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NASA LANDS MARS ROVER TO SEARCH FOR ANCIENT WATERWAYS



The Perseverance Rover touched down in Jezero Lake, an inland body roughly the size of Lake Tahoe. From the landing site, it will tack west-northwest to reach the delta of an ancient Martian river which once fed the lake. There it will drop anchor and send a launch to explore the river itself. Your Newsletter wishes this courageous robot favorable Martian winds and calm Martian seas!



Jezero Lake (above) and lander (right). NASA photos.

From the Society Page:

Spring work party dates are, at this date, utterly unknown. The Board is working on it. Details are in the minutes.

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 3 February 2021 – website version

MINUTES:

Drew called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of January as published. The minutes of the February minutes are pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Launch: discussed potential for hiring launch attendants for this season. Joe plans to begin the search in earnest in March. Consideration also needs to include particular training in the operation of a center console boat as well as logistics for operation during COVID.

Yards and Docks: pile driver is not available for the next month maybe more. His crane has not been repaired.

Website: site is operational.

House and Grounds: nothing to report. Painting needs to get done but not a priority for spring work parties.

Cruising: Steve proposed a limited schedule of cruising of perhaps 2 long and 2 short cruises. Possible ports of call might include Port Jeff, Stoney Creek brewery, and midnight cruise during a full moon.

Membership: There are 3 new full members. There has been 1 resignation.

Racing: no report

Old Business:

-Status of State DECD Small Business Grant –according to website the club is still under consideration.

New Business:

Frank proposed that the club consider extending the deadline for membership dues payment to March 1st. The idea was well received.

A motion was made and passed to extend membership dues payment deadline to March 1 for this year only.

There is a Catalina 22 that is in the lot has been offered for donation to the club. It was formerly owned by Spencer. Members were in favor of accepting the offer and then offering a free boat and assistance with repairs as an incentive to attract a potential new member. Paperwork logistics would need to be worked out. Frank will assist with paperwork logistics and report next month on whether the club can assume ownership and move forward as planned.

We discussed logistics of how to schedule work parties. Cheryl presented a cursory schedule on how to move forward with work parties with the intention of putting the boats in on a flexible schedule with May 15 a target date. Priority of the first work party is hauling chain, painting mooring balls, assembling mooring balls, and installing the hoist. Overflow work will move to the next weekend with a new priority of removing the metal pilings and repairing floating docks. Final project would be to drop the mooring balls. A more detailed list of pre-launch work projects will be provided in this newsletter. No splicing party will be necessary as this was done last year.

Safety guidelines would include the wearing of masks. Members should social-distance whenever possible. A limit of 10 members per work party day is proposed. In the past there were 20-22 members per day at a work party. To accommodate this disparity, we could plan have a work party every weekend during the month of April weather permitting. Laine suggested that members who may have opportunity to work during the week do so but in line with priority needs.

Logistics of scheduling the work parties is going to be more structured than in the past. Kevin suggested that we have an advance sign-up sheet for members to make it more convenient and to assure that limits are observed. Samples are

included in this newsletter for both spring and fall work party tentative schedules.

Launch attendant hiring was tangentially discussed with options to hire as in the past versus recruit membership on a volunteer basis or for hire basis.

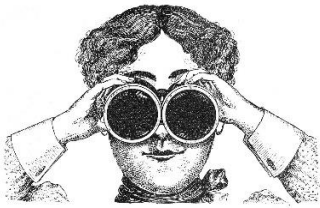
Debbi discussed repair of signage that is displayed over the front door of the club. She presented repair options for the club to consider. The weathered look will be maintained with repair to the attachment points in the back of the sign and a new paint job.

Mayor’s Cup: Wayne presented the option of a repeat of last year for the club to sponsor the race and expand social activity as able as the time draws near. Saturday August 7th or 14th are tentative date options. Wayne will probably be available to run the race.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

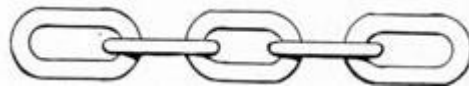
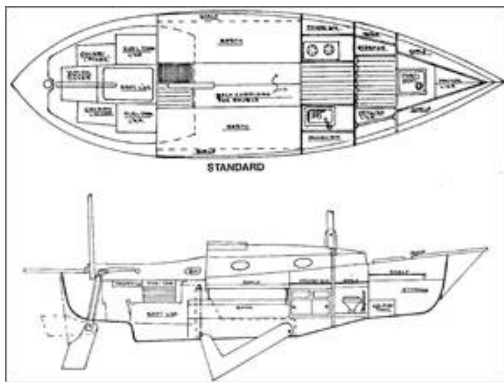
Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl





Spotted on Craigslist:

A 1987 Rob Roy 23-foot canoe-sterned yawl. The owner points to extensive use of teak for rub rails, deck mounts, bowsprit, and boomkin, and below. Solid bronze opening ports and deck hardware. Three white sails and a trailer included.



THIS MONTH'S LINK:

Learning the ropes of a round-the-world race craft.

Jérémie Beyou, who finished thirteenth in this year's Vendée Globe, gave a charmingly-accented tour of his IMOCA 60 before leaving. The boat bears the name of his sponsor, a French mass-market meat packer called *Charal*. Does anybody know of a sail-powered vessel with a higher cost-to-comfort ratio?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnXhIjw1S-E>

P.S.: Beyou's lap time was 89d 18h 55m 58s. Yannick Bestaven came in first in another IMOCA 60, *Maître CoQ IV*, named after a mass-market poultry producer. His time was 80d 03h 44m 46s

Wind-blown Pages

Your newsletter presents pages torn from nautical literature. *Doctor Syn On The High Seas* is the second in the series of Doctor Syn novels by Russell Thorndike, originally published in 1936. It tells the story of how the young clergyman, Christopher Syn, loses his wife to a seducer. He embarks on a quest of vengeance, taking on the identity of the pirate Captain Clegg to hunt them down. In this passage, Syn wins over the mutinous crew of Black Nick. It's principally interesting for its inept use of nautical terminology.

"...No, let's serve out double grog, and then to sea. What say you?"

At this the whole crew fell to cheering, and when a great barrel of rum was tapped, their enthusiasm knew no bounds. Drinking as heavily as any, Syn then shouted,

"Bring tools to prise open Black Nick's chests. And now, my lads, though he never meant to hoist it, no doubt there's a Jolly Roger in the flag locker? If so, let's hoist it to show our true colors and our teeth."

One of the crew cried out that they had one below which they had planned to hoist if Black Nick wished it or no.

"Fetch it," cried Syn heartily. "You'll have no cause to mutiny now."

At once a great black flag was produced by the crew, with a white skull-and-crossbones painted upon it.

"Splendid!" cried Syn. "Mister Tarragona, since our course is nor'east, we shall pass in sight of the Governor's House, where Black Nick drinks and laughs at our waiting for him. Keep your eyes skinned, sir, and when we are abreast of it strike the St. Nicholas and run up that Jolly Roger. At the same time let 'em have a Governor's salute. Aye, a broadside of the lee-guns, and see there's shot in 'em. Now, my lads, put a deck stopper on the cable, and then cut the cable abaft it. Hoist the jib and when I sing out, stand by to slip. Shake a leg, my jolly dogs. Topsail halyards. Stand by to slip. Slip the cable. Hoist away."

Then he broke into his chanty in a ringing voice:

*"Oh, here's to the feet what have walked the plank,
Yo-ho for the dead man's throttle
And here's to the corpses afloat in the tank
And the dead man's teeth in the bottle."*

With the running of ropes, the rattle of running blocks, the crack of filling canvas, and with the straining of every plank, the *St. Nicholas* leapt through the waves in obedience to her new master.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

If you are interested in sharing a story with other club members in a future issue, please send it to Bob. The content and focus of the story are up to you. Submissions should be limited to 500 words. The author will be able to review and accept edits before publication.

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