



The Zephyr- Special Event Volunteer Edition

CALLING ALL NNYC MEMBERS

As you know, this is a very exciting year for the NNYC. We are combining our enthusiasm for our 150th anniversary with an increased emphasis on connecting with the community. This is the perfect year to attract new sailors to the sport and the club. This is also a great time for all of our members to become more active in the club and meet other members. Please consider volunteering for some of our events this year. The club is run completely on volunteers, so everyone's help is needed. And, it's an opportunity to hang out and talk sailing, or ignite a passion in a new sailor! Thank you to those who have already volunteered at an event or have already signed up for the events listed below.

Here is a list of our special, large events this year with the specific needs of each. Volunteers will receive a free 150th anniversary t-shirts to be worn at the event.

Please especially check out the positions in red, as these require some special skill sets.

Contact the person listed next to the event to volunteer or use the [electronic form here](#).

SAILING OPEN HOUSE

What: This is an event we brought back last year and hope to continue to have annually to stay connected with the community so they know who we are and that the club is open to anyone. This event will include activities by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and a brat fry by a local Boy Scout troop.

Where: Riverside Park – Neenah Harbor

When: Saturday, June 14 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Who to contact to volunteer: Kacee Des Jarlais at SailPromotion@nnyc.org

Needs:

- **Set Up** – Set up will begin at 8:00 AM and includes putting up the tent, getting signs up, setting up the kids' activities, etc.

- **Foam Toy Boats**

- Decoration Station – little foam boats for kids to take home, decorate with markers and stickers

- Gutter Regatta – run some races where kids blow their boats through water in a gutter

- **Kids' Sailor Hats** – Decoration station for kids to use markers to decorate and keep a sailor hat

- **Flying Scot Boat Rides** – The FVSS Flying Scots will be available to give the public short rides around the harbor. If you are a Scot sailor we might need help staffing the boats.

- **Wooden Boat Display** – We have a wonderful little wooden dinghy that was donated to the club that will be set up on the grass with a Tahitian backdrop for kids to have fun in and take their picture in.

- **Information station** – NNYC will have brochures, flyers, membership forms, etc. available and we need some enthusiastic members there to talk about the club and sailing.

- **Recruiters to be at Streetball** – The large community event, Streetball, will be downtown Neenah this day, and we want people there handing out flyers for the Open House and telling people to stop by the harbor to see what is going on there

- **Boats on the wall** – Many people have already volunteered to have their boat on the wall, available for public tours. However, if you would like to have your boat on display, we can always use more, especially the shallow-draft boats that can tie up by the wharf area. Email Kacee at SailPromotion@nnyc.org by Thursday so she can make an identification sign for your boat.

- **Just hanging out** – As many members as we can have, just milling about, talking with the attendees, is great! Again, a fun time to just hang out and see other club members too.

NEENAH FARMERS MARKET

What: This is a GREAT opportunity for us to reach a new part of the community. Future Neenah, who runs the Farmers Markets, has given us free reign over the first market of the year. It will be completely sailing themed and in addition to sharing the non-profit booth with the sailing school, we will have ALL the other open space to use to interact with the community. The general theme here will be fair-style kids' activities.

Where: Shattuck Park – Neenah

When: Saturday, June 21 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Who to contact to volunteer: Kacee Des Jarlais at SailPromotion@nnyc.org

Needs:

- **Set Up** – Set up will begin at 6:30 AM and includes getting signs up, setting up the kids' activities, etc.

- **Face Painting** – Nothing fancy, just someone who can draw a simple sailboat, waves, sun, anchor, anything nautical.

- **Origami** – Plans are to have origami sailboats and sailor hats, but any other nautical-themed ideas are welcomed! If you have skills in this area, PLEASE volunteer!

- **Coloring Station** – Sailing-themed coloring pages with crayons

- **Knot Tying/Friendship Bracelets** – A sailing event should have a knot tying activity. We'd like to spin it as friendship bracelets, as that is very popular right now with kids. If you are good with a few types of knots that could be these, PLEASE volunteer. We can work out a bracelet design together, don't worry about that.

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- **Foam Toy Boats**

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- Gutter Regatta – run some races where kids blow their boats through water in a gutter

- Pool – just to let the kids play with them in the water

- **Kids' Sailor Hats** – Decoration station for kids to use markers to decorate and keep a sailor hat

- **Information booth** – NNYC will have brochures, flyers, membership forms, etc. available and we need some enthusiastic members there to talk about the club and sailing.

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PARADE OF LIGHTS

What: Unique and high energy patriotic night parade starting in Neenah and ending in Menasha. All floats will be lit up using generators running Christmas lights, spot lights, rope lights, etc. There will be live bands and bikes, walkers, and roller skaters all lit up to celebrate the parade theme "Patriotism on Parade". We will have a patriotic and well lit C Scow featuring music and walkers (or bikes, wagons, etc.) walking with the float. This parade is certain to be a fun time and a great way to kick off your 4th of July holiday!

Where: Neenah/Menasha (parade lines up by the harbor in Riverside Park)

When: Thursday, July 3rd 9:15 PM (Line up at 8:30 PM)

Who to contact to volunteer: Jonathan Coultas at communications@nnyc.org

Needs:

- **Parade Walkers**- walk along with our lit up C Scow float- using glow sticks, battery powered lights and other fun props that we will provide or else feel free to use your own.

- **Set up / takedown crew**- set up lights and decorations on float and/or take down light and decorations

- **Lights**- have some red, white, or blue Christmas lights laying around? Donate or let us borrow them to help make our float really shine!

VENETIAN PARADE

What: The Venetian Parade is back this year! And as with everything else, we are hoping to make it bigger and better than it has been in years. If you would like to put your boat in the parade, great! However, a few volunteers will be needed for setup and running the event. Volunteer t-shirts are NOT being given to people who enter their boat into the parade, but there will be prizes given out for category winners. More information about the parade will be in future *Zephyrs*.

Where: Riverside Park – Neenah Harbor

When: Friday, July 4, sunset

Who to contact to volunteer: Tom Morley tcmorley@gmail.com

Needs:

- **Generators** – The city provides generators for our use, but we need help handing them out and getting them back and loaded up after the parade.

- **Other general operations** – Likely could use help tying up some dinghies, lining up boats in order, etc. Also, can likely ride in the parade on the *Nodaway* if you want!

NODAWAY 150 REGATTA

What: This is the NNYC's invitational regatta, previously called the Top of the Lake Race, renamed this year for our 150th anniversary. We are working hard to get other clubs' participating and will have some VERY cool cruising opportunities on the water that day too. More information will follow on that. Included in this is offering boat rides to the general public so they can go out on the water and feel the excitement of the races. While we want as many boats on the water this day, competing or cruising, we will need several people to help on land too.

Where: Holiday Inn – Neenah Riverwalk, Whiting Boat House, Neenah Harbor, Neenah Docks – Shattuck Park (where the Nodaway is stored)

When: Saturday, July 12- during the day (9:30 AM – 3:00 PM), multiple shifts needed, preferably in 3 hour blocks.

Who to contact to volunteer: Don Reid Commodore@nnyc.org

Needs:

- **Boat Launching** – Out of town racers and cruisers will be launching from Whiting and we need a couple people there to welcome them to our club and help them launch (and make sure we keep the parking lot organized...)

- **Tickets and Ships Store** – Our Ships Store merchandise will be laid out along with the sale of tickets for the NNYC dinner and Gary Jobson speaking event that night at the Holiday Inn

- **Ride Station** – We will have power boats, many from the Appleton Yacht Club, ferrying people back and forth from the shore to the water so they can watch the race. We just need a couple people on the shore organizing this.

“AN EVENING WITH GARY JOBSON” DINNER AND SPEAKING EVENT

What: This fun day of racing will conclude with a dinner and speaking event with Gary Jobson.

Where: Holiday Inn – Neenah Riverwalk

When: Saturday, July 12 6:00 PM – start of dinner

Who to contact to volunteer: Terry Smith Social@nnyc.org

Needs:

- **Site Set-Up** – General help hanging banners and other room preparation.

- **Trophies** – Help will be needed to get the trophies to the Holiday Inn and get them prepared for giving out to the race winners.

- **Registration** – Collecting tickets for a door prize raffle and handing out shirts that were ordered. Also, we are hoping to sell 250 tickets for this event so registration will be busy!

- **Ships Store** – Our Ships Store merchandise will out for sale.

Please consider volunteering for some of our exciting events this year for a fun and rewarding experience. NNYC needs YOU!