

Rochester Canoe Club – May Board of Governors’ Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025 - meeting held by Google Teams

Commodore Mary Ellen Ingham called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

RCC Board of Governors		
Position	Person	Meeting on 5/12/2025
Commodore	Mary Ellen Ingham	√ present
Vice Commodore	Bill Dexter	√ present
Rear Commodore	Mark Weider	√ present 7:45pm
Harbor Master	Kevin Lofftus	√ present
Secretary	Lawrence Jones	absent
Purser	Diane Ahlman	√ present
Past Commodore	Tom Lee	√ present
Thistle Fleet	Eric Gesner	√ present
Sunfish Fleet	Kira Munger	absent
JY-15 Fleet	Joel Morse	absent
Director	Rosemarie Wolf	absent
Director	Chris Dexter	absent
Director	Wendy Hurley	√ present
Director	Alex Wirth	absent

8 BOG members present, no quorum.

Dan Blasdel present representing ROC city sailing.

Summary of Meeting Decisions & Actions

- No quorum
 - Decision to purchase a welder will be sent out for email vote.
 - April 16th meeting minutes will need to be approved at a later date.
- Email vote for RCS garage sale with donations from RCC members to benefit RCS Learn to Sail programs. Open to RCC members and guests only.
- Post notice in gazebo for regular grill cleaning/maintenance by users

1. Commodore’s Report – Mary Ellen Ingham

RCC nominating committee - plan to start early in June for vote in September

Parties

- Grailer, Gesner and Bradburn party approved with 10 yes votes each (via email).
- Request from Charlotte Egin (new head instructor this year ROC city sailing(RCS)) for high school graduation party. Multiple concerns regarding supervision and safety, would need member sponsor and presence throughout the party. Perhaps an evening party instead of overnight would be acceptable, still with member presence. Mary Ellen will give feedback to Ralph.
- Another party request came in this morning for 7/18, will send email for approval if meets criteria for head count.
- Eric proposes email with BCC for party requests to decrease email burden. Bill agrees and will do moving forward.

RCS community garage sale was turned down due to multiple concerns. Ralph proposed an in house garage sale, only open to RCC members and guests.

- 5/25 or 6/1 with delivery of items the day before or morning of.
- RCS manages “suggested donation” stickers for items with input from the donors.
- Purchases before/after fleet racing.
- RCS will manage clean up and disposition of leftovers.
- All proceeds go to RCS Learn to Sail programs.
- Mary Ellen or Bill will send out for email vote once Ralph sets date.

Mary Ellen will send doodle for June meeting date.

2. Purser’s Report – Diane Ahlman

92 members plus UR

11 resignations so far this year including 2 that we have not heard from in 3 years

6 unpaid so far this year

4 unpaid greater than 1 year

10 of 13 new members from 2024 have paid initiation

Dues income to date \$57,388

2 new members accepted and paid to date 2025, no other applications at present

Diane usually gives until end of May for dues, will contact those that have not paid. Diane, Bill and Mary Ellen are working with members that are arrears for a couple years.

3. Secretary – Lawrence Jones

Wendy Hurley taking meeting minutes in Lawrence Jones’ absence tonight.

Vote on meeting minutes postponed until June due to lack of quorum.

4. Vice-Commodore – Bill Dexter

- Good kickoff party, well attended especially given the cold and rainy weather. Chose May as hoped it would be better weather than April.
- Pot luck dinner last night on Mother’s day, twenty attendees. Successful.
- Grill needs cleaning, caught fire last night. He will reach out to the grill masters (Jim/Andy) to clean. Mary Ellen proposed hanging a notice in the gazebo to remind about cleaning and grill maintenance for users. Bill will make the notice.

6. Rear Commodore - Mark Weider

Trash

- Waste Management no longer able to pick up, working on getting key back.
- Looking for a new company. Casella unable.
- Call out to Suburban Disposal, may meet with 5/14. Totes or a small dumpster.
- Trying to avoid having to bring totes up to the road.

Grass cut today

- Will need to cutgrass in boat yard soon. Targeting this weekend after Thistle clinic or Sunday with members around to help move boats.

Picnic tables painted

Need to fix window frames north and east sides, some rot present. Painting planned.

Drainage

- Poor in north parking lot. Creek is contained after maintenance, yard drying out. Thinks will be improved soon.

5. Harbor Master Kevin Lofftus

Anchor for race committee boat

- Spoke with Jackie, concerns for difficulty with bringing it up.
- Dan Fien used without difficulty Saturday in gusty air, needs a lot of scope. Previously used dumbbell to weigh it down or Kevin may drill a new hole in it. Committee would like an anchor with an in between weight. Will try modifications to lightweight anchor first. Then search on a heavier weight if needed.
- Bill suggested attaching a mooring ball so crash boat can help pull anchor up if committee boat is having an issue pulling it up. Tom would favor crash boat helping, worked well in the past. Kevin concerned that someone may drop and something if repeatedly detaching things.

Lost a mark anchor (mushroom) on 5/11. Need to replace anchor floats.

Welding

- Many needs around the club. Thistle wheel stop, docks, most of our needs are steel and we have access to an aluminum welder (Andy Miller) for the more specialized jobs.
- Jason McCaffrey found a gas welder for \$450 and offered to fix it up if the club were to purchase. Welders charge \$200/hour otherwise and may be worth the investment. Multiple club members have welding capabilities. Mary Ellen will work with Kevin to send an email vote out.
- Alternative to purchasing the welder includes multiple cables for adequate power which sounds unsafe, makes more sense to purchase the welder.
- Diane - money would need to come from elsewhere in the budget - shift from other departments.
- Kevin wants a full set of parts for the aluminum docks - put in budget for next year

Whalers

- Mary Ellen mentioned known need for engine repair
- Whaler 1 engine - Kevin and Jason will look at overheating issue 5/14. No cooling water. If unable to fix, will need to get it fixed (Bryce Marine)
- We have 1 working whaler for crash boat, plan to ask club members if RCC can borrow/rent someone's personal boat. Andy Miller keeps one on the bay.
- Whaler 3 has multiple repairs still to be done. Hole in the hull. Had planned a total repair but due to short on crash boats, will consider patching quickly and delaying further repairs if unable to get whaler 1 engine repaired soon.

Safety upgrade on the wooden docks to prevent people slipping between the joints, children particularly vulnerable. Plans to upgrade the thistle dock and swimming dock. Mats purchased.

6. Thistle Fleet – Eric Gesner

Good but interesting thistle racing this year.

Crew clinics - thanks to Doug and Mike. 11 participants and 6 boats the first week, 13 participants and 7 boats the second week. Going well.

7. Sunfish Fleet – Kira Munger

Absent

8. JY-15 Fleet – Joel Morse

Absent

9. RC Laser Group – Bill Dexter

6 boats, good day this past week.

10. ROC city sailing (RCS) - Dan Blasdell

- Sunfish boat maintenance over the past couple Saturdays, weighing.
- Making spreadsheet with Sunfish serial numbers, hull color, issues to be addressed. Getting a handle on which boats are club owned, poorly labeled.
- Local instructors this year, Charlotte will have RCC member support (Doug, Mike Fortner) for her first year as head instructor.
- Flying Scot preparations, hope to get on the lift during the first week of June. Many issues. Floor delaminating, needs floatation added, wet balsa core (unsure of the extent). Eric suggests figure out if worth doing due to large job. Dan planning to get water meter to evaluate extent of the wet core.

11. Directors

Wendy

- Thistle clinics going well.
- Would be nice to have a preplanned Mother's day event rather than last minute. Consensus that pot luck seems easiest for everyone. Bill mentioned a previous Father's day pancake breakfast but not much attendance due to Saratoga weekend. This year does not line up with Saratoga so Bill will look into setting up a pot luck dinner on Father's day.

Alex, Chris, Rosemarie absent

Adjourned 8:09pm