

NORTHERN LIGHTS SAILING CLUB
TWIN CITIES, MINNESOTA

BEARINGS



Scott's Scuttlebutt

Ahoy NLSC Sailors and Happy New Year!

For Deb and me, this means the busy holiday season and vivacity of family and guests have now subsided. The urgency of entertaining has lifted, and a calm has once again entered the Woolfrey household. Even better, 2016 is now upon us, and I am truly looking forward to a great sailing year for the club.

Though our fall was mild this year, a quick glance outside will remind us that we are now deeply immersed in a Minnesota/Wisconsin winter. Days of shoveling driveways and battling below zero temps are ahead of us. The squeak of frigid snow will rise from under our shoes, boots, and car tires as breaths come quickly and sharp to ease the brittle air in our lungs. Some of us NLSCers will find

shelter and hunker down. Others of us will get out and enjoy what mother nature has to offer while still another bunch of us will head south to find solace in warmer climates until winter's icy grip retreats once again.

Though our sailing season now only exists in fond memories, there are plenty of other aspects of the sport that can keep us occupied throughout the cold months ahead. Perhaps it is a great time to sit by a cozy fire and refresh our knowledge by picking up educational books such as *Chapman's Piloting and Seamanship*, *The Annapolis Book of Sailing* or any number of great references. Maybe it's time to review the COLREGs again.

Need something more exciting to keep your mind into sailing? How about choosing from the plethora of true adventure sailing books lining the shelves of our libraries, retailer stores, and electronic book vendors? Just my humble opinion, but I find that it is much more enjoyable to vicariously learn from others' mistakes than to learn from my own occasionally painful or expensive experiences. Want a little more excitement but not so sure you want to get outside? Check out the loads of available sailing related websites and software. Some pretty good simulators that come to mind are <http://www.sailsimulator.com/> or www.sailx.com. In addition, organizations like US Sailing Association and ASA have some terrific on-line educational courses where you can review everything from the basics points of sail to advanced subjects such as sail trim for racers. Personally, as the cold grows stronger, I find myself drawn to the many uTube.com videos on sailing. All I can think of is... so little time, so many places to go and see!

When cabin fever sets in and you have to get out of the house, there are some very interesting seminars available at various boat shows around the country. I can't think of a better excuse to head to Miami than to attend the Strictly Sail Miami show (Feb 11-15) Well, maybe the 80 degree temperatures and warm beaches might be factored in, too. But if you can't wait that long to go hang out with other nautical folks, coming up soon in our neck of the woods is the Chicago Boat, RV and Strictly Sail show (Jan 14 – 18) and later in the month, the Minneapolis Boat Show (Jan 21-24). All shows offer daily seminars with subject matter including maintenance, repair, and various seamanship tips plus a great chance to see what is new in sailing.

Want to mingle with fellow sailors from other local sailing clubs? The Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club, Northern Lights Sailing Club, and the Twin Cities Sailing Club are joining together for a Tri-Club social on January 8th, 6:00pm at Nicole Smith's party room. Come learn about respective clubs and how to get involved. There will be tons of fun with a slide show and potluck (BYO-Beverages). Address: Track 29 City Apartments - 2841 Bryant Ave S, Minneapolis. More info can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1530078850635878/>.

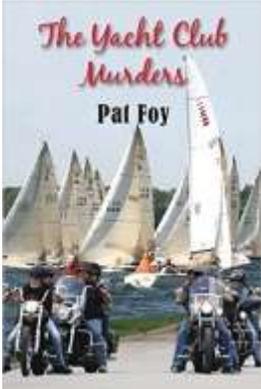
Here's a thought to challenge yourself this winter.... Resolve to plan and execute a trip in 2016. Whether on local lakes, national or international waters, NLSC has the resources to help. For those trips that are complex or costly, NLSC will gladly "Sponsor" the trip and take full operational and financial risk. Contact any one of the Board of Directors for more resources to help you. Remember, March Trip Night is really just around the corner. We hope to have many trips to present! Here's to a new year of sailing and adventure!

Fair Winds and Following Seas,
Scott

"Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." — [Kenneth Grahame](#), [The Wind in the Willows](#)

JANUARY 19, 2016 PROGRAM

**CHESTER BIRD AMERICAN LEGION
Featuring: Pat Foy - DDS, Sailor, Photographer, and Author**



Sailor Pat Foy was raised on the water. He has been fishing, boating, and sailing ever since he could crawl. He has been sailing more than thirty-five years and has been a member of the Wayzata Yacht Club going on 29 years. He has raced in hundreds of local club races and a few national level races. He participated in the 2015 S-2 7.9 Nationals held this September on Lake Minnetonka and captured first place in the Silver division.

Author Pat Foy has had several articles published in magazines, both locally and nationally. His book, *The Yacht Club Murders*, was published in July on Amazon, and it is the first of a series centered on his sailing experiences and the many stories that his sailing colleagues have shared over the years. It is a fictional representation of culture and antics of the Yacht Club back in 1977. None of the characters or murders is based on any facts, but it gives one a taste of the club racing culture. Photographer Pat Foy has also taken several thousand photos of Lake Minnetonka and may be sharing some of those with his presentation.

We hope to see you at the January meeting. Come early to enjoy dinner and social time!

SAVE THE DATE!

February 16, 2016
Chester Bird American Legion



February's meeting presentation will be given by Cindy Kalow. Cindy and her husband Dick have owned Superior Charters since 2004.

Cindy will speak about the intricacies of chartering boats locally in the Apostle Islands as well as nationally and internationally. There will be time for questions about all aspects of a charter.

Don't miss this if you've ever thought about chartering.





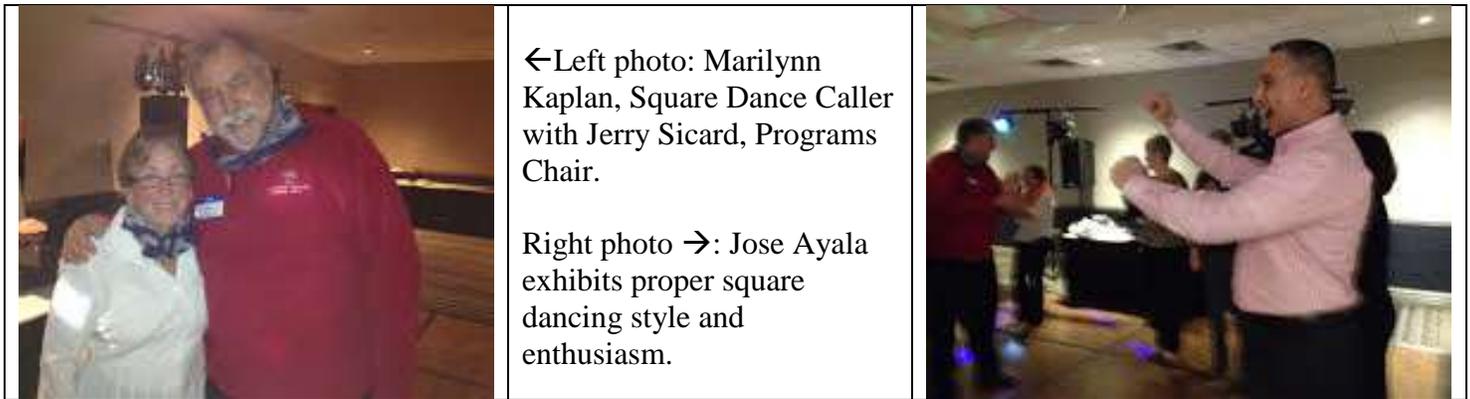
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Holiday Party
by Joan
Gilmore**



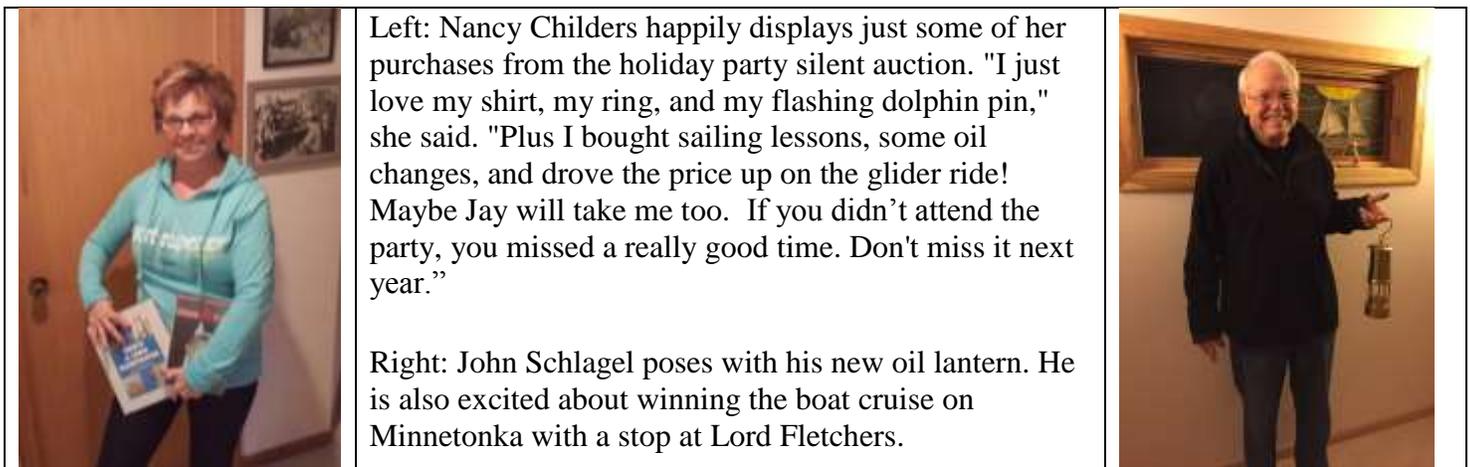
Jerry Sicard, who organized the Holiday Party, always tries to feature a special surprise for members. He came through this year by asking Marilynn Kaplan, a trained square dance caller, to organize a set of dancing. After dinner, the dance floor was cleared for the feature event of this year’s Holiday Party.

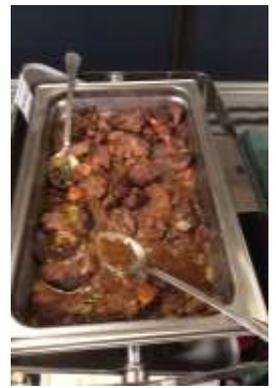
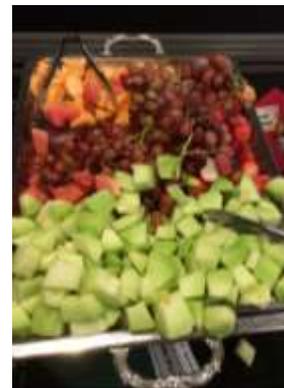
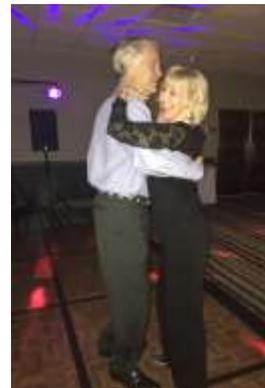
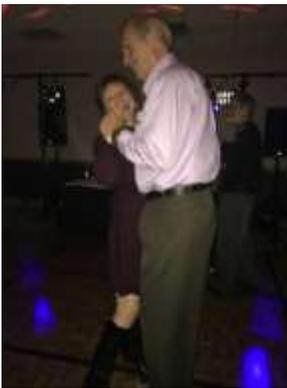
Marilynn herded the first 16 partygoers into two squares, giving a bandana to the “lead” in each couple, and then started off the set with Jingle Bells. It didn’t take long before the two squares had learned the calls and were swinging, circling, and promenading their way through the songs.

Because of the size of the dance floor, only two squares (four couples) could be accommodated. A number of toe-tappers looked on enviously. This feature was so much fun that there is talk of holding another square dance at a future NLSC event.



The NLSC Silent Auction cleared \$848 this year. This money will go to Youth Sailing Services to help maintain their fleet of training boats used for Sea Scouts and other youth sailing organizations. A big Thank You goes to all you donors with your many creative offerings - Our family won five dozen delicious Christmas cookies baked and delivered by Nancy Kracke.





Meet New Member Dana Wheeler



Dana joined NLSC in December, 2015. He and his family (wife Jean, son 15, and daughter 12) reside in Prior Lake. Dana grew up waterskiing, but after he left home, he didn't have a tow boat. He took up windsurfing in the late 80s (no tow boat needed) and felt a real connection being part of the sailing machine (board, sail, wind). He moved into sailing a couple years later (1995). He started out on a "twelve foot plastic, and badly cracked, boat (foam covered with plastic so it was nothing to look at, but it had two sails and it floated) from a yard sale." Soon after, he

acquired a 16' boat big enough for his family. "I hadn't heard the adage that 'flat is fast' yet so I sailed like a windsurfer heeling as much as I could without tipping. Eventually also learned 'flat is fast' also equates with 'flat means friends will come along'." They are owners of an Island Packet (currently on Lake Michigan in Sturgeon Bay, WI) and a Precision 23.

Dana sails on Prior Lake weekly and says he's always looking for someone to sail with and enjoys teaching those who have not sailed before. His family spends several weeks each summer sailing on the Great Lakes. They started on Lake Superior and have progressed through Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. He's not sure where they will go this summer. Dana says, "The goal is to enjoy the Great Lakes, Saint Lawrence Passage and onto the Caribbean". His whole family enjoys their summer trips on the Great Lakes and loves it when they can bring friends or other families along.

Dana said he would like to sail the Caribbean and beyond. He would like to get more time in the Florida and Bahamas areas during the winter months. One Christmas, his family trailered their Precision 23 to Florida, and he'd really like to do that again.

In addition to sailing, his other hobbies include family time, biking, rental property, and photography.



Editor's Note: NLSC also welcomes Larry Flessland who joined in November, 2015. Larry hails from Victoria, MN.

Membership Update **ACTION NEEDED NOW!**

NLSC membership stands at 226 as of December 31, 2015 (the end of the Club membership year). So far, we have received **only 66 renewals** for 2016. Thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership! Taking into account eight new members who have joined since Sept. 1st and are automatically members for 2016, **that leaves 152 of you who have not yet renewed.**

If you have already renewed or joined after Sept. 1, 2015 (with membership carrying over through 2016), you can skip the rest of this reminder.

For those who have not yet renewed, membership prices have not changed! A single membership costs just \$30 and a dual is \$45. **Please resolve to renew your membership right now and start the New Year out right!**

There are two ways to renew your membership:

1. **Online Method:** Use the online 2016 membership application on the NLSC web site. You can pay with PayPal or your credit card (*you do not need to be a member of PayPal to use it*). **See below for Online Method steps.** The advantages of this process are that you can review and/or edit your membership information (address, e-mail address, etc. and make your payment using a secure process.
2. **Mail-In Method:** You can use the 2016 Membership Application form **found on page 10 of this newsletter** or print out a 2016 Membership Application form from the NLSC web site (form found under NLSC Membership). If you use either of these options, you will need to pay your 2016 dues by check. **See below for Mail-In Method steps.**

Confirmation of Your Renewal: You will receive a renewal confirmation via email from the NLSC Membership Committee. If you use the online method with PayPal, you will be notified via email once the payment has been made. Please keep the email until you are notified by the NLSC Membership Committee that your payment has been received by the Club.

Online Method

Reviewing your membership information (e-mail, etc.)

1. Click this link or copy and paste it into your browser: http://nlsc.org/directory/login_page.php
2. Log in using your NLSC ID# and password. (If you do not know this, a link on the login page will send your information to you via email immediately.)
3. When the “Members Only Section – Quick Links” page automatically appears, click **New! NLSC Online Membership Renewal 2016.**
4. When the new page appears, read the instructions. **Special Note for Dual Members: Both members need to follow steps 1, 2 and 3 on the renewal page, but only one member needs to complete step 4 or 5.** Then **scroll** to the bottom of the page and **click “Accept Disclaimer & Accept Renewal.”**
5. On the next page, “NLSC Membership Renewal 2016, Please Verify Your Personal Information” **review** your member information and make any changes needed. This page shows your membership data and your dual’s name (if any). **Important: Please verify your email address.**
6. When done, scroll to the bottom and click **“Submit.”**

Payment Options for the Online Method

7. On the next page, the **NLSC Membership Renewal 2016 – Membership Payment** page, you have three payment alternatives:
 - Use your credit card – via a PayPal process (**You do NOT have to have a PayPal account**)
 - Use PayPal – if you have a PayPal account
 - Mail your check for \$30 (single)/\$45 (dual) to: **NLSC Membership, P.O. Box 27404, Golden Valley, MN 55427-0404.**
8. Follow the simple instructions on the page to submit your payment.

Mail-in 2016 Membership Application Method

1. Print the 2016 Membership Application form (**found on page 10 of this newsletter**) or on the NLSC web site under “NLSC Membership.”)
2. Print your name and the dual member’s name (if applicable). *If you don’t need to update your other membership information, skip to Step 4.*
3. If you want to update your member information, please do so on the form and then go to Step 4.
4. Please read the **Disclaimer** at the bottom and sign and date the application form. ***BOTH Dual members are required to sign and date the form.***
5. Mail the form and your check for \$30 (single)/\$45 (dual) to: **NLSC Membership, P.O. Box 27404, Golden Valley, MN 55427-0404.**

If you have any questions, please contact: Membership@NLSC.org

BOAT SHOW REMINDER



**Minneapolis Boat Show
Minneapolis Convention Center
January 21-24, 2016**

We still need a few volunteers at NLSC’s booth. If you volunteer, you’ll receive complimentary entrance into the Boat Show. Spend two hours (more if you wish) at NLSC’s booth with two other members and enjoy the conversations that unfold. It’s a great way to meet prospective new members and talk sailing with people passing by. Once your two hour shift is over, feel free to take in the rest of the show. There are many interesting educational seminars to attend.

Contact Joan Gilmore via email, captainjoan@mac.com to reserve your spot. Signup is now open. Even if you don’t volunteer at the booth, please stop by our booth. See you there!

Trips and Meetings

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Tri-Club Social	Jan 8, 2016	6pm	Track 29 City Apartments 2841 Bryant Ave S Mpls 55408	Twin City Sailing Club, Upper Minnetonka Yacht club, & NLSC join together for a social evening.
Club Meeting	Jan 19, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive GV 55422	Club Meeting Author Pat Foy, DDS
Mpls Boat Show	Jan 21-24, 2016		Mpls Convention Center	Volunteers will be needed at the NLSC booth. Contact Joan Gilmore.
Board Meeting	Jan 26, 2016	6:30	Davanni's Golden Valley or TBD	Board meeting All NLSC members welcome
Club Meeting	Feb 16, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive GV 55422	Club Meeting Cindy Kalow, Superior Charters
Board Meeting	Feb 23, 2016	6:30	Davanni's Golden Valley or TBD	Board meeting All NLSC members welcome
Club Meeting	March 15, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion 200 N. Lilac Drive GV 55422	Club Meeting Trip Night
Monohull Educational Cruise	Mar 30-April 5, 2016		Departing from Tortola, British Virgin Islands	Endorsed trip Joan Gilmore
Catamaran Educational Cruise	April 6-11, 2016		Departing from Tortola, British Virgin Islands	Endorsed trip Joan Gilmore
Canal Boat Trip	June 18-25, 2016		Strasbourg, France	Endorsed Trip Jerry Sicard
French Polynesia/Tahiti trip	Sept 2-15, 2016		Departing from Uturoa on island of Raiatea	Endorsed trip – possible space available Jay Biggs

For cost and registration information for the trips posted, please see the NLSC website. Additional sailing-related opportunities may be found on the NLSC website or Meetup.



Let's Go Sailing!



Northern Lights Sailing Club - Membership Application

Applicants must be 21 years of age or older

Please print and complete this application form.

Send the completed application and your check - made out to "Northern Lights Sailing Club" to:

Northern Lights Sailing Club, P. O. Box 27404, Golden Valley, MN 55427

Annual Membership (check one): Jan 1-Dec 31, 2016

Note for new members: If you join after September 1 and pay your dues for the year, you will be entitled to all rights and privileges for the next year, AND for remainder of the year in which you join.

- Individual \$30.00** **Dual-Same Address \$45.00**

Type or print your name and address:

Name: _____ Dual Member Name: _____

Street: _____ Apt.# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Dual Member's Home Phone: _____

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E-mail Address: _____ Dual Member's E-mail Address: _____

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We need volunteers and information to help make NLSC work. Please click on any of the following to be added to duty rosters. Principal member: Please use first checkbox {Dual member: Please use second checkbox }

I (we) Would Help:

- Organize Trips
- Organize Social Activities
- Organize Meeting Activities

Serve on a Standing Committee

Serve on the Board

Work on the Newsletter

Other: _____

I am (we are) interested in:

- Learning to Sail
- Racing
- Cruising

Day sailing

Get USGC Captain's Certification

Other: _____

My (our) experience level:

- Own a Daysailer
- Own a Cruising Sailboat
- Have Bareboat Certification (ASA, other)

Have other sailing certifications (ASA, other)

Have USGC Captain's Certification

Other: _____

Where did you hear about NLSC (new members only)? _____

Referred by member (new members only): [optional]: _____

Disclaimer: By making application for, or attending any function arranged by Northern Lights Sailing Club (NLSC), I am fully cognizant of all risks of travel and arrangements for trips of this nature and fully disclaim, waive, and discharge NLSC, its officers, and members from any and all liability, claims, or responsibilities with regard to the proposed trip and arrangements made with respect thereto, even if caused by the negligence or purported negligence of NLSC, its officers, or members. **Note: All members, both single and dual, must sign application.**

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Dual-Member Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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Northern Lights Sailing Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., January through May and October through November. The meeting location is the Chester Bird American Legion, 200 N. Lilac Drive, Golden Valley, 55422.

Summer meetings are potluck dinners held at members' homes. Meeting locations are listed in *Bearings* and on the NLSC website, www.nlsc.org.

E-mail us at nlsc_mail@yahoo.com.