

Meeting Minutes CHNYC Board Meeting - Monday, April 28th, 2025

1800 - 1900 via Zoom: [Click Here](#)

Attendees:

Monica Blanchard
Wendy Lang
Pat Tormey
Walt Wasowski
Anne Mitchell
Rob Schult
Jeanne Kelly
Crew's Notetaker / Otter AI – stopped recording 1841
Tripp Alyn
Sandy Takacs

Specific Agenda Items

1. Call meeting to order at 1801/ establish quorum – Commodore Monica Blanchard
2. Vote to approve Minutes from March Board meeting – Secretary Wendy Lang
 - a. Voting proxy received by Wendy Lang from Kim Lyons: 1731 via email authorizing Monica Blanchard to vote on her behalf for approval of meeting minutes
 - b. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only forums March 31st, 2025
 - c. Executive Board vote was completed to approve March Board meeting minutes; Motion by Monica, Jeanne second, all in favor, March minutes approved
 - d. [Link to March Board Meeting Minutes](#)

General Updates

1. Executive Board Updates

- a. Commodore – Monica Blanchard
 - i. Marina meeting: Monica met with Michelle Cavaca (Staff, MWR Marina)
18 APR
 1. MWR Marina limited with hiring freeze and budget cuts
 2. Monica provided CHNYC race schedule (Wed night racing and Winslow)
 3. **Gas for power boat (RC)**
 - a. Due to auditor finding, power boats can no longer be used for free on Wed nights for RC. No rental fee required however CHNYC will pay for gas, flat rate of \$7.00/night agreed upon. Michelle will set up a “CHNYC race boat” account in system so that they can charge that account and see if we can leave our card on file
 - b. Monica to discuss with treasurer/board to suggest that CHNYC pay the fee and not the racers
 - c. Michelle trying to waive fee for Winslow Regatta – TBD

4. **Rhodes 19's, sails, spin poles – status**
 - a. 8 boats ready for launch end of April (hull #'s 1,3,5,7,10,11,14,15,18)
 - b. 1 boat being inspected/repared for keel damage: status TBD (hull #16)
 - c. MWR Marina completed spring inventory (sails, spinnaker poles, etc.): all in good condition
5. **Skipper / Crew Credentials**
 - a. Marina has new system, and during the transition all credential records were lost (skipper/race quals, etc.)
 - b. Everyone will have to show their qual card and help marina staff re-enter their info in the system
 - c. **To avoid delays on first race day, Michelle requests that racers come early / day before to help enter credentials into system or fill out and email a form that Michelle will send us.
 - d. Every skipper must also have their green RI Safe Boating Card
6. **Try Sailing** - Hoping to have 1 date in early August – more information to come
7. **RI Boat Registration Certificate – Heads up**
 - a. Michelle warns that RI is strongly enforcing requirements for all boats to have their documentation / RI registration on board, not just their Coast Guard registration. If you are in RI for more than 90 days, need to have RI registration. Poster with more information available in marina office.
8. **Marina access for people using moorings**
 - a. If they have base access (CAC, DBIDS, etc.), they can go to the dinghy dock; need to check in with marina, and make sure they have their dinghy registration certificate, if applicable. Might need to call marina for code to open gate from dock if it is locked.
9. **Check Rides**
CHNYC members may not perform official check rides, may take people out on R19 to assess abilities prior to check ride with MWR

ii. Upcoming local club Commissioning Ceremonies

1. Monica offering invites to Exec Board followed by Board members: NYYC, BYC, Conanicut Yacht Club, others to follow
- b. Vice Commodore – Jill Skeet
 - i. J. Skeet resigning, plan for replacement: John Nothacker has been nominated; Kim aware John nominated by Ron, and Kim is putting together details
 - c. Immediate Past Commodore – Kim Lyons: not present, no updates
 - d. Treasurer – Jeanne Kelly

- i. Completion of P. Mankofsky's financial review-posted on "Board Business" forum: [Link to financial review](#)
 - ii. 2024 financial review confirmed no discrepancies
 - iii. March financials: \$1687.98 income, \$998.87 expenses resulting in \$7,260.82 net.
 - iv. Monica spoke to Mary Beth who is working on payouts for scholarships
- e. Secretary – Wendy Lang
 - i. New member letters: 6 have been sent; one family joined Friday 25 April and welcome letter will be sent this week
 - ii. Donor thank you letters: 10 have been sent out this year and list is up to date
 - iii. Letters of Intro sent to PNWC, CO/XO NAVSTA Newport
 - iv. Will be sending Thank You this week to BYC for spring opener

2. Officers & Committees

- a. Training – Robert Schult
 - i. Looking for new training opportunities this summer, updates to follow
 - ii. Links for 2025 Racing Rules of Sailing trainings will be sent out
- b. Facilities – Pat Tormey
 - i. Race Mark status
 - 1. Race mark ordered and will be installed soon, payment to be completed
 - 2. Spoke with Jamestown harbormaster about new location for our race mark; no issues.
 - ii. Mooring status: Monarch Marine recommends chain and shackle replacements for our moorings before hurricane season; with an estimated cost of around \$800. Discuss at June meeting.
- c. Cruising – Walt Wasowski
 - i. Mitchell Regatta planning/announcement – coming soon via email.
 - ii. Newport Yacht Club released their cruising schedule as well as Memorial Day event and Mitchell Regatta
 - iii. Bristol 4th of July – there is already a waitlist for moorings, but some members have already made their reservations
 - iv. Newport Nautical Sale Day: Newport Nautical expressed reluctance as we had one person show for fall sale event; sales night planned for several yacht clubs in area, date TBD
 - v. Walt looking into West Marine sale day again
 - vi. Request for 5/18 cruising event alongside Oliver Hazard Perry sailing to Bristol: Walt working on that
- d. Race Chair – Mike Incze: Not present
 - i. Winslow date and resource planning: 2 AUG
 - ii. Practice race May 21st including safety training and man overboard drills
 - iii. Race committee volunteers for Wednesday night racing: working on securing; Donna DeAscentis volunteered to drive power boat (not run RC)
 - iv. NOR/SI posted on website
- e. Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain – Seth Moyer – not present, updates above in Commodore report on Fleet status

- f. Shields Fleet Captain – Ron Oard – not present, no updates
- g. Trimaran Fleet Captain -Sandy Takacs
 - i. Trimarans on target for Fall Wednesdays and offered to help with Winslow RC
 - ii. Walt invited trimarans to join in Mitchell regatta
- h. PHRF Fleet Captain / Protest Chair – Tripp Alyn
 - i. Requesting delivery status of new rule book, Monica stated that it was pre-ordered, and will be mailed once printed
 - ii. Will contact PHRF fleet to kick off the season
- i. Social Director – Anne Mitchell
 - i. Spring Opener summary:
 - 1. Successful event at BYC: 52 tickets
 - 2. BYC very accommodating; beautiful venue
 - 3. Common Pub Caterers well received
 - ii. USNA Meet & Greet (Monica & Jeanne)
 - 1. Jeanne reached out to POC, USNA very interested and date TBD
 - iii. Ragged Island Trivia Night: May 22, Anne hoping to get a headcount to save tables
 - iv. Progressive Meet and Greet
 - 1. Penny and Ron confirmed Friday, June 6th, rain date June 20th ; 6 host boats confirmed
 - 2. Gazebo rental approved, tables and chairs options: discussion regarding board members bring tables and chairs vs. a volunteer to pick up from MWR
 - 3. Recommendation to give CHNYC ballcaps to host boats, Walt recommended coin year one, CHNYC ballcap year 2, and additional gift for subsequent years
 - 4. Recommendation by Tripp Alyn to dress ship when USNA boats in port; M. Blanchard to include in email. Dress ship dates: USNA Meet & Greet (once we have a date), Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Salute to Summer
 - v. Lobster night Thursdays
- j. BZ Scholarship – Mary Beth Schmitt: not present, updates via Monica:
 - i. Award letters: Monica spoke with Mary Beth at Spring Opener and she will be working with the sailing schools and families to disburse payments
- k. Telltale Coordinator – Joe Gabriel: not present
 - i. Next Telltale in June
- l. Webmaster – Bill Kneller: not present, updates follow via Monica:
 - i. Updated CHNYC Bulk email program as the requirements on number of people to send exceeded the original design
 - ii. Took Spring Opener offline so no more orders may be placed
 - iii. Automated assignment of member numbers by category (Regular, Associate & Honorable) for new member purchases in the shop. Start of year member numbers are determined automatically and displayed on the new member list report.
- m. Web Publishing – Pat Tormey: no updates
- n. NBYA Delegate – EC Helme: not present, no updates

o. Social Media – Erin Howe: not present, no updates

3. Adjourn Meeting 1855– Commodore Monica Blanchard

4. Next Board Meeting – June 2