



Ship to Shore

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Ship to Shore will go Digital

This is the last issue of the Ship To Shore that all members will receive paper copies by mail.

Next month, everyone with an e-mail on file will continue to receive a digital copy. Only the following groups will receive a paper copy:

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Happy 4th of July!

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, July 10, 2015, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

From Commodore Kevin Silver:

There are two emotions that are ever present whenever I drive through the front gate.

- 1) As a member of the security committee, I can categorically say there's always a sigh of relief the gate is working.
- 2) Excitement. I love seeing our harbor filled with boats along with the hustle and bustle around the club. It's a great feeling seeing members, new and old, coming to the club, joking, laughing and generally having a great time.

Many thanks to the MYCA for the first Saturday morning breakfast of the season. The bagels and company were delectable. While Dianne and I were not around for the Father's Day Brunch, I heard the sun chased the rain away just fifteen minutes before the festivities commenced. The Social Committee comes thru again! Many thanks to Bill and a special shout out to John Verrengia who is always behind the scenes to support Bill in every way, not to mention grounds and electric.

July is a busy month at MYC, starting out with July 4th festivities and fireworks. Lessons at our Jr. Sailing School, run by Jesse Fitzgerald, will be in full swing. If you are interested in lending a hand please reach out to Jesse. Later, at the cusp of the month, our MYC Dance Party is scheduled for Aug 1st.

The Wi-Fi is up and running. When you see MYC on your device enter the password, MYC_1984 and you will be connected. There are a few glitches that need to be ironed out but the general consensus is that the system is functioning. If you have issues please let me know via email

All members should have received and hopefully returned the questionnaire pertaining to the new club house project. This questionnaire was created by members of the club house committee to gain a better insight of member's wishes pertaining to the use, size and cost of the new house. The analysis of this questionnaire and the adoption of a five year plan should give our membership the tools to make intelligent spending decisions. I feel confident that our club can accomplish most of our infrastructure and construction projects including a new club house and more.

As we are in full swing this season I would like to take this moment to remind all members of the mission of our club.

The object of the club shall be to encourage the sport of yachting, particularly in the Hudson River Valley, to promote the science of seamanship

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Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Don Rubin:

In spite of the rainy weather, the annual Dock-Go-Round was another great MYC party. I'd like to thank all the Dock planning representatives who volunteered to organize the festivities at the docks. The food and drinks presented in the Pavilion was unbelievable. I'd like to give a special thanks to Nick for doing a great job as DJ. He kept everyone entertained all evening. There were an amazing amount of delicious, homemade desserts as was expected. It Looked like everyone had a great time. See you all next year.

Dreaming of St. Croix

I think this month we will travel to an exotic destination I haven't visited in several years. I was fortunate to spend two summers at the marine science school located on Teague Bay on the eastern end of St. Croix. Hurricane Hugo damaged the school and the island on September 17, 1989 and the school was never rebuilt.

Teague Bay is the location of the prestigious St. Croix Yacht club. The OUTRIGGER Bar was a jab at the Yacht Club. It offered membership in a "Yacht Club" for \$5.00. This included a t-shirt and membership card, live music at the bar every weekend. The entrance to Teague Bay is a channel through the barrier reef which requires careful navigation in the morning hours. The sun will be in your eyes. There is 7-10 feet of water with a sandy bottom. Once inside the bay there is plenty of room to anchor, moorings are generally privately owned. The Yacht club has a dinghy dock and showers. A race on friends' 45 foot sailboat on July 4th was a great day on the water. Running backstays that needed to be adjusted on each tack added a bit of excitement for a novice sailor. The old wood boat was home to a research team from the Smithsonian. I'm not sure what their PHRF was but the boat spread a lot of sail.

Buck Island Reef National Monument is located off the northern coast of St. Croix USVI about 4 miles

Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC
and Miriam Raber for MYCA*

♥ Our Condolences to Anne and Charlie Medlicott after the peaceful passing of her father at age 95.

♥ Congratulations to Jaiden Tonneson who graduated from High School with many accolades.

Race Fleet News

From Chairman Bob Weismantel:

Congratulations to the MYC skippers and crews who participated in the spring HRYRA regattas. Regattas were at Kingston, Chelsea and Hudson Cove.

Top MYC boats are:

Fleet 4, First Place, "Transformation", Wayne Mitts

Fleet 2, Second Place, "J-Ale Time", Evan and Sally Wellens

Fleet 3, Third Place, "Gusto", Jessie Fitzgerald.

The MYC Sail Fleet of PHRF races continues in July.

Races scheduled are as follows, all races are on Saturday at 1400: July 4, July 18, July 25, Aug 1.

A reminder the *Junior sail camp* runs from July 11-24



Photo by Robert Kamisaroff

*Junior Sailors get ready for Camp
more photos in the digital edition [page 5](#)*

St. Croix continued:

northeast of Christiansted Harbor. I don't recall the distance from Teague Bay but I believe it is shorter. The Park was a prime destination for many class snorkeling trips or shallow scuba dives. Some of the hotels run trimaran day trips for snorkeling, rum punch included. I was fortunate to go by sailboat several times and dive boats many other times for snorkeling and diving.

There is an anchorage off the sandy beach on the west end of Buck Island in 10-15 feet of water. Off the east end of the island, day moorings can be picked up for use while you snorkel the well marked underwater trail. There are plaques along the trail that show some of the major underwater sights including the different coral types. Since the island is a nesting site for several species of sea turtles, the island is off-limits from June to December.

One of my best memories of my time at school on St. Croix; Cruzan Rum cost \$2.00 for a fifth, a can of coke cost \$1.00!

The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

From Captain Janice Alfieri:

The sun is shining and the food is grilling – it's summer at MYC!

At our June MYCA meeting, Lori Schweiker spoiled us with delicious homemade cake and fresh fruit. Helen Brown topped off the treats with ice cream. After business discussions concluded, smiles and laughter accompanied the desserts as we got to know each other better with a guessing game.

Helen Brown also pulled together a continental breakfast for the members on June 13 with help from Janice Senackerib. The generous monetary contributions made to support the breakfast are greatly appreciated and we hope to see you all at our next breakfast on July 11.

Just a few reminders:

The auxiliary is ready for your MYCA Photo Contest submissions. Get out those cameras and cellular phones! Photo opportunities are everywhere! Please see the posted flyers for details.

The annual raffle is underway and the Ship's Store can take your order for custom merchandise anytime. There are a variety of shirt and hat colors and styles available. Let us know what you need.

See you around the docks!

New Clubhouse Committee Survey

You should have received a "New Clubhouse Committee" Survey. Please be sure to return it to Kevin Silver, Tony Schweiker or Keira Burtch **by Friday, July 3**. Make your opinion count.

Saturday Morning Coffee

Come to the Snack Shack
from 9 A.M. until 11A.M.

June 13
July 11
August 15



Coffee, Tea, Juice, Rolls, Muffins

*Donations gratefully accepted.
Sponsored by the MYC Auxiliary*

ENTER THE MYCA Ship's Store Photo Contest

Not only will you share your talent with your fellow mariners, the winning photo may be used on Ship's Store merchandise

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the Ship's Store!

Just e-mail your entry as a .jpg file, with your name and contact info to:

Bobbie O'Blenis, obiesail@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: July 31, 2015

Entries will be judged and winner announced at

MYC Picnic on August 22, 2015

One entry per person, please.

Photos must be taken from within MYC club grounds.

Upon entering this contest, you allow the Ship's Store reproduction rights.

We look forward to your participation!



You are Invited!

4th Annual

Ballroom Dance and BBQ Party

When: Saturday August 1 from 1:30 – dusk or beyond

Where: MYC Pavilion

Who: All MYC members (no children please)

Arranged by Nick Pastore and Charlie Medlicott,

Sponsored by the Cruising Fleet

This year Nick and Charlie and all their ballroom dancing friends are extending an invitation to all MYC MEMBERS. The normal attendance is 50 plus people.

You do not need to know how to ballroom dance to enjoy this event. Come ready to get up and move, eat, drink and be merry, rain or shine!

Please bring something to share: food, beverage, appetizer, snack, dessert or whatever. So detailed plans can be made and we don't have duplicates, **contact/RSVP Nick Pastore at: email or 845-634-2104.**

Message From Robert Kamisaroff

Hello to all,

This year my efforts to raise money will go to "Cancer Care", an organization that does more than medical help for people and families who have had or have cancer. They helped me through the past long hard winter and are there for anybody that needs help.

Please help by donating via the link below:

<http://community.cancercare.org/walknj>

Team name is "Tuesdays Best" or Robert Kamisaroff.

PLEASE JOIN MY TEAM AND PASS THIS ALONG TO EVERYBODY YOU KNOW.

Thank you in advance,

Robert Kamisaroff

Board of Directors Report for May 2015

from Senior Director Ed Gutierrez:

- ✎ The members of the executive are negotiating a rental agreement with PennyBridge that will also allow for more parking for dock 6.
- ✎ Emergency equipment lockers are being sought for each installation at the foot of each dock system.
- ✎ A five year financial/project plan was discussed and was presented to the membership.
- ✎ The executive committee will propose an environmentally friendly method to dispose of used shrink wrap.
- ✎ The board approved a, informational postcard to be printed for distribution



photo by John Verrangia

Bill Gooley and Ed Occhino
preparing for the Father's Day Brunch.
 More pictures in the digital edition [page 5](#)

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and navigation and to provide and maintain a suitable clubhouse and anchorage for the recreation and use of its members and guests.

Wayne Bartow, Gurran Kane and Malcom Coyle recently exemplified the sport of yachting in the Hudson by extending a "helping hand" from our club. This past month Manny Casamassima, a member of the Huntington Yacht Club heading south in the River in his magnificent 1940 46' Matthews cruiser, hit some debris. He was concerned about continuing on his trip home without checking under the hull. As he approached our harbor, team MYC was there! He was promptly short hauled, able to carefully check the undersides of the boat. Feeling comfortable that all was well she was splashed back in the water and headed for home the next day. Fast forward two weeks... Andy Hudson is enjoying sitting by the pool at Huntington Yacht Club during his summer cruise when who happens to walk by, you guessed it, Manny Casamassima. Manny couldn't say enough about the hospitality extended to him. Gurran and Wayne were specifically mentioned regarding their care, expertise and willingness to assist a fellow boater in need. Thank you for making MYC standout. I challenge all our members to keep our mission in mind and pay it forward.

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, July 7	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, July 10	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, July 10	2000	Snack Shack	MYC Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, July 11	900-1100	Snack Shack	MYCA Breakfast
July 11-24		Pavilion and River	Junior Sail Camp
Thursday, July 16	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, July 18	1400	River	PHRF Race #7 - Bracken
Saturday July 25	1400	River	PHRF Race #8 - Silver
Wednesday, July 29		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, August 1	1300	Pavilion	Dance Party
Saturday August 1	1400	River	PHRF Race #9 - Schweiker
Sunday August 2		River	Dinghy Safari
Saturday August 8	1400	River	PHRF Race #19 - Hudson
August 15 and 16		Kingston	ACBS Wooden Boat Show
Saturday, August 22	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 29		Pavilion and River	Laser Regatta
September 19 and 20		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 24	0800	All Club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 21			Change of Watch

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- Please report changes of *address or phone number* to Frank Romano: 45 Cherry Ave., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520
 - Please send *articles and e-mail address changes* to Keira Burtch:
 - Please send *items for the web page* to Andy Hudson:

Father's Day



*Thanks to all the crew (and all those not pictured here)
that helped make the
Father's Day Brunch a great success.*

*Above left: Tony Schweiker, Dominic Vistocco and Skip Turk
Above, Jesse Fitzgerald, Martin Keller and Wayne Mitts
Left: Peter Alfieri and David Horne*

Photos by John Verrengia

Junior Sailors get ready for Sail Camp

Jesse Fitzgerald invited the Junior Sailors to get ready for the season with a Saturday morning preseason sail.



*Photos by
Robert Kamisaroff*

Dock-Go-Round

We enjoyed eating, drinking, dancing and good company in the pavilion due to the rain. Great Time!



photos by Keira Burtch



Cleating Method From Lou Petrosino

Captain Jack Sweeney of Golden Isle Marina, St. Simons Isle, GA, taught me the use of mooring lines that allows full control without leaving the boat.

In the illustration the eye is a minimum of 12". Better flexibility would be had with an 18" eye. Hook the horn of the cleat in the direction the strain will be taken and wrap the cleat as shown. This will lock the line to the cleat and prevent it from slipping off.

When coming in unassisted, bow first into a dock, the order of attaching lines would be: Aft spring line, Bow line, Forward Spring line, Stern line, with appropriate maneuvers of the boat. I'll let you work out the order for docking stern first (Hint: generally you will have to get the boat at an angle to the dock to reach out and cleat the bow line).

An added benefit to this method is the removal of tripping points due to excess line on the dock.

