NORTHERN LIGHTS SAILING CLUB BEARINGS

October Photo Contest Winner Stern View at Barker's Island By Audrey Kramer



October Photo Contest - Second Place Winner Daylight Moon by Lisa Broom



September Photo Contest – First Place Winner Solitude by José Ayala



September Photo Contest - Second Place Winner *Pride of Baltimore* (Duluth Harbor) by Sharon Sorensen



Scott's Scuttlebutt

Ahoy NLSC Sailors!

September was a great month for NLSC as we welcome three additional members. Please join me in piping aboard or welcoming back Herb Frederick, Caleb Schulz, Kathy Ahlers, Martin Schmidt & Robyn Stegmaier, and Miroslav Kozlouskij. We look forward to getting to know each of you at our monthly meetings, social events, and sailing opportunities.

Speaking of members and membership, as you renew your membership for 2017 please note a couple of changes. The good news is that our individual dues are reduced to only twenty-five bucks per year. What a great value for all the fun and adventure that awaits us! Additionally, you will find the "Dual" member option has been eliminated. For 2017, *each* member will complete a membership form and its attached disclaimer. Keep in mind that "Dual" membership was originally established to "refund" the cost of mailing a second *Bearings* to those who live in the same household. Now that our newsletter is sent electronically, saving us snail mail postage, a "dual" member's dues differential is no longer justified and one application per member will ensure all members sign the attached disclaimer.

Seems like just yesterday I was watching the Lake City Marina crew hoisting Francis B out of her cradle and splashing her for the upcoming season. As the saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun." and it certainly did this past summer. Before I knew it, the long Memorial Day weekend was over, the July 4th weekend cane and went, another Labor Day weekend was in the history books and fall colors began to appear. Time has come too quickly as I will soon watch Lake City Marina reverse last spring's process and set Francis B in her snug cradle for the winter. All that will be left are fading tan lines and fond memories of the past season's sailing adventures with family and friends.

Finally, this fall/winter one of the quintessential sailing events will keep me riveted to the computer for months on end. The 8th running of the Vende' Globe solo, non-stop, single-hand around-the world race is set for a November 6th start at Le Sables d'Olonne, France. The race, held every four years, is a true feat of physical and mental endurance, sailing skill, technology, and perhaps luck. This year, 29 skippers (14 rookies and 15 veterans) representing ten different nationalities are registered to compete. Judging by past years' competitions, probably half will cross the finish line after sailing anywhere from about 90 days to 120 days at sea. The youngest skipper is a 23-year-old Swiss while the oldest skipper at 66 hails from the United States. I'm expecting that the drama of the race will increase and the record set in 2010 will drop significantly as seven boats will be using foils for the first time in the race's history. For those of you interested in keeping up with the venture, bookmark http://www.vendeeglobe.org/en to your Favorites file and enjoy!

Fair winds and gentle seas.... And I hope you get a chance to enjoy the changing season as nature reveals her kaleidoscope of fall colors and the air becomes snappy.

Scott

"There is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." — Kenneth Graham

Travel Tip by Jerry Sicard

When traveling, especially internationally, we've always stressed the importance of making copies of our passports, credit cards, driver's license, medical insurance cards, etc. The copies should be kept separate in case of loss or theft of originals. I would now recommend using your smart phone to take pictures of these items and send yourself an email attaching the photos. Even if you lose the copies, you'll always have access to your email.



What: *Places to Sail* and Panel Discussion When: Tuesday, October 18, 2015 - Time: 7:00PM

Where: Chester Bird American Legion, 200 North Lilac Drive, Golden Valley, 55422



Thinking about casting your cares to the wind? Do you want to step aboard a boat and experience the trip you have always dreamed about? Are you ready to enjoy the breathtaking seascape with new friends? If all this sounds like something you want to do, then you'll want to come to our October program where you'll hear from a panel of experienced Skippers on how to put together a successful charter.

During the session, you will hear from panelists (and meet other NLSC members) that are interested in some special and unique charter areas (Caribbean, Europe, South Pacific/Asia, North America, etc.). You will hear from the panelists about their experiences in different climates and sailing at different times.

We'll talk about what they have learned about selecting a charter company and boat (age/maintenance, layout, ventilation, equipment, etc.) along with some of the paperwork you can expect when you make the decision. The financial 'tips' that they have learned will ensure that you have no surprises.

Preparing to travel is always challenging. What do you have in your gear bag? All of these Captains have certain items that they never go without. Learn from their 'mistakes' and stories.

Crew dynamics can make/break the best of locations. What do you do to conserve your onboard resources (think water). How do you fine tune the group dynamic? Everyone is looking forward to a great time in their own special way. With so many goals, the Captain can do a lot to ensure harmony reigns on board.

How do you handle the all-import galley? Provisioning and cooking is one of the challenges. Doing it right requires a lot of thought and planning. Learning some of the tricks that have been used for success.

Our 4 Minutes 4 Safety this month will be about the Safety Briefing that should happen on every Sponsored Trip of NLSC.

So, think about what's on your sailing bucket list. This program will help you organize your now trip and make it something special.

A follow-up meeting is also being planned for those of you wanting to put together Sponsored Trips for NLSC in 2017 and beyond that will give you more help in making your dreams happen.

Recap of September Meeting and Program



After a brief greeting and introduction of guests and new members by Commodore Scott Woolfrey, we were treated to a very informative Celestial Navigation presentation by our NLSC Purser, Al Kracke. Al completed ASA 107 Celestial Navigation as a home study course through The Maryland School of Sailing & Seamanship. The 7-hour test was done locally with a proctor from a local community center. Al completed ASA 108 Offshore Passagemaking on a 5-day passage from Bermuda to Norfolk, VA (about 650nm). The school was Delmarva Sailing School & Charters, Rock Hall, MD. There was a captain (boat owner), his

first mate, and one other student on board. Al is obviously very good with numbers and following procedures as most of us were quite dazzled by his skills but giving thanks for our electronic navigation devices and apps.

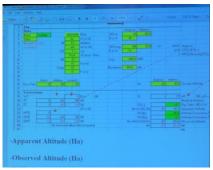
When asked to provide a few sentences to summarize what's involved in being able to navigate using celestial navigation, Al stated:

"The objects that are available celestial navigation are the Sun, Moon, 4 planets (Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn), 57 stars and Polaris. The angle of the object above the horizon is accurately measured with an instrument called a Sextant. The time of the measurement is recorded to the nearest second. This sighting information is entered into a worksheet. A nautical almanac is required to enter the position of the celestial object on the worksheet at the time of the sighting, and a number of calculations are performed to derive a Line of Position (LOP). You are somewhere along this LOP. A second sighting of another object provides a second line of position, and where the 2 LOPs intersect is your celestial fix. A third sighting can be added for more confidence.

The easiest object to sight is the Sun. Each Sun sighting produces one LOP. A Sun sighting in the morning provides one LOP. A Sun sighting in the afternoon provides a second LOP. A clever navigation technique allows us to advance a previous LOP (in this case the morning LOP) by the distance we traveled between sightings, and where the 2 LOPs cross is our celestial fix. This technique is called *Sun Run Sun* and alone can be used to cross oceans.

The calculations and Almanac table lookups can be quite daunting. But if you like filling out your income tax forms, then you should have no problem with the celestial navigation calculations."















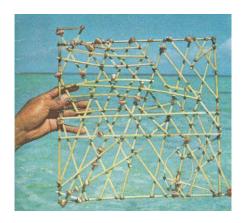


A Little More on Following the Stars by Al Kracke



The Polynesians used star paths to navigate from one island to another. They would follow one selected star after another in the direction that it set. The stars set in the same place on the horizon during the year unlike the planets, moon, and sun which vary during the year. Each journey from one island to another had its star path. I recommend the book *We*, *the Navigators: The Ancient Art of Landfinding in the Pacific* by David Lewis that tells how they navigated over vast stretches of empty ocean and the natural phenomenon they watched for at landfall.

From Wikipedia: "David Lewis, after circumnavigating the world in a catamaran, decided to test his understanding of Polynesian navigation techniques by sailing the 2200 miles from Tahiti to New Zealand without any modern instruments (except the smallest of charts and a sky map). After arriving with a landfall only 26 miles in error, he learned that there were contemporary sailors in the Santa Cruz and Caroline Islands who still sailed large distances by the traditional methods and obtained support from the Australian National University to visit and sail with them. He did this in a 39-foot gaff ketch, *Isbjorn*, which he placed under the direction of the navigators Tevake and Hipour. These navigators spoke very little English, were illiterate and did not understand maps but were able to take him eventually on a 450-mile trip from Puluwat to Saipan and to return and teach him many of their techniques. The book is largely based on these voyages, but there are extensive references to the literature."



Recap of Annual Shrimp Boil & Swap Meet



Over 70 people gathered together for the Shrimp Boil at Snail Lake Regional Park on August 16. The food prep crew, led by John Schlagel, started the food preparation at 3pm while Chef Randy Baumgartner started the boiling pots. As the social hour commenced, the clouds became more formidable. The rains fell in full blast as people were arriving for dinner. Since we had similar weather last year, most people came prepared for rain; however, most did not come prepared for the significant drop in temperature. Aside from those few hardy souls who braved the elements to cook our food in the downpour,

everyone else stayed dry inside the shelter. The food was perfectly prepared and amazingly delicious. Thanks to Jake Smith, Jerry Sicard, and all the volunteers who helped with set up and clean up, food prep, baking the brownies and cookies, and cooking in the rain. With a very short meeting following dinner, everyone had ample time to socialize. The swap meet had lots of interesting sailing gear. As the sun broke through, we were treated to a gorgeous double rainbow. Overall, it was a very fun evening!























Places we've been! by Jerry Sicard



At the August Boiling of the Shrimp, everyone participated in a Greet and Meet contest where we had to meet 5 people we didn't know and ask 3 questions: (1) What was your favorite place to sail? (2) Where would you like to sail? (3) When will you get there? We had a drawing with the forms, and Nancy Kracke won a very nice sail duffle bag from Sail La Vie in White Bear Lake. My intention was just for everyone to meet new people, but after looking over the completed forms, I knew I had to share this with you!

Some of the places we've been: San Juan Islands, Lake Pepin, The Apostle Islands, Bahamas, Nassau, Newport R.I., Baltic, Greece, Santorini, Lake Superior, Crossing the Great Lakes, St Croix, Corpus Christie, Caribbean, Lake Onika, Devils Island, Thailand, Grenadines, Lake Calhoun, White Baer Lake, St Martin, Croatia, Australia, Turkey and the Azores. Of course as a club, there are many more we could add, but this was the Shrimp Boil list.

Here are places folks would like to sail: Tahiti, Hawaii, Greece, New Zealand, Apostles, Barbados, Baltic, Crete, Isle Royal, Washington, Oregon states, San Juan Islands, South Pacific, Puerto Rico, Atlantic Ocean, Minnetonka, Mediterranean, Dalmatian- Croatia, Bonaire, Marquesas Islands, Cuba, Barcelona, U.S. Virgin Islands, Azores, Argentina, Singapore, Great Barrier Reef, Grenadines, Grand Traverse Bay, BVI, California, Fiji, Mackinaw Island, Georgian Bay, Australia, Fjords of Norway, and there were several more that I couldn't read.

The question, "When will you get there?" had these responses: in my dreams, never, next week, this winter, next year, 2 years, 5 years.

What is your favorite place to sail?? Where do you want to sail?? When?? Why not put together a trip and go; NLSC will help you get there!!

Barker's Island Adventure

The annual Barker's Island 2-day sailing event kicked off August 13th with beautiful blue skies and little or no wind!! This did not stop the fleet from trying to find some air somewhere. We had 4 boats in the fleet - John Lunke's MacGregor 26, Daryl and Judy Clark's lovely PS Flicka 20, Lisa Broom at the helm of Teacher's Lounge, and a Cal T 24 from the Duluth Superior Sailing Association skippered by Tim on Saturday and Steve on Sunday.

With very light winds, the fleet headed to the big lake to see what we could find. Alas, I did not hear any reports of dipping the rail. Friendly camaraderie saved the day, and everyone was happy to be on the water! Saturday evening started with a few cocktails at Captains Quarters Lounge. With a crew of 18, we quickly moved in to Barkers Waterfront Grille where we took over the raised seating area they call "The Deck". A message went out to nearby NLSC members Tom and Judy Nelson who joined us for dinner. As always, dinner was fabulous! Many retired soon after as a day in the sun seems to send you to bed early every time.

Sunday promised a bit more wind and came through nicely. All the crews switched around to get on a new boat. Lisa ended up with an all-girls crew that had a great time sailing in the inner bay. The excitement of the day was feeling the bump on the bottom when the helms person (Lisa) went too far out of the markers. Oops. Thank goodness for soft river mud. You know what they say, "You ain't been around if you ain't been aground."

Another successful Barker's Island weekend is in the books. A BIG thank you to all of our boat owners and skippers. We cannot do it without you!! *Lisa Broom*













I first learned of Barker's island's origin while friend Gary and I were visiting the Maritime Museum located next to the lift bridge. We were staying in Superior at the Barkers Island Inn to attend the NLSC weekend sailing on August 13th. I've included a shortened story of the origin on Barker's Island as found at zenithcity.com/captain-barkers-island. *Judy Pahlow*

Captain Barker's Island

Most residents of and visitors to Superior, Wisconsin, consider Barker's Island—located just off the Superior Bay shoreline on the eastern edge of the city—as the community's recreational focal point. Few of those who play on or around Barker's Island know of its long and storied history, but the man-made atoll dates back to Superior's boomtown days of the late nineteenth century and—so the story goes—was created out of spite.

Barker's Island's origins begin with the Rivers and Harbors Improvement Act of 1892, which mandated uniform 20-foot deep, 300-foot wide channels for all ports on the Great Lakes. Born in Syracuse, New York, in 1848, Captain Charles S. Barker was barely out of his teens when he began working for his father, who won the dredging contract for the improvement and enlargement of the Erie Canal. The younger Barker spent ten years working on the waterway. The local news outlets first portrayed Captain Barker as a humble and hardworking man, more concerned with getting the job done than with any notoriety. Despite his purported wish to avoid infamy, the Captain was hard put to stay out of the news over matters of business, particularly those involving money.

Local newspapers regularly published brief reports of Captain Barker's dredging activity and clearly indicate that tons of dredged material scraped from the lake bottom indeed created the small island in the Superior Bay. This new land mass was located directly in front of Fairlawn, the opulent 1889 Victorian estate of lumber baron and mining investor Martin Pattison, who had been elected Superior's mayor three times. Barker, the story went, was upset with Pattison because the lumberman raised the price of wood whenever Barker needed lumber—so in retaliation Barker had his dredgers dump material in front of Pattison's mansion to ruin the lumber baron's view. As the years went by, the island, often referred to as nothing more than the sand bar, provided a convenient place for swimming, fishing, boating and picnicking for Superior's residents. As the legend of its creation grew, Superiorite's began calling it "Barker's Island."













Membership News

MEMBERSHIP NEWS ... Some changes coming

It's hard to believe that 2017 is on the horizon but it is, and that means we need to start thinking about membership renewal. All members (except those who joined after September 1st, 2016) need to renew their membership which will expire December 31st. As mentioned in Scott's Scuttlebutt, there will be some changes to the membership policy for the coming year. We are eliminating the dual option and all members will fill out an individual application with the accompanying disclaimer page. As Scott explained, the Dual Membership format was added to cut down on "snail mail" postage costs when the Bearings was mailed to each member of the Club. Since we no longer mail out copies, we are eliminating the Dual option to simplify the membership process. In addition, we've lowered the individual price to \$25 from the previous \$30 per person!

Since our web site is currently being redesigned and updated to better serve our Club, **the online renewal option is not available at this time; therefore, we are asking members to print out the forms. Forms are available for printing on pages 16&17 of this** *Bearings* **newsletter or on our web site**. Go to www.nlsc.org and log on using your member ID#. (*If you do not know your number, e-mail* <u>membership@nlsc.org</u>, and I will send you your member ID#.) Click on **NLSC Membership** in the left sidebar. This will pull up the member application with disclaimer for printing.

Fill out both forms. **If your personal information has not changed, you may skip that part of the application; just fill in your name at the top**. The Mutual Release disclaimer form <u>must be signed and dated</u>. Send these forms, along with your check, to the address on the application.

Confirmation of Your Renewal: You will receive a renewal confirmation via email from the NLSC Membership Committee when your renewal has been processed.

If you have any questions, please contact: membership@nlsc.org

Thanks, Barb Chapman, NLSC Membership Chair



Northern Lights Sailing Club Invites you to a Holiday Dinner Party Friday December 16, 2016



Embassy Suites- Bloomington 2800 American Blvd. West Bloomington, Minnesota 55431

5:30 p.m. Social Gathering / 2016 Silent Auction

6:15 p.m. Buffet Dinner
7:00 p.m. short business meeting
7:15 Music For your dining and dancing pleasure
Music by DJ, Jason Daley
8:15 Silent Auction Closes ~Drawing for prize
DJ is ours till 12 p.m.

Music for your dining and dancing pleasure
Music DJ Jason Daley

One hundred percent of the proceeds from your 2016 Silent Auction contributions will go to support a local sailing group

Winning bidders will enjoy a variety of goods and services

To	contribute, contact: gtsicard@	<u>gmail.com.</u>
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•	pay online at NLSC.org. Log into ink and instructions. It's easy, qu	the members only area and follow the ick, and convenient!
Reservations	must be received by Wednesd	ay, December 7, 2016
Name(s)		
Telephone		
Email		
Cost \$20.00 per person	Number Attending	Vegetarian

Make check payable to Northern Lights Sailing Club (NLSC) and mail to: NLSC Holiday Party, P.O. Box 27404, Golden Valley, MN 55427

# Sailor's Duffel Bag

# By Capt. Joan Gilmore

## **USCG Required Equipment**

Beltpack – Type V hybrid PFD

Whistle

Flare kit

Rules of the Road book – USCG Federal Requirements booklet

### Personal Needs

Water jug

Food – peanuts, etc.

Lanyard for glasses/sunglasses

Sailing hat (with hat-clip)

Sailing gloves, anchoring gloves (cotton gardening gloves O.K.)

First Aid kit

Warm hat, jacket, etc.

### Cruising

Waterproof chart (placemat)

Binoculars

Hand held compass

Cassette tape for telltales

2 family band radios

### Quick fixes

Lead line – knots at each fathom

Rigging knife

Small stuff (extra line)

Duct tape

**Emergencies** 

Mask & snorkel

Shortie wetsuit

Potato – Whittle to size for holes/throughhulls

www.SailAwaySailingSchool.com

captainjoan@mac.com



# NLSC Meetings & Sponsored Trips

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Club Meeting	Oct 18, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion	
			200 N Lilac Dr	
			Golden Valley 55422	
Board Meeting	Oct 25, 2016	6:30pm	Davanni's GV	Board meeting
			663 Winnetka Ave N	All NLSC members welcome
			Golden Valley 55427	
Club Meeting	Nov15, 2016	7pm	Chester Bird Am Legion	
			200 N Lilac Dr	
			Golden Valley 55422	
Board Meeting	Nov 22, 2016	6:30pm	Davanni's GV	Board meeting
			663 Winnetka Ave N	All NLSC members welcome
			Golden Valley 55427	
Holiday Party	Friday,	5:30 social	Embassy Suites	Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction
	December 16	6:15 dinner	2800 American Blvd W	Reservations required!
			Bloomington, 55431	

# Sailing Opportunities

# **NLSC Sailing Opportunity Disclaimer**

Northern Lights Sailing Club is neither endorsing nor guaranteeing any aspect of any Sailing Opportunity and accepts no liability. Any loss, damage, death, or personal injury that may occur as a result of your participation in these Sailing Opportunities is not the responsibility of Northern Lights Sailing Club.

Your decision to take part in any Sailing Opportunity is your responsibility. You are entirely responsible for your own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility.

- It is for you to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions.
- It is for you to decide whether the skipper(s) and/or crew members are competent to sail.
- You are reminded to always comply with the safety requirements commensurate with the sea area in which you intend to cruise.

ASA 105	Five Saturdays 10am-	151 Glen Creek Rd	Contact Captain Joan Gilmore for more
Coastal Navigation	2:30pm:	NE	information.
Class (classroom)	10/15, 10/22, 10/29	Fridley, MN 55432	612.871.8101
	11/5, and 11/19		captainjoan@mac.com
ASA 103/104	March 29-Ap 4, 2017	British Virgin Islands	ASA Certification class taught by Capt. Joan
Basic Cruising &			Gilmore. Contact Joan for more information.
Bareboat Chartering			612.871.8101
(Waitlist)			captainjoan@mac.com



# Northern Lights Sailing Club - Membership Application Applicants must be 21 years of age or older

Please complete this application form and send the completed form and your check (made out to "Northern Lights Sailing Club") to:

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

# Individual Membership Fee: \$25.00 Membership year: Jan 1-Dec 31, 2017

Note for <u>new</u> 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.

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I would <u>Help</u> :	I am interested in:	My experience level:	
I would <u>Help</u> :  □ Organize Trips	I am interested in:  □ Learning to Sail	<b>My experience level:</b> □ Own a Daysailer	
I would <u>Help</u> :  □ Organize Trips  □ Organize Social Activities	I am interested in:  □ Learning to Sail □ Racing	My experience level:  ☐ Own a Daysailer  ☐ Own a Cruising Sailboat  ☐ Have Bareboat Certification (ASA, other)  ☐ Have other sailing certifications	
I would <u>Help</u> :  □ Organize Trips  □ Organize Social Activities  □ Organize Meeting Activities	I am interested in:  □ Learning to Sail □ Racing □ Cruising	My experience level:  □ Own a Daysailer  □ Own a Cruising Sailboat  □ Have Bareboat Certification (ASA, other)	

Continue to Page 2 for Mutual Release of Liability and Indemnification form. This form must be filled out and signed by the applicant before membership will be processed. This signed agreement will remain in effect until the membership is terminated or the agreement document is changed by NLSC.

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# Northern Lights Sailing Club Mutual Release of Liability and Indemnification

As a member of Northern Lights Sailing Club (NLSC) and a participant in events planned and executed by NLSC; I understand that boating of any type, duration or location can be hazardous. I recognize the inherent risks of engaging in these events can include: death, injury to my person and loss of or damage to my property.

### I KNOWINGLY ACCEPT THESE RISKS AND FURTHER AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

I,, hereby enter into this Mutual Release of Liability and Indemnification (hereinafter "Mutu	ıal
Release") in consideration for (1) my membership in the Northern Lights Sailing Club, (2) my participation in events spon	sored by the
Northern Lights Sailing Club and Sailing Opportunities communicated by Northern Lights Sailing Club (hereafter referred	l to as
"NLSC Events", and (3) my desire not to subject my own personal assets to the risk of litigation, claims of any type and ac	ctual or
potential adverse judgment.	

On behalf of myself, next-of-kin, trustees, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns, I HEREBY RELEASE the NORTHERN LIGHTS SAILING CLUB and all of its officers, directors, members, crew members (specifically including the Trip Chair, Captain(s) and First Mate(s)), and each of their heirs, administrators, successors, affiliates, assigns and agents individually and jointly (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Released Parties") from any liability for my death, personal injury, property damage or other financial loss that may arise from or occur during my participation in NLSC Events.

On behalf of myself, next-of-kin, trustees, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns I further AGREE NOT TO SUE THE RELEASED PARTIES — for any reason whatsoever, including their strict liability, carelessness, negligence or gross negligence — for any damages, loss cost, expense or other relief that may be available to me or my next-of-kin, trustees, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns under international laws and treaties and/or federal, state and local statutes, regulations and common law — that may arise from or occur during my participation in NLSC Events.

On behalf of myself, next-of-kin, trustees, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns I further AGREE TO DEFEND, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims and demands of any nature whatsoever, which I have now or which I may have arising out of or occurring during my participation in NLSC Events.

I fully understand that any boat and equipment made available during my participation in NLSC Events COME WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIONS BY THE RELEASED PARTIES, including any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose.

I agree that I shall not rely on the judgment of any of the RELEASED PARTIES during my participation in NLSC Events. I assume the responsibility to judge my fitness to participate in NLSC Events. I further recognize that I ALONE AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SAFETY while participating in NLSC Events.

I acknowledge that IF I (MY NEXT-OF KIN, TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, HEIRS, OR ASSIGNS) IGNORE THIS AGREEMENT AND COMMENCE ANY ACTION, I (MY NEXT-OF KIN, TRUSTEES, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, HEIRS, OR ASSIGNS) WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ATTORNEYS FEES, WITNESS FEES, EXPENSES AND COURT COSTS INCURRED BY THE RELEASED PARTIES.

I hereby agree that Minnesota law shall govern my participation in NLSC Events and the construction, interpretation and enforcement of this Mutual Release, regardless of the location(s) in which an NLSC Event is held or in which my death, injury, property damage or loss may arise. In the event that a court determines that any provision of this Mutual Release is unenforceable or invalid, I agree that it will not affect the enforceability or validity of the remaining portions of this Mutual Release.

I UNDERSTAND BY MAKING AND SIGNING THIS MUTUAL RELEASE I SURRENDER VALUABLE RIGHTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY RIGHT TO SUE THE RELEASED PARTIES.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL PARTS OF THIS MUTUAL RELEASE.	ANI
SIGN IT FREELY AND INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY IT.	

Participant Signature Date

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