

Meeting Minutes for CHNYC Board Meeting – Monday August 25th, 2025 -Draft
Meeting 1800 via Zoom: [Click Here](#)

Board Members Present:

Monica Blanchard, John Nothacker, Kim Lyons, Jeanne Kelly, Wendy Lang, Ron Oard, Sanders Takacs, Robert Schult, Walter Wasowski, Joe Gabriel, Bill Kneller, Anne Mitchell, Tripp Alyn

Board members Absent:

Pat Tormey, Seth Moyer, Mike Incze, EC Helme, Erin Howe, Mary Beth Schmitt

Specific Agenda Items

1. Meeting called to order and quorum established 1801 – Commodore Monica Blanchard
2. Vote to approve Minutes from July 28th Board meeting – Secretary Wendy Lang
 - a. Minutes posted in Board Business and Members Only Forums August 14th, 2025
 - b. An executive Board vote was completed on 8/25/2025 to approve Board Meeting Minutes from 7/28/2025.
 - i. Motion to approve Minutes: Commodore Monica Blanchard
 - ii. Second: Immediate Past Commodore Kim Lyons
 - iii. All in Favor, motion approved

General Updates

1. Executive Board Updates

- a. Commodore – Monica Blanchard
 - i. General Membership Meeting date (10/16) – Per the bylaws, topics / formal agenda to be published at least 3 weeks prior to meeting (9/25)
 - ii. GMM topics/Agenda:
 1. Exec Board turnover/overall vote for Exec Board: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Immediate Past Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer; announce Board appointments
 2. Vote on dues for 2026 – CHNYC board is proposing no change
 - iii. Discussion regarding Bylaw 4.1.2; to possibly change to Commodore or Vice Commodore to include Armed Forces United States Active Ready Reserve:
 1. Ron recommends keep bylaw as is and leave vacant if nobody to fill
 2. Bill Kneller discussed importance of maintaining Active-Duty connection on base with Installation leadership
 3. Following discussion; decision to keep bylaws Section 4.1.2 as is, and instead focus on improving recruiting Active Duty members; Bill / Ron suggested recruit from Active Duty who have been involved in sailing and powerboat training (Ryan Hogan). Connect with Nick or Michelle at MWR
 - iv. Attended Bristol YC Commodore's Ball; Bristol YC offered clubhouse for Spring Opener or as needed – request that if we want to host event there,

book it early.

- b. Vice Commodore – John Nothacker
 - i. Recruiting for replacement for Vice Commodore
 - ii. Has not yet attended sailing classes to hand out recruiting letters. Plans to attend last session; alternately Rob Schult may be able to hand out letters
- c. Immediate Past Commodore – Kim Lyons
 - i. Board position openings for 2026:
 - 1. Rob Schult to be nominated for Commodore
 - 2. Monica Blanchard - Immediate Past Commodore
 - 3. Ongoing recruiting for Secretary
 - 4. Jeanne remaining in Treasurer position
 - 5. Rear commodore for training open
 - 6. Social Director open
 - 7. BZ Scholarships - John Nothacker to step into this role
 - 8. Warren McAullife to relieve Seth Moyer as Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain
- d. Treasurer – Jeanne Kelly
 - i. July financials
 - 1. Starting Balance: \$6463.00
 - 2. Ending Balance: \$6693.08
 - 3. Income: \$230.00 from dues, \$725.00 from moorings, hats/burgees: \$1132.71
 - 4. Expenses: (scholarships, postage, pavilion) : \$902.63
- e. Secretary – Wendy Lang
 - i. New memberships: 18 total in 2025; 2 in August
 - ii. All welcome letters and decals have been sent to new members
 - iii. Last donation \$50.00 in July for mooring upkeep; all thank you letters for donations are up to date

2. Officers & Committees

- a. Training – Robert Schult – Nothing new to report currently
- b. Facilities – Pat Tormey – Not present, updates via email
 - i. Mooring utility status
 - 1. Some confusion on rentals, worked with Bill to make changes on website to ensure that moorings are
 - 2. Mooring utility has been very positive this reserved officially prior to payment to avoid future issues summer
- c. Cruising – Walt Wasowski
 - i. Mitchell Regatta 10-13 OCT racing/cruising event
 - ii. Working on sale events Newport Nautical and West Marine
- d. Race Chair – Mike Incze – Not present, updates by Monica
 - i. Winslow review:
 - 1. 2 Rhodes 19's, 6 Shields
 - 2. Feedback from racers: recommended race not at same time as Poker

Run; also recommended avoid Newport festivals

3. Recommendations from Ron & Sandy:
 - a. Consider Sunday race in the future
 - b. combine with Pizza Party (instead of post-race potluck which is difficult for racers to contribute to)
 - c. Recommending earlier start time for Winslow 1300 seemed late
 - d. Sandy has race marks if needed
 - e. Scheduling -Bill offered to assist for next year to help deconflict
- ii. RC volunteer status for summer series – Mike working with Seth and Sandy to line up volunteers
- e. Rhodes 19 Fleet Captain – Seth Moyer – Not present – Updates by Monica
 - i. Summer Series status – 7 racers on docket for series
- f. Shields Fleet Captain – Ron Oard
 - i. 6 Shields at Winslow
 - ii. Aloha race yesterday 15 boats
 - iii. 7 members going to Nationals in 2 weeks
 - iv. Several members may participate in Classic Yacht Regatta
 - v. 6 races left in season
- g. Trimaran Fleet Captain -Sandy Takacs
 - i. Preparation for September racing
 1. Fall series starts next Wednesday
 2. 3-4 boats participating
 3. Working on volunteer situation for RC will talk with Mike/Seth
- h. PHRF Fleet Captain / Protest Chair – Tripp Alyn
 - i. Status of recent protest
 1. Protest lodged in Rhodes 19 Fleet; Tripp became aware from Fleet report, he states he will check to see if he received email. Monica to follow up with Mike on protest details and forward to Tripp
- i. Social Director – Anne Mitchell
 - i. Winslow potluck: 20-25 people attended after race; thoughts for next year include push potluck to later also recommend sign-ups so that there is adequate food of varied types as main courses were depleted before end of event during this year's potluck
 - ii. Pizza party planning (9/6)
 1. 6 people registered at this time; Anne unable to attend
 2. Jeanne to assist in execution of event
 3. Pavilion rented, Anne to pass off paper products to Jeanne
 - iii. Fall Banquet planning (10/18) – planning committee to meet at Gulf stream 1715 tomorrow
 1. Green Valley Country Club
 2. Menu planning in progress
 3. Similar ticket pricing \$55.00
 4. Plan Stu for music, Color Guard to be reserved; Navy Band Northeast reserved by Jeanne

- iv. Army - Navy in December
 - 1. Jeanne Peterson agreed to be event captain
 - v. Dinghy Crawl
 - 1. Lightly attended but fun event
 - j. BZ Scholarship – Mary Beth Schmitt – Not present, Updates provided by Monica
 - i. All scholarships awarded to 4 scholars
 - ii. John Nothacker to replace Mary Beth Schmitt
 - k. Telltale Coordinator – Joe Gabriel
 - i. Inputs due by 16 September (Joe away 9-16 September)
 - ii. Use the template emailed by Joe or send him inputs in paragraph form
 - l. Webmaster – Bill Kneller
 - i. Calendar event created for General Membership Meeting
 - ii. Changes made as above with Pat re: Mooring reservations and payments
 - iii. Began discussion re: combination NYC, JYC, BYC, CHNYC discount days / Training events at Newport Nautical
 - m. Web Publishing – Pat Tormey- Not present, updates via email: web publishing great, quick turnaround
 - n. NBYA Delegate – EC Helme – Not present, no updates
 - o. Social media – Erin Howe – Not present, no updates
 - i. Kim Lyons states she will post photos on social media as needed
- 3. Next Board Meeting – September 22nd, 2025**
 - 4. General Membership Meeting – October 16, 2025**
 - 5. Meeting adjourned 1906**