



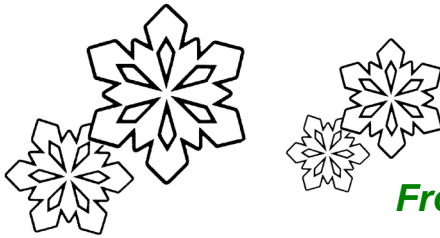
Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on
Friday, January 9, 2015, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.



From Commodore Kevin Silver

Happy New Year! Incredibly, this marks my 55th boating year. In 1956 my parents chartered a twenty-four foot boat in the Chesapeake Bay for two weeks. Can you imagine spending two weeks with three kids ages 3 (me), 7 and 11 on a boat that size? I shudder at the thought! After they joined the Palisades Yacht Club in Englewood Boat Basin we journeyed up the river to MYC aboard the "Silver Queen", my parent's 36' Egg Harbor, every year. The magic of boating has always been an integral part of my life. It's a privilege and honor to serve as Commodore of our Club, the best boat club in the Hudson Valley.

As a working club it goes without saying that there's bound to be a multitude of thank you's every day let alone every month. I can attest that everyone in our club participates to the best of their abilities, for which my first thank you is to all of our members for your continued active participation. It is an indication of the greatness that is, Minisceongo Yacht Club.

Specifically, I want to thank Andy Hudson for manning the helm in 2014 and including me in all of the workings of the club last year. I will endeavor to "pay it forward" and work closely with Vice Commodore Mitts. We are a very active club year round and getting a taste of what's to come is very helpful! Thank you Andy.

A heartfelt thank you to Tony Schweiker for his excellent leadership as director for five years. I hope his retirement from the board means Tony will be able to spend more time boating on one of the Schweiker fleet of watercraft.

There are a whole host of members that must be recognized for their efforts. Kudos to Yard Chairman Roger Weiland and his crew for the excellent job they have done this year. Many members might not be aware but Malcolm has been keeping meticulous records of how each boat is hauled. This has significantly reduced the wear and tear on the travel lift. De-Ice Chairman Joe Paccione was so incredibly organized this year it seemed like we just blinked and the circulator deployment was complete. These things don't just "happen"- It takes coordination and planning.

There have been some organizational changes this year. After many years of service, Guy Plassart and Ed Occhino have stepped down from their duties as co-chairmen of the membership committee. Both gentlemen have done yeoman service for the club and I want to thank them for their great effort. Thank you Gurran Kane and John Funk for stepping up to fill those empty shoes.

I also want to congratulate Herman Berzon, John Funk, Ed Occhino and Guy Plassart for attaining life membership status. John and Ed were presented with their certificate and pin at the Change of Watch and Ed presented

Guy his certificate during the December general meeting. Herman will receive his certificate and pin upon his return from Florida this spring.

I hope all who attended this year's Change of Watch enjoyed the company of friends, good food and great music as much Dianne and I did. Thank you Don for the excellent job as Emcee.



photo by John O'Brien

Commodore Silver

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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Don Rubin:

Hope you all had a great holiday. It won't be long until it's time to get the cover off the boat and start the annual spring ritual before launching our boats. However, before that begins, Cruising Fleet is having the *winter trip to Annapolis, March 20 to 22*. (For details see the back page)

I am starting to hear some talk about planning a trip up the Hudson River to Lake Champlain. No definite plans have been made. There will be more discussion at the potluck lunch to be scheduled in February. At that time we will also discuss a trip out to Long Island Sound if there is any interest.

Last month I mentioned that it would be nice for MYC members to write a short description of a favorite harbor to be included in the Ship to Shore. I've heard a couple places mentioned and I'm waiting for fingers to hit the keyboard and get the articles to me. To get things going, I'm going to write about one of my favorite destinations.

I first sailed into the *Patchogue River in Westbrook, CT*. on my Catalina 25 on the way to the Catalina Yachts Rendezvous in Newport Harbor. The first mate was my son Dan when he was 11 years old. Some people anchor inside the triangle formed by Duck Island, but there may be some strong currents to contend with so be prepared to swing 180 degrees when the tide changes. It is suggested that you pay attention to the buoys entering the river at low tide; if you are out of the channel you are probably aground. We motored up to the gas dock at Brewers Pilots Point Marina, bought about 5 gallons of fuel and took a slip for the night. Adjacent to the visitor's dock are very clean showers and restrooms and a small picnic area with grills and a small clubhouse with TV and books and magazines. Ice is available at the fuel dock also. A very nice restaurant is located at this end of the marina. A short walk up the road is the very refreshing swimming pool, which hit the spot for Dan, with additional showers and restrooms. A pit is available for those of you needing a place to dump your porta-potti (I think the pumpout is located at the fuel dock).

For those looking for some exercise and additional restaurants, it is a hike to the main gate of the marina and at high tide the water can cover the roadway (a kind sailor driving by picked me up to get me around the "puddle"). Turning left at the gate, you cross over the Singing Bridge to get to Bill's Seafood Restaurant (no credit cards) where you can dine on the patio while having a few drinks. An ice cream shop is next

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This year's Annual Holiday Party was excellent! Thanks to that big guy in the Red Suit for bringing smiles, happiness and cheer to the party. Thanks to Bill Gooley and his three elves, Rich Brienza, John Verrengia, Peter Alfieri for putting on a great spread. A distinct shout out to that joyful Janice trio, Senakerib, Romano and Anderson, for their help in making the Holiday Party special.

This will be a pivotal year for our club as membership considers embarking on the single biggest project in recent years, our new clubhouse. To compliment this effort, we are currently in the initial phase of a snack shack bathroom remodeling project as well as a feasibility study to provide bathroom facilities near dock one. The goal is to have this under our belt before we commence construction of a new club house.

Conceptual plans are being finalized by the Club house committee along with estimated costs and a financial plan. In due time this will be formally presented to the membership for your valued feedback. There will not be a vote to move forward in any way until all members have had time to digest the information and insure all members' opinions are heard. This is not the time to be shy about your feelings or ideas. Your input is important and I urge everyone to earnestly provide feedback. Rest assured this project will only move forward when the membership is comfortable with the project and our financial plan is sound.

Taking a page out of John Kime's and Barry Martin's book, my New Year's resolution is to remember to laugh a lot....it does a body good! I wish all our members an enjoyable belly laugh and productive year.

The Commodore's Reception is on January 18th, hope you can make it! Most importantly..... Only 120 days 'till boating season!

Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC
and Miriam Raber for MYCA*

Our sincere wishes for continued recovery to:

♥ Joe Haffner, who regrettably had a portion of his leg removed below the knee.

♥ Dan Adler who is recuperating from back surgery.

Report for December 2014 From the Board of Directors

From Retiring Senior Director Tony Schweiker:

- ✦ The Directors and Officers met with the Membership Committee regarding reading an associate member for regular member status.
- ✦ Commodore Silver and Senior Director Gutierrez will research the possibility that our neighbors at Pennybridge Marina may wish to purchase the property that they currently lease from MYC. Additionally, they will ascertain whether the Mulholland property is on the market and at what price. They will report their findings to the membership.
- ✦ Commodore Kevin Silver advised the bridge of changes in committee assignments for the upcoming year.
- ✦ The club's water run-off plan is in its beginning stages and will be coordinated by Rear Commodore Art Basely and Member, Don Rubin.
- ✦ MYC's 75th anniversary will occur in 2016. Bridge officers Mitts and Basley will be initiating a search for members' contributions to the effort.
- ✦ Probationary member Bill Gooley was formally approved as a full member, retroactive to November.
- ✦ Senior Director Schweiker was thanked for his years of service to the club.



photo by Mrs. Claus

Santa visited MYC

*on Sunday, December 7 at the annual Holiday Party.
He brought treats to all the children, young and old.*

Please:

**Check you stands, boat covers, ladders,
especially after a freeze-thaw cycle.**

**Be sure to unplug your boat
when leaving MYC.**

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door. For dessert and to walk off your meal, you can continue on to Dairy Queen. Dan had a brownie sundae. A little further on you can find a pizza place, ViaVia, and liquor store if you need to restock. The Westbrook Lobster Pound for reasonably priced seafood is further up the road.

If you go to the right out of the marina entrance, a hike will take you to a Dunkin Donuts and a little Mexican fast food restaurant The Whole Enchilada for nice burritos with spicy salsa. In the same building is a Subway. Further on you will find Walgreens and then the Outlet Mall. When I go to Westbrook, I know I will get some exercise to work off whatever I've had to eat.

Race Fleet News

From Chairman Bob Weismantel:

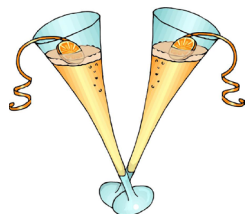
Get out of those winter doldrums with learning something new about sails and sail trim! While the winter may seem long the Sail Fleet has arranged, with the gracious help of "Z" Sails of Stamford CT, a seminar on how to trim your sails and make your boat go faster. Chris Wentz of "Z" will make a presentation on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at MYC's Clubhouse. If you would like to attend, please call Bob Weismantel at 973-962-7988. We are limiting the attendance, so please let me know ASAP.

After getting all that info about sailing, we have our annual "Sail Fleet" meeting set for Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in the MYC Clubhouse. We will set the schedule for the upcoming race season and the Sutherland Regatta. Also to be discussed:

The Junior Sailing Program, Laser Regatta, HRYRA and other matters of interest. A light breakfast will be served.

Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 2:00 pm



Deadline for reservations: January 13, 2015

\$15.00 per person

champagne, shrimp, light finger foods and desserts

Name of member: _____

Number of persons in party _____ Enclosed is check for \$ _____

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Winter "Cruise" to Annapolis March 20–22, 2015

The Historic Inns of Annapolis - Maryland Inn. <http://www.historicinnsofannapolis.com/>

Reservations 410-263-2641. Be sure to tell them you are with Minisceongo Yacht Club.

If you have any questions please contact Keira Burtch at Keirab53@me.com or 845-661-2296

Reservation Deadline: February 1, 2015

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, January 6	1900	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, January 9	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday, January 18	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception
Wednesday, January 28		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Wednesday, February 4	1900	Clubhouse	Sail Trim Seminar
Saturday, February 21	1000	Clubhouse	Race Fleet Meeting
Weekend of March 20-22		Annapolis	Cruising Fleet Winter Trip

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