

Rochester Canoe Club – July Board of Governors’ Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 - meeting held at the club

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

RCC Board of Governors		
Position	Person	Meeting on 7/23/2025
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	√ absent
Sunfish Fleet	Kira Munger	√ absent
JY-15 Fleet	Joel Morse	√ absent
Director	Rosemarie Wolf	√ absent
Director	Chris Dexter	√ present
Director	Wendy Hurley	√ present
Director	Alex Wirth	√ present

10 BOG members in person making a quorum.

Summary of Meeting Decisions & Actions

- April, May, and June meeting minutes were approved with one change.
- It was unanimously agreed to buy the Race Committee boat a new anchor.
- The 2025 Don VanVechten Memorial Sunfish Regatta was moved to October 11th.
The fall work day (Boats Out) was moved to October 18th.
- RCC will reimburse ROC City Sailing half this cost of a new boat ladder.
- Three applications for membership were approved.

1. Secretary’s Report – Lawrence Jones

- a. The last three months of meeting minutes were been sent out.
- b. Tom Lee noticed that the April minutes say March on them.
- c. Alex Wirth motioned to approve April, May, and June minutes. Unanimously approved with the one change.

2. Purser’s Report – Diane Ahlman

Diane said there are no surprises in the club financials.

3. Commodore's Report – Mary Ellen Ingham

- a. Multiple complaints were made regarding the anchor situation on the Race Committee boat. One anchor doesn't hold and the other is too heavy for the RC to move. Mary Ellen is researching this and thinks \$200 should cover it. Alex Wirth motioned to buy a new anchor. Bill Dexter seconded. All voted yes.
- b. There was a scheduling issue with the **2025 Don VanVechten Memorial Sunfish Regatta**. Mark Weider motioned to hold the Sunfish regatta on October 11th and move work day (Boats Out) to October 18. Tom Lee seconded. All are in favor.
- c. Jackie Brown of the Race Committee suggested several changes for the new X course in terms of the colors, marks, and flags colors. These changes are to make things easier for both the racers and the committee boat. Alex Wirth motioned to make these changes and Wendy Hundley seconded. All are in favor.
- d. Phil Lange will come to a later BOG meeting so ROC City sailing can join us to discuss automated external defibrillators. These devices may come with liability issues.

4. Rear Commodore – Mark Weider

- a. Mark Weider reported that the club now has a brand-new mower. It is a \$6,000 Gravely from their commercial division. Our mower, Bill Bradburn, likes it.
- b. New plastic window trim has been installed on the north side of the club. There were a lot of ants and other critters in the walls.
- c. ROC City Sailing has had some difficulties with the road. They are now using staff with radios to help the drivers, mostly parents, navigate it better. George Smith put some reflectors along the road to help them.
- d. Jason McCaffrey will finish rolling off the large tree off the neighbor's driveway. The RCC will reimburse him for the new chainsaw parts he needs.

5. Harbor Master Report - Kevin Lofftus

- a. Charlotte Egan, an instructor at the ROC City Sailing school is rowing for college and has asked if she could keep a scull at the RCC for three weeks.

Because the BOG has turned these requests in the past, it was decided to turn down this request.

- b. The boat hoist for the Flying Scot has been improved. The three Whalers are all running. There is an extra set of boat cables that will be put in the room upstairs.
- c. ROC City Sailing had a problem with one of the old plastic ladders in the safety boat and couldn't get a student into the boat. Ralph Simpson bought a new, stainless-steel ladder at West Marine for \$345. Kevin Lofftus made a motion to reimburse ROC City Sailing half this cost. Alex Wirth seconded. All in favor.

5. Membership

- a. Since our last meeting, George Smith has sent out three membership applications for BOG approval.
- b. Bill Dexter made a motion to accept Kim and Ann Fricke as members. Diane Ahlman seconded. All voted in favor.
- c. Tom Lee made a motion to accept Edison Irizarry as a new member. Alex Wirth seconded. All voted in favor.
- d. Note: earlier this week the Kelsey-Bean family was unanimously voted for membership approval via email.

6. Vice-Commodore – Bill Dexter

- a. No group parties yet for August.
- b. The Brown Jug is on Monday, September 1st and needs to be coordinated with Newport. Bill is working on this now.
- c. Eric Gestner is working on the Fall Frontier and has most of it lined up except the trophies. (They have a PRO and a committee boat.) Mary Ellen said they hope to release the NOR released before Thistle Nationals to hopefully increase attendance.
- d. Clambake is Sat. September 13th.
- e. Bill said that they hope to set up a small children's play area in the corner. (In the past, there was more things for kids, including a playground, a sandbox, Big Wheels etc... so this is a nice nod to the past.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Lee, second by Kevin Lofftus. Unanimously approved at 7:53.

Mary Ellen had an interesting Sunfish factory tour in Rhode Island, if you're up that way.