

Meeting Minutes CHNYC Board Meeting – Monday, January 27th, 2025

1800-1930 via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87671123811>

Attendees:

Monica Blanchard

Jeanne Kelly

Rob Schult

Bill Kneller

Walter Wasowski

Ron Oard

Joe Gabriel

Seth Moyer

Tripp Alyn

Anne Mitchell arrival 1805

Kim Lyons arrival 1805

Mike Incze arrival 1810

Sandy Takacs arrival 1831

Executive Board members not present: Jill Skeet, Vice Commodore (No updates) and Wendy Lang, Secretary (Secretary update presented by Monica Blanchard)

Board Members not present/no updates: Pat Tormey, Mary Beth Schmitt, EC Helme, Erin Howe

1. Specific Agenda Items

- a. Meeting call to order; Vote on Meeting Minutes 10/21/2024 suspended initially by Monica due to lack of quorum
- b. Quorum established at 1807 – Vote to approve Meeting minutes from 10/21/2024
 - i. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only forums on 11/24/2024 by Olivia Dube
 - ii. Link to 10/21/2024 meeting minutes:
<https://chnyc.us/forum/download/file.php?id=747>
 - iii. Vote to approve meeting Minutes 10/21/2024

a. An Executive Board vote was completed on 1/27/2025 to approve the Meeting minutes from 10/21/2024. Motion to approve by Kim Lyons, second by Jeanne Kelly. All in favor, Motion approved.

2. General Board Updates

a. Exec Board Updates

i. Commodore – Monica Blanchard

a. Plan to screenshare CHNYC website features/walkthrough at end of meeting

b. Bylaws update – voted on and approved at Gen Membership meeting October 23, 2024:

*Change in bylaws: Title changed from Executive Rear Commodore to Immediate Past Commodore

c. Membership drive currently underway 2025-2026 season

d. Thank you letters are being sent to donors

e. Welcome Letters being sent to new members by Wendy Lang, Secretary; Wendy Lang also has P.O. Box key to assist in obtaining mail

f. Position onboarding underway for new Board Members, including position documents

g. Poll: magnetic nametags and emblems for Officers; emblems required for Rob, Walt

*Discussion regarding emblems: Emblems worn by Executive Board, Rear Commodores/Committee Chairs, Fleet Captains and Past Commodores.

ii. Immediate Past Commodore – Kim Lyons

a. Wreaths Across America – sold 47 wreaths with 5 matching, 52 total to Veteran Cemeteries in Exeter and other designated cemeteries: \$235.00 total. Checks posting per Jeanne Kelly, Treasurer; per Kim Lyons the check schedule for Wreaths Across America includes check stop in November and start in February.

iii. Treasurer – Jeanne Kelly

- a. Working with Charles on finalizing budget, working on Quicken and December financials
- b. Closed account at Greenwood Credit Union and finalized transition to NFCU
- c. State filing form for taxes received and will go into effect after 2/1/2025
- d. Will obtain appropriate information to file 990
- e. Working on finalizing end of year 2024 financial review

*Discussion regarding budget: Bill Kneller mentioned that until budget approved that per bylaws any amount to be spent over \$500.00 must be approved

*Monica stated that she and Jeanne, Charles hope to meet with Paul Mankofsky for end of 2024 review

- f. P.O. Box to be renewed in March 2025

- b. Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain – Seth Moyer
 - i. Request for 2025 season accepted
 - ii. Racing previously used high point scoring system, from fleet standpoint that caused some difficulties; Seth plans to discuss scoring with Mike Incze – low point scoring vs. hybrid high point system
 - iii. Plans to reach out to Nick to ensure Rhodes Fleet in water early May to support schedule
- c. Race Chair – Mike Incze
 - i. Seth sent potential schedule to Marina
 - ii. 21 May 2025 practice race and safety standdown including Man overboard drills
 - iii. Proposed Race Season begins 28 May 2025
 - a. Spring Series 9 weeks (28 May – 23 July)
 - b. (TBD) Winslow Regatta 26 July 2025
 - c. Summer Series begins 30 July 2025-24 September 2025

- iv. Discussion regarding month for Winslow: July vs. September
General agreement that summer is better to allow for weather changes, Daylight and participation. Agreement that Winslow will stand as summer event, tentative date of 2 AUG 2025. Seth and Mike are checking on availability of key resources before finalizing a date. Muster at docks around 1000 with race start 1300. Potluck to follow Regatta 1700-1900.
- v. Bill Kneller questioned updates to racing rules of sailing and Whether there were plans to hold training for R19 sailors – Seth will communicate with Fleet sailors regarding this potential training. Mike Incze agreed that this would be appropriate for classroom training separate from on the dock safety training; would like direction on scheduling; Monica proposed Mike and Rob Schult potentially work together on planning this training.
- vi. Ron Oard mentioned Shields Fleet 9 planning a training seminar in April for a fee as another opportunity.
- vii. Monica mentioned that Mike is planning attendance of Narragansett Bay Marine Safety Summit on March 5th at Sail Newport; discussion and agreement to assign a backup in event Mike unable to attend.
- viii. Monica mentioned that Multihull Fleet Captain Sanders Takacs stated trimarans will race last 4 races September and are willing to be involved in race committee support.
- ix. Mike Incze: Plans dock box review/overhaul and organization of contents and new lock – will also give a set of keys to Monica

d. Social Director – Anne Mitchell

- i. Club events/social calendar
 - a. annual bowling and pizza party on base scheduled for 8 March 2025

registration link on website; \$20.00 pp/ @ 1800 (show up at 1730 for shoes, etc)

- b. In addition to regular events impromptu events recommended every month. First event improv comedy show at Firehouse theater purchase link listed on website, tickets \$18/pp 2000-2100
“yacht club outing” at checkout
- c. Oliver Hazard Perry discussed the possibility for Spring Opener, however; their indoor space (Great Cabin) is limited to 30. Monica mentioned we could have an event where OHP available as part of event/tours
- d. Spring Opener: Newport Yacht Club – April 26th available; also considering Bristol Yacht Club April 26th possible – TBD BYC might be able to waive room rental
Also reached out to JB’s however max accommodation 55
Reached out to Sailing Museum however they are unable serve Alcohol, however, Bill Kneller mentioned that he has attended events There where alcohol was served. Times discussed 1500-1800
- e. Reaching out to Jill regarding USNA Sailing poc for meet and greet
- f. Progressive meet and greet – working on dates and details possibly moving date to 3rd or 4th week of June; possibly earlier
- g. QDNYC/CHNYC Commodores Picnic August – Monica reaching out Commodore
- h. Pizza party end of season details - reaching out to Joe Gabriel– possibly September 6th – \$10.00 charge for pizza party per Jeanne Kelly – Possible Mariner’s Swap table
- i. Fall Banquet – reaching out to Green Valley for possible date in Oct with consideration to timing regarding race trophies; 10/4 vs 10/18
- j. Army Navy Game – 12/13/2025 Topside – reaching out to Jeanne Peterson as potential Event Captain
- k. Anne mentioned that she is open to suggestions to locations or events for impromptu gatherings – Tripp Alyn mentioned that he is involved with History organization and they have used OHP for social events at Fort Adams – discussion regarding liability with serving alcohol however BYOB a possibility

- e. Training – Rob Schult
 - i. Boat safety training 3/1/2025 – budget for refreshments to be confirmed with Monica
 - ii. question regarding a survey tool to drive training ideas
 - iii. another training possibility in March date TBD with Jonathan Thurston – Lines and Splicing seminar
 - iv. contact with Cay Electronics for April training
 - v. Will coordinate with Monica and Jeanne for dates and budgets
 - vi. Rob will coordinate with Bill and explore possible CHNYC training with Eric and Mary regarding Newport to Bermuda Race lessons learned– upcoming zoom training scheduled 2/12 on Newport to Bermuda Race website
- f. Webmaster – Bill Kneller
 - i. Discussed calendar and filters for trainings; recommended sending any info for calendar to Pat or Bill; mentioned that CHNYC can be synced to personal Google calendars
 - ii. CHNYC has club evite for tracking participation for free events
- g. BZ Scholarship – Mary Beth Schmitt (not present – reported by Monica)
 - i. Applications due January 31st, none received at this time despite extensive advertising.
Discussing opening aperture for applications to include NUWC/civilians.
- h. Cruising – Walter Wasowski
 - i. working to set up a sale date with Newport Nautical and West Marine late April / early May on weekend
 - ii. Cruising event Bristol 4th of July - March 1 date to apply for mooring
Walt will obtain details and provide
 - iii. Newport Yacht Club cruising event Memorial Day Regatta (racing/cruising)
- i. Shields Fleet Captain – Ron Oard

- i. Winslow – shields Fleet 9 dates – ensuring no date conflict
 - ii. 3rd of 4th Navy Shield on market twice unsure of status at this time; last one purchased by Air Force Major
- j. PHRF Fleet Captain/Protest Chair – Tripp Alyn
- i. Requested any knowledge of incoming PHRF boats to be forwarded to him so that he can assist them as needed
 - ii. New rule book this year – requested to order extra rule book for protest chair; Monica commented that he should work with Jeanne for that to be included in PHRF fleet Captain budget.
- k. Telltale Coordinator – Joe Gabriel
- i. Requested possible Base Access information to be entered into Telltale for CHNYC members that are retired
 - ii. Requested rules associated with mooring rental – Monica commented that base access required; Joe requested that rule clarification. Monica also recommended working with Pat Tormey – facilities on these details. She also commented that she has base access info from Pass and ID and will send to Joe for entry in Telltale.
- iii. Next Telltale inputs March 2025

3. Formal meeting adjourned by Monica Blanchard

Next Board Meeting: February 24th, 2025