



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Gutierrez

May is here. Flowers blooming, trees budding, sandpaper humming along the hull and that swish you hear when you knock over that \$200 can of ablative paint. Ahhh, isn't the start of boating season grand.

The club looks great. We should all be proud of ourselves. We had over 70 members and volunteers on Saturday and over 50 members and volunteers on Sunday for our annual Work Weekend. The weather was perfect for the work at hand and the energy radiating from the membership was truly inspirational. Maybe it's me and I'm trying to savor the moment, but it was one of the best work weekends in a long time. I didn't think Ed Occhino was ever going to get off the zero turn mower. I'm glad someone took me up on last month's offer.

A special thanks goes to the Minisceongo Yacht Club's Ladies Auxiliary for helping out. Work weekend would not be same without their help and support.

There are some minor odds and ends that have to be tidied up, but it's time to get to the yard and work on our boats. I spent last weekend tinkering around on our newly acquired Boston Whaler, and now it's time to work on *Asylum*. By the time you read this, some of your boats will have been launched. And yes, the rest of us are jealous, or at least I am.

Now, for some administrative mumbo jumbo:

- ☞ Please tidy up around your winter storage area. Stack your stands in the designated areas and take your shrink wrap home.
- ☞ If you have a trailer in the yard, with or without a boat on it, please mark it with your name legibly. It makes the yard crew's job a bit easier.
- ☞ Make sure your insurance certificate/declaration page is on file. The yard crew cannot launch your boat without it.
- ☞ Please send in your Opening Day RSVPs early. We are trying to get accurate counts to order the correct amount of food to avoid waste or shortage.
- ☞ And don't forget to say hello and introduce yourselves to the many new members.

Before you know it, we will be celebrating at Opening Day and really getting into the swing of things. Please review the calendar on the back of the *Ship to Shore* each month as we add new events during the season. We don't want you to miss any of the fun.

Here's the quote of the month:

"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change;

the realist adjusts the sails." — William Arthur Ward

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, May 14, 2010, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

Report for April from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Roger Wieland

- ☞ Ed Occhino, representing the Electric Meter Committee, addressed the Executive Committee about their concerns with the electric meters on the docks. Ed explained that we have 146 meters and that this past year we had problems with 12 meters. He was unable to read 7 meters because the lens was cloudy and the other 5 had mechanical problems. Ed and his committee will read the meters more frequently in an effort to uncover problems and resolve them in a timely fashion. The 2009 bills will be sent out within a week.
- ☞ There were three companies who were asked to submit a bid on the bulkhead project. Of the two companies who submitted bids, the Board approved Sound Marine, which was lower. We have had good experience with Sound Marine on past projects. We expect the work to start by mid May and take two weeks.
- ☞ Rear Commodore Senackerib discussed items for the Long Range Planning Committee to consider. An item of keen interest and debate will be the decision to renovate and expand our clubhouse or to build a new one.

Yard Notes

From Yard Chairman Andy Hudson: The Yard Committee will have a crew available to launch boats on Saturdays in May, with Sundays scheduled on an as needed basis. We start at 0800 and work until we are done for the day—rain, shine, or snow. Members with deep draft vessels should ensure that there is enough water to launch.

MYC continues to have problems with the disposal of shrink-wrap. MYC members are required to dispose of their own shrink-wrap. Please do not use the club dumpsters or just leave it in the yard under your boat, or another member's boat. Take the plastic home and dispose of it there!

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, May 19, 2010

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Romano: Can't you feel the excitement? Another great boating season has begun. Let me start by thanking the bridge from last year (Captain Janice Senackerib, Treasurer Ginger Weismantel, and Secretary Sandy Brophy). Their enthusiasm and dedication is an example to all of us. As Captain, I look forward to a great year with my bridge: First Mate Sandy Brophy, Secretary Lorraine Austin, and Treasurer Dianne Silver.

Our annual Installation Dinner was held at Noel's Irish Pub. As usual, we had great food and a wonderful time. A special thanks goes to Louise for officiating at the installation. What a start to the new season!

Thanks for all of your efforts on Work Weekend. Several of the ladies helped with serving lunch, continuing to hand out smiles as well as food. Linda Ferraro opened our Ship's Store and kicked off a successful start to our business. A few ladies helped Linda keep the store open most of the day. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support our store!

Our annual planting in preparation for Opening Day will be on May 15, so please call me and let me know if you can lend a hand. We will meet at the Clubhouse at 10 A.M. Please bring gloves and a planting tool. Many hands make short work!

Our next MYCLA meeting is on May 14 in the Snack Shack at 8 P.M. Please come and help us develop the 2010 agenda. We need all of your help to plan for future events. Meeting together and sharing ideas makes this a fun place to be.

Anyone who has not yet joined the Ladies Auxiliary can do so by sending their dues to Sandy Brophy (see coupon below). We always welcome old friends and new faces.

On behalf of all the ladies, we wish all MYC boaters a fantastic, fun-filled summer!

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA,
c/o Sandy Brophy
31 Orchard Street
Stony Point, NY 10980

Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and
Barbara O'Brien for MYCLA*

- ☞ Good health wishes go to Secretary Tom Austin and Commodore Edgar Guterrez.
- ☞ It was great to see Mike Wieland back at the club and looking so cheery on Work Weekend.
- ☞ Happy retirement wishes go to Marilyn Feigle and Ginger Weismantel.
- ☞ Condolences go to the family of associate member Frank Smith who recently passed away.

Sail Fleet News

From Sail Fleet Chairman St. John Forbes: At the annual Sail Fleet meeting, the sailing program for 2010 was determined.

Spring Series Race Schedule

Date	Time	Race Committee
Saturday, May 22	4 P.M.	Bob Weismantel
Saturday, May 29	10 A.M.	Bob Tamagny
	12 P.M.	Tony Schweiker
Saturday, June 19	3 P.M.	St. John Forbes
	5 P.M.	Doug Frank
Saturday, June 26	11 A.M.	Wayne Mitts
Saturday, July 3	11 A.M.	Andy Hudson
	1 P.M. (make-up)	Eric Schreck
Saturday, July 10	4 P.M. (make-up)	Bert Rechtschaffer

There will be a picnic/barbecue after each afternoon race day. All sailors and MYC members are welcome join and to bring either snacks, appetizer or deserts and drinks.

Laser Races

All races are scheduled for Sunday afternoons and midweek evenings. Times and dates have not been finalized and will be posted on the Sail Fleet notice board.

Sailing Dinghy Derby

Sailing Dinghy Derby Days will be organized for August 21 and 22. On the 21st sailing will take place after lunch at the picnic. All MYC members and their families should plan to bring their boats down to the club for a fun sail. All sailing dinghies will be accepted – Lasers, Sunfish, Optimists, 420s or whatever boats you may have. These should be great fun sails.

Sail Training

Saturday, July 17

Saturday, July 24

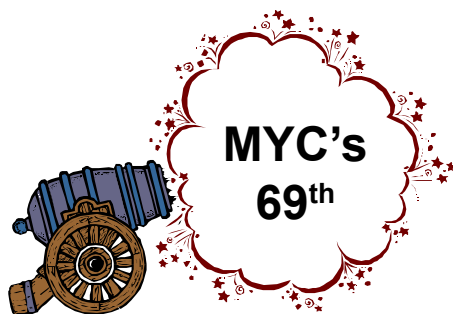
Saturday, August 7

All members, their children or grandchildren are welcome to learn to sail. Training will be weather permitting on dinghies in Stony Point Bay. Notices will be placed on notice boards and in *Ship to Shore*.

Learn to Race

Saturday, July 3

All members, their children or grandchildren are welcome. Entrants will be allocated to those sailboats racing that day and will be part of the races scheduled for that day.



Opening Day Ceremonies

Sunday, May 30, 2010

All are invited to the Opening Ceremonies
even if you do not sign up for the lunch.

Ceremonies at Noon

By the Flag Pole

- Raising of the Colors
- Cannon Salutes
- Past Commodores Honored
- Recognition of Guests
- Official Opening Speeches
- Moment of Silence

Lunch at 12:45 P.M.

At the Francis X. Sutherland Pavilion

- Sutherland Punch Bowl
- Beer and Soda
- Hot Dogs/Hamburgers
- Salads
- Ice Cream
- Coffee & Cake

Opening Day Reservation Deadline: Postmarked by May 24, 2010
Extra late \$5 fee per person at the door.

Please make checks payable to Minisceongo Yacht Club and mail to:
Don Rubin, 7 Prides Crossing, New City, NY 10956

Number of Adults
(age 12 and older) _____ @ \$ 22.00 = \$ _____
Number of Children
(age 5 to 11) _____ @ \$ 10.00 = \$ _____
Number of Infants
(up to age 4) _____ Free
Total _____ \$ _____

_____ I/we would like to volunteer to setup.

_____ I/we would like to volunteer to clean up.

_____ I/we would like to bring a desert.

Name: _____

Father's Day Champagne Brunch



Sunday, June 20, 2010

Served 11 A.M. through 1 P.M.

Champagne, Orange Juice

Eggs, Home Fries, Pancakes, Sausage, Pastries



Father's Day Champagne Brunch

Reservation Deadline: Postmarked by June 14, 2010

Extra late \$3 fee per person at the door.

To register make check
payable to:
Minisceongo Yacht Club

and mail to:
Don Rubin
7 Prides Crossing
New City, NY 10956

Number of Adults
(age 12 or older) _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Number of Children
(age 5 to 11) _____ @ \$ 8.00 = \$ _____
Number of infants
(up to age 4) _____ Free
Totals _____ \$ _____

Name: _____

_____ I/we would like to volunteer to setup.

_____ I/we would like to volunteer to clean up.

_____ I/we would like to bring a desert.

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: Spending my winter here in Florida must be slowing my brain down. In last month's *Ship to Shore*, I gave out the wrong e-mail address. My actual address is luckyusns@bellsouth.net. I'm sure no one will go hungry at the Cruising Fleet spring dinner/meeting because of my error.

The club docks are filling up; spring is here; let's all hope for a drier and warmer summer than last year. We might even

be able to get a few cruises in this year, have a few more boats raft up at Croton and spend the night there. Looking forward to a great summer season.

Ask Captain Dick: As early as the 17th century it was known that the sun circled the earth every 24 hours and that for every hour the sun moved 15 degrees regardless of latitude. With this in mind, if you have a clock set to the prime meridian (Greenwich, England), and you recorded the time of meridian transit (high point to the sun in the sky) by knowing how many hours and minutes the sun was past the prime meridian you could calculate your longitude in degrees. The problem was back in the early 18th century a clock that would keep accurate time at sea was unheard of. An hourglass was the closest thing available until John Harrison, the son of a carpenter, spent a good part of his life inventing the first chronometer. For his efforts, he received a 20,000 pound prize from the British Parliament, and the British now had a way of calculating longitude.

Jeff and Keira Burtch recently brought their new boat up from Great Bridge in Virginia. On the trip in the Intracoastal, Jeff noticed yellow triangles and squares on the Intracoastal markers. He wants to know what they mean. It beats me, Jeff. I never saw them. Either you are seeing things, or I need a new pair of glasses.

'til next time,

Classified

FOR SALE: Inflatable vinyl dock wheel, 12" dia. Taylor Hull Gard #1072, corner mount; brand new, in box... \$75. (Defender price \$140.)
Dick Bracken 845-268-2863; dbracken@optonline.net

FOR SALE: New 5/16" New England Flight Line, ideal for all-purpose spinnaker sheets on 20-30' boats. Dyneema 75 core with polypro cover. 4,000# tensile. Red or green w/ yellow tracer. Discount retailer APS sells for \$1.28/foot. Limited supply. \$0.90/foot.
Dick Bracken 845-268-2863; dbracken@optonline.net

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, May 11	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, May 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, May 14	2000	Snack Shack	MYCLA Business Meeting
Saturday, May 15	1000	Club Grounds	MYCLA Flower Planting
Wednesday, May 19		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Thursday, May 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, May 22	1600	River	Spring Series Race #1
Monday, May 24		Don Rubin	Deadline for Opening Day Reservations
Saturday, May 29	1000	River	Spring Series Races #2 & #3
Sunday, May 30	1200	Flag Pole & Pavilion	Opening Day
Saturday, June 5	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Spring Dinner Meeting
Monday, June 14		Don Rubin	Deadline for Father's Day Reservations
Sunday, June 20	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 21	T.B.A.	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 28	T.B.A.	Stony Pt. Bay/Pavilion	MYC Laser Regatta
September 25-26	T.B.A.	River/Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 23	0800	Club Property	Fall Workday
Sunday, October 24	0800	Club Property	Fall Workday Rain Date
Saturday, November 20	T.B.A.	Nyack Seaport	Change of Watch