



## Commodore's Corner

Once again Edgewater Yacht Club's Board of Trustees has agreed to let our club use their facility to hold our meetings and races. We thank them so much! Without their support we could not function.

Always remember that you use the club as a Guest and treat the facility and the members with courtesy and respect. Find out who on your boat this summer is a yacht club member and buy them a drink as a "thank you". Talk to them about their experiences at EYC and consider becoming a Social Member. Edgewater is a great place to hang out, go out for dinner, and enjoy the summer sun.

### EYC Membership

#### What's in a membership?

*Edgewater is a private club, and we are very lucky to have access to this facility. EYC is a non-profit organization and members pay for the entire budget.*

*Just to give you an idea of the cost, membership dues for a regular **Active Member** is about \$200 a month, including \$160 in dues and capital improvement projects and \$40 in minimum spending in the bar and dining room. Active Members are those with boats so additionally have dock and storage fees. There is a one time initiation fee at the time of joining of \$4000 (or \$1000 if under age 30).*

***Social Members** pay \$133 per month including the \$40 bar and dining minimum. Social Members do not have boats, but do have access to the club and are invited to all the social events. Social Members can not vote or hold office. Their initiation fee is only \$400.*

#### 'Support Our Host Club' Fund

As a way to show our appreciation to Edgewater for sharing their club with us for the past 12 years, the NCWSA board has voted to start a 'Support Our Host Club' fund. We are asking each NCWSA member to voluntarily donate \$10 to this fund. This \$10 is to be from every NCWSA member (whether you are a member of EYC or not).

This is to show EYC that we are grateful for their support of us throughout the year, and that we understand that, even though we are not members of EYC, (and are not even an EYC-sanctioned group—NCWSA is only hosted by EYC), we recognize that every organization has financial needs, and a small contribution from each of us will help ease any burden that EYC may feel as a result of our presence.

Note that this is NOT a parking fee for the privilege of parking inside the gates on sailing nights; rather, it is a recognition that without the support of the membership of EYC,

## NCWSA Meetings

### 7:30 First Tuesday of the Month

**MARCH 3, 2009**

**Navigation:** Charting, Compass, GPS and Celestial Navigation with possible breakout session.

**APRIL 7, 2009**

Meet the Fleet!

**MAY 5, 2009**

**Skill Level Breakout Sessions** for: Racing Basics, Race Management, Boating Safety, and Weather

**BEGINNER'S SERIES**

May 2, 9, and 16 • 9-11am

**JUNE (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED)**

Skipper's Clinic

NCWSA would not be able to exist. That is why the \$10 is based upon your NCWSA membership, not on your EYC membership.

We ask that you add this \$10 to your membership dues check, or just give the extra \$10 as you join for the year at the Membership table.

We are not increasing the dues; this \$10 will be given directly to EYC. (We have a 2009 balanced budget in place with our regular dues). It will remain separate from dues so that everyone understands its purpose: to recognize our appreciation of our relationship with EYC.

- Sherrie Desmond  
NCWSA Commodore



## With Great Sadness...



AS THIS ISSUE OF THE RACER was being completed, we learned of the untimely passing of our friend and JAM fleet boat owner/coach, Gary Eby.

We received this email on Wednesday, February 25, from Linda Cutler, skipper of *Extravagance*:

*The Ladies of Extravagance wish to inform you with great sadness that our beloved coach and boat owner, Gary Eby, passed from this earth and was found in his apartment by his brother. Gary had not answered the phone for a couple of days, so his brother went to his apartment and found him yesterday.*

Funeral arrangements are pending, and we will notify the NCWSA mailing list when we have details.

*"May we safely through life glide and anchor in heaven side by side."*

## Membership

It may be cold outside, but it will soon be warming up at the NCWSA meetings. The Board is moving ahead with plans for this year's racing season.

The new membership forms will be posted on the NCWSA website and I will have a membership table at the March meeting on March 3rd.

With over 180 members last year, many of you know that the earlier you register, the earlier we can form teams and get you out on the race course.

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

*Kathy Jankowski,  
Membership Chair*

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 3, 2009 —The meeting started promptly at 7:30. Commodore Sherrie Desmond welcomed members and guests.

The first order of business was an announcement that, though our membership dues amount was not increasing, we were collecting an additional \$10 with each membership that would be passed directly through to Edgewater Yacht Club as appreciation for hosting NCWSA, to try to help them in difficult financial times.

Suzie Wulff, one of the Race Chairs, announced that they will be sending out an email survey about racing. The annual Regatta will be held on September 12, and will be organized by Sue McDowell.

Cathy Newpher announced that the Beginner's Series will be held from 9-11 AM on 3 Saturdays in May, starting on May 2nd. They still have books from last year, and also have DVDs for sale and FREE sailing magazines that have been donated during a spring cleaning frenzy! The March meeting topic will be navigation, April is Meet the Fleet, and in May we will have some break-out sessions based on experience level and interest.

The speaker for the evening was Nick Turney, of North Sails, who gave a presentation about sail trim and sailmaking.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9 pm.

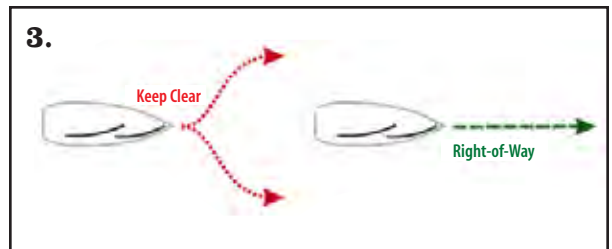
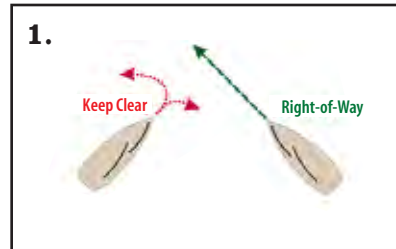
Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Metzler  
NCWSA Secretary*

## The Ten Racing Rules Commandments

While these rules are very basic and there exists many situations where other rules supersede these rules, these are the biggies everyone should know by heart.

1. Port keeps clear of Starboard.
2. Windward keeps clear of Leeward.
3. The boat astern keeps clear of the boat ahead.
4. A boat Tacking or Jibing keeps clear of one that is not.
5. Avoid Collisions.
6. If you gain right-of-way or change course, give the other boat time to keep clear.
7. The inside boat(s) at THREE\* boat lengths from the mark is entitled to room to round the mark.
8. A boat that is backing up or not racing keeps clear.
9. If you have violated a rule, take a penalty.
10. It's better to give way than to spend hours in the protest room.



*\*New to the **Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012***

Here are some great websites to check out while you're waiting to get out on the water.

[www.northu.com](http://www.northu.com)

[www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)

[www.sailinganarchy.com](http://www.sailinganarchy.com)

[www.sailamerica.com](http://www.sailamerica.com)

[www.boating.co.nz/sailing](http://www.boating.co.nz/sailing)



Consider joining US Sailing – Individual membership \$60.00.  
Enroll online at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

**The Boating Info Centre**  
[WWW.BOATING.CO.NZ](http://WWW.BOATING.CO.NZ)

## MEET THE NCWSA BOARD

*"How did you start sailing and/or racing?"*

I owe it all to my son. When he was in high school, he had his own car, a job, his own friends, and would soon be heading off to college. I had spent about 17 years (all but 5 as a single mother) wrapped up in what he was doing—school, sports, and picking out a college—and figured it was time for me to make my own life.

I picked up an issue of *North Coast Sports*, and found North Coast Women's Sailing Association listed, and thought I'd give it a try. The first two summers I raced JAM on *Banjo Girl* with Claudia Winowich, and followed up with a year on a J24, about 4 years on *Onrust*, and the last several years on *Lazy Lass*.

In the past 10 or so years, I've gotten into club racing, and am on a Wednesday-night Ranger 26 crew and a Sunday-morning Ensign crew, and am looking forward to another fun year on the water.

*– Pat Metzler  
NCWSA Secretary*



Some say sailing is in my blood. I practically grew up at Mentor Harbor Yachting Club, and had uncles, aunts, cousins, 2nd cousins, and more who all sailed, (most of the time on one boat!) My great-grandfather, grandfather, and then my parents all owned racing boats named *Sesame*. My grandmother was determined that I would be on a sailboat as early as possible, and at about 6-weeks-old, I went for my first sail in Florida.

As soon as I was 8-years-old, I jumped into MHYC's sail camp, and every year, idolized the older race-team members. I couldn't wait till I was 12 and could go to Jr. Bay Week. I attended and worked at all the Junior regattas around Lake Erie, and traveled around the country for several Women's Jr. National events and a World Laser Radial regatta.

My final year at

Jr. Bay, I won the Art O'Hara Sportswoman Trophy—voted on by my peers—and something I had always aimed for.

Of course I needed a good sailing team in my college criteria, so I was sure to find a school on the east coast that had my major (music education) and a varsity sailing team!! While sailing out on the east coast for the school year, I came home each summer and worked at the sail camp at Put-in-Bay Yacht Club. I was an instructor and race coach there for 4 summers. Two years ago, Edgewater

drew me in, and I became the camp director and race coach here.

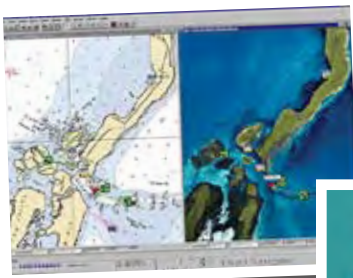
Coming to work at EYC has brought me some great racing opportunities. I have sailed with some fantastic people, and am looking forward to meeting more and working with NCWSA!

*– CC Skoch  
NCWSA Co-Race Chair*



## General Membership Meetings

A GREAT BIG THANK-YOU goes out to Nick Turney from North Sails for taking time out of his busy schedule to talk to us about sail design at our February meeting. It certainly was interesting to learn about how computers are used in sailmaking and design, and what we should all be aware when trimming sails. Thanks, Nick!



## Learn About Navigation

Our topic for the March 3, 2009 general meeting is Navigation. Come learn about the different aspects of getting from here to there. Don't miss it!



## Skipper's Clinic and Beginner's Series Sign-Ups at the March Meeting

Eight women have signed-up for the **Skipper's Clinic(s)** to be held later in the spring. We'll keep you posted on dates as soon as we have them.

Also, don't forget to sign-up for the **Beginner's Series** which will begin on May 2nd.

If you can't attend the meeting, just sent an email to [ncwsaracer@yahoo.com](mailto:ncwsaracer@yahoo.com) with Sign-Up in the subject line, and your name and which event(s) you wish to attend.



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## NCWSA Mission Statement

~ to encourage women to become more actively involved in sailboat racing through regattas and clinics, and to create a spirit of good fellowship among members.