



THE NORTH AMERICAN STATION  
OF THE ROYAL SCANDINAVIAN YACHT CLUBS  
AND NYLÄNDSKA JAKTKLUBBEN

North American Station Annual Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2024

Attendees: Governors: N. Orem, H. Roos, D. Tunick, K. O'Donnell, E. Godshalk, O. Haxthausen, C. Anderson, S. Vietor, M. Geagan, A. Almlid Barrows, and M. René  
Home Club Commodores: Anne Sofie Munk-Hansen (KDY) and Casper Grönblom (NJK)  
Ca. 25 attending members

1. Post Captain (PC) Ove Haxthausen called the 2024 NAS Annual Meeting to order at 1600 EDT.
2. Secretary Henrik Roos confirmed the presence of a quorum.
3. PC Ove Haxthausen welcomed our distinguished Scandinavian guests: Anne Sofie Munk-Hansen, Commodore of the Royal Danish Yacht Club, Casper Grönblom, Commodore of Nyländska Jaktklubben, and Marie and Astrid Klippenberg representing their husband and father Nils Klippenberg, Commodore of the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club. Nils is currently sailing across the Atlantic and got delayed.
4. Secretary Henrik Roos presented the minutes from the Spring Meeting on June 1, 2024. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the attendees waived reading of the minutes and approved them.
5. Post Captain's Report by Ove Haxthausen:
  - a. Informed that the Station is in good shape with a healthy inflow of new, qualified members (18).
  - b. Expressed his gratitude towards the volunteers who have kept the Station thriving this year including Kathleen O'Donnell, our Treasurer, Henrik Roos, our outgoing Secretary and NJK representative and David Tunick, our Fleet Captain who lends his house for the Spring Meeting and Clambake and Chairs the Christmas Dinner Dance. He also thanked Nick Orem and Ernie Godshalk for supporting him in his role as the new PC. Also, very appreciative of Dave Brown who has been instrumental in initiating planning for the 5C/TAR regattas in Newport in 2025. Angelica Almlid Barrows deserves a big thank you for organizing the Junior Team for the 5C regatta this summer in Hankø, Norway.

- c. We have now 60 ExOfficio members (Board Members of the 5 home clubs) which will increase their visibility to the Station's activities.
  - d. Informed that we will change to a different database. We will convert from MemberPress to MembershipWorks.
6. Secretary's report, by Henrik Roos:
  - a) Reported that the Station's correspondence is up to date.
  - b) The Station's active membership stands currently at 345, which for 2024 includes 2 deceased members, 4 resignations, 18 new members (7 to be ratified later in the meeting), and 60 ExOfficio home club members.
7. Treasurer's Report, by Kathleen O'Donnell:
  - a) Reported that the Club's checking account was subjected to several unauthorized expenses including a fraudulent wire transfer of \$50,000 on July 12. Since that date, Kathleen, with the assistance of Ove, has closed the hacked account and recovered the \$50,000.
  - b) Presented the Treasurer's Report. Our financial situation is robust. Cash on hand is approximately \$153,000.
  - c) Reported that that the most recent 2024 full year forecast shows a surplus of \$9,700 and the 2025 budget also shows a surplus in the same range.
  - d) In 2023 the Station subsidized the Christmas Dinner Dance with \$8,505.
8. Fleet Captain's Report, by David Tunick:
  - a) Reported that for the 2026 NAS cruise in Norway there has been a change in responsibilities. KNS Commodore Nils Klippenberg will now co-chair the cruise with Steve McInnis and Nancy Jamison. They have started drafting a plan for the cruise which will start and finish in Bergen. The cruise will start around June 20<sup>th</sup> and last for approximately 2 weeks. Due to the small size of the harbors the cruise will be limited to NAS members. Angelica will contact Steve McInnis about the contacts and knowledge Angelica and her family have along the Norwegian coast.
9. Reports of the Committees:
  - a) Nominating Committee (NC) Report. NC Chair Nick Orem reported that the NC places the following names in nomination for the positions and terms ending as indicated:  
  
Magnus René, Secretary, 2027  
Kathleen O'Donnell, Treasurer, 2027  
Chace Anderson, Governor, 2027  
Sandy Vietor, Governor, 2027

The Post Captain and other selected members of the Governing Board will continue to serve for the remainder of their term as indicated below.

Ove Haxthausen, Post Captain, 2026  
Michael Geagan, Governor, 2026  
Ernest Godshalk, Governor, 2026  
Nick Orem, Governor, 2026

- b) Membership Committee Report: Joey Moffitt, on behalf of Palmer Sparkman, reported that seven new candidates for membership have been approved by the Governing Board. The new members are Mikael Åfors, Casper Arvefors and Henrik Cavalli (all 3 from Sweden), Commodore Nils Klippenberg from Norway, Mark Lonnegren and James Kerr from NY, and Peter Rugg from RI.
- c) The Atlantic Round (TAR) and Five Club (5C): Ove Haxthausen and Angelica Almlid Barrows informed that in 2025 the NAS will be hosting the TAR and 5C in Newport, RI on July 5-12, 2025. Planning has just started, and we welcome any interest the NAS membership would have in getting involved.
- d) The Junior Exchange: Steve Ovren reported that 2024 was a very successful year for our junior exchange program. We had 7 young sailors participating: 2 from the United States to Sweden, and 5 Scandinavians to the United States.
- e) Young Members: Ove Haxthausen reported that Adele Whitmyer has taken on the leadership of our Young Members committee. Initial activity includes participating in the NYYC Young Members monthly cocktails at the NYYC house in New York City.
- f) NAS History: Michael Geagan has accepted the challenge of becoming our new Historian. Initially Michael will focus on digitizing all paper material after which he will focus on the history: members, cruises, yachts etc. Any NAS member with pertinent history material should contact Michael Geagan at michael@geagan.com.
- g) Home Club Reports
  - i. KSSS – Club Representative Carolina Sävé’s father Per Sävé reported that KSSS (194<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024) had again a very good year. Lots of programs and various sailing activities and regattas. KSSS hosted the International Council of Yacht Clubs (ICOYC). They had 5 teams participating in the Paris/Marseilles Olympics resulting in two medals: silver in 49fx and bronze in 470. For both teams the skipper was from KSSS and the crew from GKSS. In 2025 KSSS will host the Royal Clubs Ball with the King and Queen attending. They will also host the J/70 European Championship.
  - ii. GKSS – Club Representative Magnus René reported that they also had a very successful 2024. Together with KSSS they got two medals at the 2024 Paris /Marseilles Olympics. All their youth sailing camps were sold out. Other key events include hosting the America’s Cup for women and youth sailors and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Regatta in Marstrand.
  - iii. NJK – Club Commodore Casper Grönblom reported that they had a successful summer with 5 sailors participating in the Olympics. A NJK member won gold medal in the 2024 Finn Gold Cup in Aarhus, Denmark. Casper reported that at their Annual Meeting a 26-year young sailor was elected to the board. The expansion and renovation of the Club House continues and will be ready for

its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025. In 2025 NJK will host about 15 regattas and has also been invited to the 2025 Rolex NYYC Invitational Cup.

- iv. KDY – Club Commodore Anne Sofie Munk-Hansen reported that they have 2000 members of which 250 are juniors. Their focus continues to be on junior programs and in 2025 they will host the Youth Sailing World Championship. In 2024 KDY hosted the J/70 Corinthian World Championship. KDY had one Olympic sailor (Nacra). From an organizational point of view, they have split their CEO function into two: a CEO and a Sports Director.
- v. KNS – Club Commodore Nils Klippenberg’s wife Marie reported that 2024 was a very busy season with 20 regattas including the Soling Worlds and the European Championship for double handed ORC. In the Olympics KNS got a bronze medal in the ILCA 6 class. In 2024 KNS also successfully hosted the TAR/5C regattas. They continue to expand their club house and a new marina for 400 boats.
- h) 2026 Norway Cruise: On behalf of Steve McInnis Ove Haxthausen reported that there has been a change in responsibilities for the cruise. KNS Commodore Nils Klippenberg will now co-chair the cruise with Steve McInnis and Nancy Jamison. They have started drafting a plan for the cruise which will start and finish in Bergen. The cruise will start around June 20<sup>th</sup> and last for approximately 2 weeks. Due to the small size of the harbors the cruise will be limited to NAS members.
- i) Awards: David Tunick reported that there will be awards tonight.

10. Old business: none

11. New business:

- a) Ratify election of new members: according to the Constitution of the Station the Board votes on accepting new members. Traditionally we have, however, always brought the list of new members to the Annual Meeting. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the election of the seven new members were ratified.
- b) Election of Governors and Officers: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the officers proposed by the Nominating Committee Chair Nick Orem were approved.
- c) PC Ove Haxthausen expressed his desire to get more NAS members involved in the Stations’ activities. Interested members should get in contact with at [ovehax@hotmail.com](mailto:ovehax@hotmail.com).

12. The meeting was adjourned at 1700 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrik Roos

Secretary