



Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.



2017 Bridge Officers

Commodore Art Basley
Vice Commodore Rich Brienza
Rear Commodore John Verrengia
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne
Secretary Keira Burtch

2017 Board of Directors

Joe Senackerib
Bob Tamagny
Andy Hudson
Kevin Silver
Wayne Mitts

2017 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Ray Testasecca
Dock 2/3: Wayne Mitts
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib
Dock 5: John Funk
Dock 6: Chris Vicidomini



Holiday Party

Sunday December 3 at 1pm
Lunch and dessert will be served
See the attached flyer for details



photos this page by Art Basley



From Commodore Basley

The hauling season has officially begun as Roger's crew started their haul out schedule on Saturday Oct. 21. Each of the next three weekends along with Wednesday hauls will be very busy lifting, washing, and blocking boats. The storage yard will fill up quickly as every spot along with some aisles must be used. Over at the finger 1 parking lot, Penny Bridge Marine is starting to fill the area with their boats in connection with our new winter lease agreement. By the time we finish our hauling activities, the lot will be pretty full of blocked boats but will have a wide service aisle for our members to drive through for access to finger 6 during the winter months.

On our non-work day-work day, some needed projects got started over at the Maintenance shop (Jerry's). Joe Carpenter and his crew worked on a variety of jobs. They started installing sheet rock on the ceiling of the garage to better insulate the area. Associate Shaun Foran led the project by applying his personal construction skills to measuring, cutting-to-fit and installing the sheet rock on the ceiling. This is tedious and physical work (thank God he's young), but by the end of the day it looked great. The project should be finished before the winter months kick in. The new storage carboy (thanks to Rear Commodore Rich Brienza) was

also installed in the oil storage area. This will greatly help with handling waste oil and improve our safety while storing it. **Remember that all oil and antifreeze waste must be left outside the door unless someone from maintenance is present. Any containers that you may want back should be marked and will be put outside the door after being emptied.**

New Regular member Robert (Yogi)



Scheffold assisted with various repairs around the shop and grounds and New Regular Frank Brown worked on the ceiling installation. Frank Covino gave his support by putting together some

last minute electrical fixes that were needed at Jerry's so that the ceiling installation wouldn't be held up. All around a very productive day.

Other Committees were also going about with harbor work, some boat hauling activities, electrical work, etc. But when lunch time came around, Bill and his crew came up with non-work day-work day lunch. What's better than that, you cancel the work day, members show up to work anyway and get fed.

The search for a new Travel Lift is progressing well and the status of this and the New Clubhouse project will be presented at our next meeting. Our next big event is the "Change of Watch" dinner. Get your reservations in.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday November 22, 2017.

Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

From Captain Lori Schweiker

Our last meeting of the year was by far the most enjoyable. We had a packed room, decorated for Autumn, with an added flavor of Halloween ... quite festive, and it set just the right tone for a delightful night. We welcomed an additional seven ladies to our group on this Sip and Paint Night. It proved to be the largest group we'd hosted in ages.

During a short business meeting, we voted unanimously to eliminate member dues for MYCA's 70th Anniversary year (2018), and voted in the new Bridge for 2018:

<i>Captain</i>	<i>Lori Schweiker</i>
<i>First Mate & Creative Director</i>	<i>Marianne Frasco</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Helen Brown</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Janice Senackerib</i>

Then, we got the party started! Marianne Frasco had conjured up a Sip & Paint Night, and everyone chose her own wrapped canvas, paints, nautical stencils, brushes, glitter and terrific, step by step, concise instructions. We have some budding Picasso's. Several opted to create their scenes from scratch. Photos were taken, and you can see some on the MYC web site Gallery. Many were destined for boat or home displays.

There were several liquid libations, a wonderful variety of treats and the Snack Shack was abuzz with lively laughter and good will the entire evening. Some of the male members strolled over after their meeting and joined in.

This Friday the Thirteenth Meeting is a portend for ALL of the MYCA meetings planned for next year. Several of the ladies who were our guests said that they would join us next year because they had such a great time. Our 70th year promises to be one for the ages. Marianne and I will be working on monthly agendas that will always involve something creative, and be open to all. Don't stay home because your daughter-in-law, friend or relative is visiting... Bring her! That's just what happened this meeting and it was a pleasure.

We will be decorating the Club House for the annual Holiday party with a new look. Stop by to check out our handiwork after November 26. Look for the Holiday Party Invitation in this issue of Ship to Shore.

For those of you going to Change of Watch, make sure to view the loop of projected digitized photos showing MYC Ladies/Events Through the Ages. Marianne Frasco digitized and designed the projected offering, with awesome photos from Ginger Weismantel's decades of MYC photo-taking, plus other images gathered by Janice Senackerib and Lori Schweiker. Talk about taking a walk down Memory Lane. We will be expanding on this History over the next year.

Boats will be stored for the winter and our basin will look barren, but still beautiful. Wishing you all a bountiful, memorable Thanksgiving.

Yard Committee

From Chairman Roger Wieland

Most of our boats have been hauled. Sunday, November 12 is our last day. The Yard Committee would like to thank those Members who were ready on their haul date i.e.: found, checked and lubricated their stands. Also a special thanks to all who provided good things to eat or contributed to our coffee fund.

Over the winter the Yard Committee will check the boats, however you should check your boat and stands. And be sure your cover is secure. A cover that rips can blow into the security beam path and set off the alarm. This results in a member of Security Committee going to the Yard to check what caused the breach. They are never happy to leave a warm bed in the winter at 2am. Now we know why John Funk gets grouchy every now and then.

When you are at your boat you can plug into the electric. Before you leave for the day be sure to unplug your cord.

Please call me if there is a situation that you cannot resolve or if you observe something that doesn't look right.

Thanks for your cooperation, Roger.

ACBS Annual Meeting

From Wayne Bartow

The Annual ACBS General Meeting and Brunch is November 12, at 1pm at Charlie Brown's Steak House. Address is 18 Westage Dr. Fishkill NY and it is Exit 13 off I 84 Fishkill/Poukeepsie. This is an important meeting for those interested in attending because there will be a discussion on the shape of the organization for the future as well as changes to the officers and directors moving forward.



**More photos by Marianne Frasco on [page 6](#)
and on the [web site](#)**

**To Albany by Sailboat:
A Combination of Astronomy and Nostalgia**
September 2017 - by Curt Koster

The end of Summer 2017 was approaching and we still had not found the right window in our schedules to take an annual cruise. In early retirement we had cruised *Carpathia*, a Sabre-34 sloop with a six-ft draft and 51-



Carpathia at the Catskill Marina

ft mast-height from Virginia, along the coasts of New England and through the Reversing Falls on the St John River to Fredericton, Canada. These days find us on the same comfortable and pretty boat but also the reality of a more limited cruising range. With our home ports of The Nyack Boat Club and The Minisceongo Yacht Club the 100-mile stretch on the Hudson River to the Troy Lock offers views rivaling the Rhine, in sheltered waters and Amtrack to move crew around for the entire distance.

Some 38 years ago, on our September honeymoon we did the scene from 'High Society' (Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly) on a beautiful Chesapeake-32 generously lent to us by my brother, Preston. That trip, starting at Nyack included Cold Spring, Catskill and Albany/Rensselaer where my [great] Uncle Tommy picked us up to visit his dairy farm in nearby East Skodack, NY.

To be realistic, cruising a sailboat on The Hudson is largely a motor trip. Since *Carpathia* can 'go forever' at 5-1/2 knots through the water and currents go both north and south at up to 2 kts, for the same effort we could go between 3.5 and 7.5 kts. That's over a 2:1 ratio and well worth the planning it takes to get a boost from favorable tides. Another constraint is our preference to get an early start so that we reach the next port by early afternoon. A final concern is to also have the benefit of favorable ebb tides on the return trip. I would be embarrassed to admit how many hours that I have spent pondering current tables for stations up and down the River. Gradually it became evident there was only one 'perfect window' each month. Finally getting down to fundamental causes, I realized that, with regard to cruising the Hudson, the Ancient Hebrews had it right: it's a Moon thing. Specifically, a 7 to 10 day round trip from Nyack to Albany should begin at, or one day before the NEW MOON.

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Cruising Fleet Report

From Chairman Don Rubin

The season is rapidly coming to an end, the cruisers have returned to the club and are being hauled for the season. This year many members have left the comfort of the club for boat trips of various lengths of time and distance. This is a good thing for me since we have gotten some great articles for Ship to Shore from several members willing to share their adventures. If you have taken a trip this season and would be willing to write a couple paragraphs, send a copy to me and you will be published in future issues; grammar and spelling don't count! This month's story is presented by Curt and Susan Koster about their trip up the Hudson River.

The Cruising Fleet is sponsoring an **end of the season party on Saturday November 4 at 5pm in the clubhouse**, food will be provided at no cost, bring you own beverages and an appetizer or dessert to share. Just let me know if you will be joining us, RSVP to Don Rubin. Ship to Shore will be sent out after the party so you will receive more information by email.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

Sad to say but the boats are coming out at a rapid rate which means fall is in full swing. The grounds crew will be working through the fall with cutting the grass and cleaning up the grounds. I would like to thank the following people: Debbie Hechinger, Peggy Tamagny and Keira Burtch. On 10/13/17 Keira had us clean all the flower pots and flower beds for the winter. We had a great crew and got it all done before lunch. Thanks also to the grounds crew that helped. I will send out an email when we may do an all hands on deck clean-up of the leaves, If anyone is interested in helping please contact me. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

Hauling season is upon us. Many boats have been hauled and are ready for storage. As a reminder, please do not place items in the beam path as you prepare your boat for winter storage. The blue perimeter line outlines the yard beam path. Please keep items on the inside of the blue line. Anyone that needs to have the yard security beam turned off while their boat is being wrapped please contact me at 845 987 2972. I'll have the security beam turned off. A friendly reminder, please do not block open the dock gates while removing items from your boat.

Director's Report for October, 2017

From Senior Director Joe Senackerib

1. The Board discussed how to fund the travel lift scheduled to be purchased next year. Alternatives will be evaluated and presented to the members.
2. Director Tamagny discussed the pins awarded for years of service. He feels there is no designated person or committee now responsible for these awards. He feels it should be the Membership Committee.
3. Director Tamagny addressed the regular members who have an assigned slip but no boat. This situation appears to be addressed within our bylaws.
4. Director Tamagny expressed concern that we purchase new straps for the travel lift but they have not yet been used. He was advised that they will be used starting immediately.
5. The responsibility for our insurance policies was discussed and the responsibilities will be changed for the 2018 year to be brought more in line with reality.
6. Director Silver advised that the Bylaw Committee rewrote the intended bylaw change to be more understandable and address some of the members concerns.
7. Director Senackerib advised that a number of electric meter boards and counters will be changed to improve the service.

8. Vice Commodore Brienza advised that the work day has been cancelled.
9. Vice Commodore Brienza advised that two associates would like to store their boats in water for the coming winter season. This needs to be discussed with the Harbor, Ice and Electric Committees.

10. Vice Commodore Brienza presented a preliminary budget for 2018.

11. Vice Commodore Brienza had questions about the winter storage contracts. The Executive Committee discussed the contracts and will address the concerns.

12. Director Tamagny raised concerns about lost traditions such as putting up the past Commodores pictures in the clubhouse.

13. Commodore Basley would like to make some changes in the Director's Manual to bring it up to date.

14. Because of the needed purchase of a new travel lift and the required monies for the new clubhouse application the purchase of a leaf catcher and the additions to the pavilion were not approved for the 2018 year.

15. Secretary Burtch advised that the Coast Guard Auxiliary has proposed teaching a Navigation Course to our members.

Sunshine

From Andy Hudson

♥ **Condolences** to Bobbie and John O'Blenis on the passing of her father.

♥ **Best wishes** for speedy recovery to Kathy Gutierrez who is recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

♥ **To my Minisceongo friends:**
Thank you for your cards, gifts, and speedy recovery wishes that I received during my three week hospital plus rehab stays for a serious pneumonia episode. Your thinking of me brightened many difficult days. I am home now, getting my strength back. I hope to be well enough to see you all at Minisceongo in the near future.

Regards, Miriam Raber.

A Look at the Future

Saturday, November 4	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Meeting/Party
Tuesday, November 7	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, November 10	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 16	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, November 22		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday November 18	1800	Patriot Hills	Change of Watch
Sunday, December 3	1300	Clubhouse	Holiday Party

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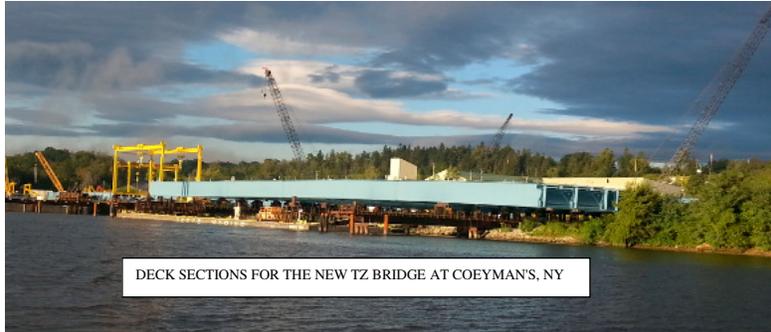
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September 2017 - by Curt Koster

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This year we over-nighted at The Chelsea Yacht Club, Kingston/Roundout, Shady Harbor in New Baltimore followed by a short run against the current to reach the hospitable, comfortable and very well situated Albany Yacht Club. My favorite sight this trip was the steel fab yard for the new Tappan Zee Bridge at Coeymans, just above New Baltimore. Big blue steel sections sat on steel arms parallel to and overhanging the riverbank. Beneath the sections were partially submerged barges which, when pumped out would lift the bridge sections off the arms, ready for their trip down to South Nyack and Tarrytown. The technology appears to be the same as that used to move the stones to The Pyramids only this time they have diesel pumps instead of buckets carried by the same guys with the Lunar Calendar.



For our purposes, the best feature of the Albany Yacht Club was the 15-minute walk to a 'new' Amtrack station which has an Enterprise car rental agency. With a fine set of wheels we got to explore Albany, attend the tugboat round-up next to the lock in Waterford and Saratoga Springs. For nostalgia sake, I could not resist the short drive to East Skodack. Thirty-eight years later, the small grocery store is closed and both Uncle Tommy and the Post Office are long gone. But the rest of the village is in a time capsule. Three-quarters of it are the same houses, nicely maintained, but one quarter of the village is Uncle Tommy's dairy farm: vacant and fallow. The main house, built in the Federal Style and his once beautiful barn are standing but unoccupied and beginning to come apart.



On a happier note, an advantage of keeping a schedule we enjoyed an evening in Roundout with the Schweiker's, Fass's heading south and Ed Luce, son of Jim Luce with whom I have worked, travelled the world and sailed for 40 yrs. Ed is a mate on the Canadian tall ship *St. Lawrence II* headed home for the winter. Thanks to cell phones little ships don't just pass in the night: they stop for dinner.

If I may indulge in a final note of nostalgia, this summer was really my third trip by boat to Albany. During WWII, with gasoline strictly rationed my mother, for the sake of domestic tranquility would take her mother and me to the Dayliner piers on the West Side where we would board the night steamer to Albany. Next morning would find us docked at Albany and, you guessed it, Uncle Tommy would pick us up and take us to his (then) very prosperous farm. In those days the trip back to The City was also by steam with me getting strict lessons in table manners from Grammy in the elegant dining car of the New York Central.

MYC Auxiliary "Sip and Paint" photos by Marianne Frasco



More Happenings Around MYC

On "Not Work Day" my "crew" helped out weeding and cleaning the flower gardens and flower pots. Special thanks to: (L to R) Peggy Tamagny, Robert Kamisaroff, Dave Horn, John Funk, Chris Vicidomini and Debbie Hechinger. Also thanks Ray Testasecca for dumping the cracked dock 1 pots. Here they are doing the "American Gothic"



While we were out working on the dock 5 memorial garden, Dave said he had pictures of the shoreline at an extreme low tide this summer. Here are his pictures. You can see how low the water was. Does anyone know what the old lumber remains are from? Perhaps a sunken dock frame? The old launch rail tracks?



A few more pictures of the Equipment Maintenance crew on "Not Work Day"



Tony Schweiker sent this great shot of Malcolm doing his usual great job on the travel lift.