate*
- r. E. Howe/K. Lyons, *Social Media*
  - i. Continuing to be active on both Instagram and Google Photos.

## 8. Next General Membership Meeting – Fall 2025