

Rochester Canoe Club – April Board of Governors’ Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 - meeting held by Google Teams

Commodore Mary Ellen Ingham called the meeting to order at 7:05

RCC Board of Governors		
Position	Person	Meeting on 4/16/2025
Commodore	Mary Ellen Ingham	√ present
Vice Commodore	Bill Dexter	√ present
Rear Commodore	Mark Weider	√ present
Harbor Master	Kevin Lofftus	√ present
Secretary	Lawrence Jones	√ present
Purser	Diane Ahlman	√ present
Past Commodore	Tom Lee	√ present
Thistle Fleet	Eric Gesner	√ present
Sunfish Fleet	Kira Munger	√ present
JY-15 Fleet	Joel Morse	√ present
Director	Rosemarie Wolf	absent
Director	Chris Dexter	√ present
Director	Wendy Hurley	absent
Director	Alex Wirth	absent

11 BOG members present making a quorum.

Summary of Meeting Decisions & Actions

- Tom Lee motioned that we cancel sailing races for Easter Sunday, April 20. Mark Weider seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- March 24th meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a number of corrections. Bill Dexter motioned and Chris Dexter seconded.

1. Commodore’s Report – Mary Ellen Ingham

Mary Ellen asked if we wanted to race on Easter Sunday. Eric said he had not gotten much positive response to Thistle sailing on Sunday – probably not a critical mass. Notably there are three of four available for Mark Set duty that day. Tom Lee moved that we cancel sailing races on Easter Sunday. Mark Weider seconded. Bill asked if there was enough support for the U of R regatta this coming weekend and it was confirmed that they said that they had support. The motion passed with one abstention.

George Smith and Diane Ahlman have offered to hold safety boat classes. They have put together a curriculum and will initially offer on two dates: Saturday, May 31 and Sat., June 7 from 9 to 12 each day. It was deemed that none of the other events at the RCC on those days were a significant conflict. These classes will be limited to six participants

each day. If there is demand, this class can be offered again later in the season. They are also putting together related information to be kept with the power boats.

Bill Dexter and Mary Ellen met with Ralph Simpson and Dan Blasdell from ROC City Sailing. They are planning to have a meeting like this twice a year, at the beginning and at the end of the season. ROC City Sailing has been dissuaded from holding a community garage sale at the RCC this year due to traffic & parking concerns. Kira asked if we could work with ROC City Sailing so that RCC members can use their Flying Scot. This can be discussed in the future. Eric Gesner pointed out that this is complicated.

The Sailing Instructions have been sent out to the membership, as well as the updated private party policy. Alex has posted them on the RCC Website. There was a grammatical change for consistency, with the new thresholds being ten or more non-members and twenty or more non-members. Judy Gesner will include this in The Jib Sheet, which she is hoping to get it out this Friday.

2. Purser's Report – Diane Ahlman

We have received \$30,000 in dues so far, about two-thirds of what is expected. We have five resignations so far for 2025. We have two new members who have joined and paid dues. We have received five initiation fees so far this year. There are six potential other members who could pay initiation fees. Club expenses so far are as expected.

3. Secretary – Lawrence Jones

The March 24th meeting minutes were approved with a number of changes. Bill Dexter motioned to approve and Chris Dexter seconded.

4. Vice-Commodore – Bill Dexter

The next social event is the Kickoff Party on May 4th.

Bill is changing the flag apparatus on the Committee Boat to a grommet and tee system from the current rusty clip system. Trisha Reinhardt and Jackie Ingham have approved the new setup.

Sunfish Fun Days has been changed to July 12th due to a wedding at the RCC

Doug Kaukeinen is organizing the three Thistle training sessions in May.

June 5th will be the first night of Thursday Night Grilling

Mike Ingham would like to take some of the old Thistle masts to have them refurbished so there would be some spares available for club members. Bill did not think there was any issues with this, as they have been there quite a while. These masts can be hard to get, so it would be a benefit to club members, especially during regattas.

6. Rear Commodore - Mark Weider

Boats Out Day went amazingly well. It was like a swarm of bees and work was accomplished quickly.

- The boats were moved quickly and efficiently
- The hoists and dock were put in place with UR students in the water
- Lots of leaf-raking
- Picnic tables were prepped for painting
- The creek crew cleaned up the small stream
- The kitchen was well scrubbed.
- The grass wasn't too damaged and Mark has already put down some grass seed

Chris asked if one of the storm drains had been cleaned. Mark thought that it had been.

The septic tank was cleaned out. The guy said that our septic system looks great.

Bill Bradburn looked into re-upholstering the stand-alone metal chairs. They are expensive to fix – about \$40 per chair. This is what a new one costs for the same kind of chair. Eric and Judy looked into this last fall and found the same thing. We have about forty of them – half of them need repair and half do not. Chris said that he can take any that are no longer used to a scrapyard. Mark said that there is plenty of other metal scrap at the RCC that could go to the scrapyard as well.

5. Harbor Master Kevin Lofftus

Kevin has spent \$5,000 so far this year, much of it on the new dock. He had good help from Jim Hauck, Tom Lee, and Jason McCaffrey. This project went over budget, so some other projects, like adding an axle to the Committee Boat trailer, will be deferred for a year. Kevin is working on the dock for the Flying Scot.

There is a safety concern: a person and particularly a child can slip between the dock joints. This has happened at the RCC, and fortunately no one was seriously hurt. The Genesee River docks have thick rubber flaps to cover the joints to keep people from slipping between them. Kevin will look into getting something like this for the RCC.

Kevin requested a more formal way to apportion the gas that goes to ROC City Sailing vs. what is used by the RCC. There are now two tanks for each boat, so perhaps a system can be worked out. Mary Ellen asked Kevin to reach to Dan Blasdell to start this conversation.

6. Thistle Fleet – Eric Gessner

Three boats were out and **nine** Thistle races were run last Sunday. He has gotten good sign-up for the Mark-Set Safety boat duty. There is now a Thistle *WhatsApp* group to discuss upcoming racing opportunities. Lawrence asked how new people can join this. Kira said that there can be a link added to our website. Mary Ellen suggested that they email Adam Gesner or Mike Ingham directly to be added.

7. Sunfish Fleet – Kira Munger

Kira is working on a new system to simplify rigging and for users to better put away club boats. June 26th will be a Sunfish Youth Clinic for those who are 21 and under and are already racers. The hope is to get them more involved in events like the 2025 Don VanVechten Memorial Sunfish Regatta, which will be held on July 26th this year.

8. JY-15 Fleet – Joel Morse

Club JY-15s are rigged and ready to go. There are nine people on his list who are purported to have JY-15. Joel will reach out to them to see if they do have these boats.

Tom Lee said that there are some JYs on the wrong trailers, or at a minimum the #3 Club JY is on his dolly and vice versa. If it is just this one mix-up, he can take care of it.

9. RC Laser Group – Bill Dexter

RC Laser sailing was cancelled today, as it was too cold (snowflakes). They are aiming to sail next week and look to be sticking with Wednesday nights this year.

10. At Large Members Chris Dexter

Chris Dexter said Saturday (Boats Out) went very well which was good to see.

Mary Ellen sent out a Doodle May meeting is set for Monday, May 12th.

Joel Morse motioned to adjourn Passed unanimously at 8:07.