



The Zephyr-Special 150th Anniversary Edition

150 YEARS OF SAILING

150 years of sailing...this is a phrase you will hear a lot in 2014 and for very good reason. Lloyd's Register of Yacht Clubs lists the Neenah Yacht Club (later merged with the Nodaway Yacht Club) as being founded in 1864 making it one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. This landmark anniversary will be a year full of celebration, looking back, and looking to the future for the NNYC. This special edition of the Zephyr is an introduction to this exciting year from our resident historian and 150th Anniversary Committee chairman, Doug Hatch. Be sure to check out [our website](#) and like [NNYC on facebook](#). Let's make it a great year!

Jonathan Coultas - Communication Director

CELEBRATING OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Six generations of sailors have made Lake Winnebago their playground. This lake has created thousands of sailing enthusiasts over the years and our yacht club has been and continues to be an active and proud member of our community. This year will include some very special celebrations for the NNYC. We formed a 150th Committee in the fall of 2013 to put together an agenda that will bring home the history of the NNYC to you, our members, and to the community at large. It is the intent of the Committee and the Board to generate enthusiasm for sailing as a sport and as a pastime for the community and we need **each one of you** to help us do just that.

CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2014

- Expanding annual community events including Sailing Open House (Expo) and a Community Fest booth and Venetian Parade
- Top of the Lake Regatta will be run as the NNYC 150 Invitational Regatta with featured speaker Gary Jobson.
- A float in the Memorial Day Parade and the Parade of Lights
- Increased visibility in the community with special banners and flags.
- 150th Anniversary publicity in various community newsletters, magazines, local newspapers, and other news outlets.
- Video kiosks traveling around Neenah and a display at the Holiday Inn.
- Sponsoring a "Why I would like to go Sailing" essay contest for local elementary students.
- Partnered with the Neenah Historical Society with respect to historical photos and documents - more on this later.

HISTORICAL WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

- Check out our **brand new** 150th Anniversary section of our website by clicking on the 150th banner on the home page or by [clicking here](#). The 150th page will link you to archival club minutes, photos, newspaper articles, regattas, yearbooks, and other memorabilia.
- There are also some history related items in our new [links](#) page located under the "News/Store" heading.
- Our [facebook page](#) will feature a historical picture every Thursday for "Throwback Thursday."
- A club "Timeline" will be developed from inception to current as the year progresses.
- Each week the Zephyr will guide you to an interesting historical item from the archives.
- There is a link under "Photos" where you can [upload photos](#) or documents that you may have which can then be archived for the club. We encourage you to look through your old scrapbooks and share with the club to help detail and document our club's history.

All of this archiving and documentation is a work in progress, as there are literally thousands of documents to digitize so check back as we add new items.

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!

With your help and participation we can make this year a highlight for NNYC. Please help to share the joy of sailing and help us to develop new members. We look forward to sailing through this historical year with you all.

-Doug Hatch - NNYC Historian and Treasurer

JOIN US FOR A JANUARY RACE!

To help get things started, we have arranged for an online race around Lake Winnebago. Even though the lake is frozen solid, you can sail in a simulated race using actual boat performance data and weather forecasting. The race is being hosted by [Sailonline.org](#), an international group of avid sailors that regularly host races all over the world, and even around the world! Every January, the group hosts a race on Lake Winnebago. This year, they are looking forward to meeting local sailors who would like to race along with them. The Lake Winnebago NNYC 150th Online Race will be held on Saturday, January 18th starting at 10:00 AM. If you are interested, please register [here](#). All you need to provide is your email address, a boat name, and password. We suggest using the prefix "NNYC_" on your boat name. For example, Derek Walker created NNYC_Scooter. Feel free to use your real boat name, or something else.

If you have never "cyber sailed" before, don't worry, it is not complicated and we will teach you. Jonathan Coultas and Derek Walker will provide an overview of Sailonline as well as other online sailing programs during the January sailors meeting at Aspen Landing on the 15th at 6:00PM. In addition, we will have a gathering on the 18th, the day of the Sailonline race at the Holiday Inn starting at 9:30 AM. You will need a laptop computer with Wi-Fi capability. It would be very helpful if you register your boat beforehand, as the race starts promptly at 10:00.



Calendar of 150 Events

Monthly Sailor Gathering and online race introduction-
Wednesday, January 15
6:00 PM at Aspen Landing

Lake Winnebago NNYC 150th Online Race-
Saturday, January 18th
9:30 AM at Holiday Inn

Spring Fling-
Saturday, March 22nd

Memorial Day Parade -
Monday, May 26

Sailing Open House (Expo)-
Saturday, June 14th

Sailing Themed Neenah Farmer's Market-
Saturday, June 21st

Parade of Lights-
Thursday, July 3rd

Community Fest/Venetian Parade-
Friday, July 4th

NNYC 150th Invitational Regatta and speaker Gary Jobson-
Saturday, July 12th

Annual General Meeting, Celebration TBD-
Saturday, November 8th