



# Ship to Shore

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## **Message from Commodore Gutierrez**

As I sit here at home to write my thoughts, I'm just settling in from our first Potluck Dinner. It was a nice time enjoyed by about 20 members. We had a good variety of items to nosh on and enjoyed each other's company. This was the first of several planned get-togethers to, well, get everyone together. We hope to bring back the "Dancing under the Stars" party, which was a big hit during Dave Tonneson's year. You know what they say, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery".

It's March. Hopefully we are just about thawed out. What a winter! Kathy, the kids and I just got back from a week-long vacation on a cruise out of Tampa to Mexico. I really don't understand this snowbird stuff, it was cold down there. You guys would be better off up here. All I heard was people complaining about how cold it was. If the snowbirds want to complain, we could put them on the De-Ice Committee. I was out there doing my rounds in a windy 8 degrees a couple of weeks ago. Now that's commitment, or maybe I should be committed.

Kudos once again to Dan Adler and the De-ice guys (Dan didn't like De-ice Rangers). We had a second cold snap that initiated Phase II of our De-ice strategy. This Phase called for additional circulators to attack the ice on the east end of the basin. This ice forming on the sloped east bank causes the most stress on the dock system. The circulators did their job, and we were able to return to Phase I in about a week.

We've had some issues with the heating system at the Clubhouse. Harry Moser and I found the Clubhouse to be 31 degrees one morning. The repair was made before any damage to the plumbing occurred. Once again, I'd like to remind everyone of the "If you see something, say something" policy. The information is only useful if it gets out. There was a report of an unauthorized, unidentified intruder on the club property. If anyone finds themselves in a situation such as this, do not confront the individual. Call the Stony Point Police at 845-786-2422. Please take a moment right now and enter this number in your cell phones, and post it at home. Call the town PD direct, as sometimes the authorities may not receive a 911 call on a cell phone where the call is being placed.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 12, 2010, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

We have been working out the details on the big bulkhead rehabilitation. This is a major investment in protecting our most beloved possession, our basin that harbors our boats. Although we will be contracting a big chunk of the work, we still have a lot for our members. We will contract out the driving of steel plates, and then we will probably be installing gabions where the steel plates end. This will require the club to come together and help to shore up our cherished basin.

I'm going to keep this report short as I was put on our editor's naughty list for submitting a tardy report. It's not an easy thing to get this newsletter together every month. Late reports from the Commodore don't help matters.

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## **Work Weekend Reminder**

***April 10-11***

**0730 Sign in, meeting  
and coffee at the  
Clubhouse**

**0800 Work begins**

***The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, March 18, 2010***

## **The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC**

*From Captain Janice Senackerib:*

With this edition of *Ship to Shore*, we are looking at the end of winter. The sun is brighter, days are warmer and spring is on the way.

As we do every year, the MYCLA will be kicking off the 2010 season with our *Annual Installation Dinner*. Incoming Captain Janice Romano has been organizing the installation dinner, which is set for Friday, April 9, starting at 7:30 P.M. The location is Noel's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Stony Point. Dinner is \$30 per person (see coupon below).

Our annual membership drive is in full swing. Please rejoin now for the 2010 boating season. Remember new members are always welcome, and it's a great way to meet your boating neighbors. Please send in your dues (\$10) with the form below.

In closing, we hope all our MYC family members who were under the weather this winter are feeling better and looking forward to spring.

## **Report for February from the Board of Directors**

*From Senior Director Roger Wieland*

- ☞ The Commodore discussed several projects for Work Weekend, i.e. the Pavilion roof repair, completing the Clubhouse porch roof, and the work on the bulkhead that must be done before the steel sheathing can be installed. Additionally Vice Commodore Tamagny has sent out questionnaires to the committee heads, requesting their plans for Work Weekend.
- ☞ The Board approved an application for Associate membership from Dan Condon.
- ☞ Director Martin discussed plans to refurbish the electrical cabinets that serve the docks and to relocate the ventilation equipment from the Snack Shack kitchen to the Pavilion.
- ☞ The Board has suspended one of our Regular members for one year, effective January 1, 2010.
- ☞ Last year the Board approved that a Member (Regular or Associate) may have a second slip for a boat less than 22'. The cost of the slip will be at Associate rates and will be for one season. If there are slips available, they will be awarded based on seniority. Anyone interested please contact the Membership Committee Director Liaison Roger Wieland.

### **Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Installation Dinner Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCLA,  
c/o Janice Romano  
45 Cherry Avenue  
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

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## Annual Sail Fleet Meeting

Saturday, March 27, at 10:00 A.M.

Meeting to be preceded by full breakfast  
prepared by our own Master Chefs

### Meeting Agenda

- Racing Program for Spring and Fall Series for cruisers and Lasers
- Summer program ideas welcomed
- Joint cruising destinations with the Cruising Fleet
- Updates to sailing manual
- Youth training for MYC members' families
- Ideas for Laser expansion
- Laser Regatta critique and planning
- Sutherland Regatta critique and planning

All club members welcome.



Photo provided by Andy Hudson, taken by Ed Siegel

Picture from Cumberland Head Bay on Lake Champlain near Plattsburgh where our Yard Chairman was recently ice boating on February 7, 2010.

### Commodore, *continued from front page.*

Picking a quote each month to convey a thought is the hardest part of these messages to the membership. So far, they have been well received, and I hope I can reach all the members with some positive message or memory. Here's one as we prepare for spring and the work ahead.

Do more than belong: participate.  
Do more than care: help.  
Do more than believe: practice.  
Do more than be fair: be kind.  
Do more than forgive: forget.  
Do more than dream: work.

—William Arthur Ward

## Reminders

You *must* remove all shrink wrap that is not in use from the club grounds. This means no shrink wrap is to be placed in any MYC dumpster or under any boat. When left on the grounds it sets off the alarm system when the winds blow.

Don't forget to check your jack stands during the early spring with so many freeze and thaw cycles!

## Sunshine

From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and  
Dianne Silver for MYCLA

Many of our members have been having serious medical issues over the winter. Our sincerest wishes for full recovery go to:

Frank Smith,  
Jeff Burtch,  
Ray Testacecca,  
Joe Hafner,  
Denise Jensen,  
Bill Meyer,  
Mike Wieland  
and to all we have not heard about.

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Note from Allan and Sue Gerber

*Your kind expression of sympathy  
was deeply appreciated  
and is gratefully acknowledged  
by the family of  
Elsie Gerber.*

## Cruising Fleet News

*From Chairman Dick Myers:* With spring just around the corner, it's getting closer to the time when we break out the soap and polish to start the process of getting our boats ready for another year at MYC. Speaking of another year, the date for the spring Cruising Fleet meeting will be June 5. Once again a free dinner will be served; I'm thinking Bonnie's chicken gumbo and wine over a bed of linguine. More on this later. On the agenda will be the date and theme for the annual Dock-Go-Round, Dinghy Safari, and any possible summer cruises.

**Ask Captain Dick:** Did you ever wonder how all those ships from England, France, Spain, etc., crossed the ocean and made it over to our shore before GPS, Loran, accurate watches or any of the navigation tools that we have? One of the major navigation tools besides a compass available to 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century navigators was a sextant. By measuring the angle the North Star (Polaris) is off the horizon, you can tell what your

present latitude is. Since Polaris is virtually at a standstill above the North Pole, at the North Pole you would measure the angle to be 90 degrees or directly above your head. At the equator, the angle would be 0 degrees. The latitude in the northern hemisphere starts at 0 degrees at the equator and ends at 90 degrees at the North Pole. So if you were to leave Spain and keep Polaris at 40 degrees to your North, you would sail a straight line to the southern tip of Long Island. This would be the entrance of New York Harbor following 40 degrees of latitude.

John Rodway wants to know how a sailboat can sail into the wind. Actually they can't. My own personal opinion is that it's a conspiracy among sailors to make us power boaters jealous of the fact they are getting a free ride from the wind while we power boaters have to pay for it. I think that they just run their motors and pretend they are sailing.

*'til next time,*

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## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, March 9	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
<b>Friday, March 12</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>MYC Membership Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, March 18</b>		<b>Bob Weismantel</b>	<b>Ship to Shore Deadline</b>
Thursday, March 18	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, March 20	T.B.A.	Culinary Institute	Cruising Fleet Trip
Saturday, March 27	1000	Clubhouse	Sail Fleet Spring Breakfast Meeting
Friday, April 9	1930	Noel's Irish Pub & Rest.	MYCLA Installation Dinner
<b>April 10-11</b>	<b>0730</b>	<b>Club Property</b>	<b>Spring Work Weekend</b>
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>Flag Pole &amp; Pavilion</b>	<b>Opening Day</b>
Saturday, June 5	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	Cruising Fleet Spring Dinner Meeting
<b>Sunday, June 20</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Father's Day Brunch</b>
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>
<b>Saturday, August 28</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Stony Pt. Bay/Pavilion</b>	<b>MYC Laser Regatta</b>
<b>September 25-26</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>River/Pavilion</b>	<b>Sutherland Regatta</b>
<b>Saturday, October 23</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Club Property</b>	<b>Fall Workday</b>
<b>Sunday, October 24</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Club Property</b>	<b>Fall Workday Rain Date</b>
<b>Saturday, November 20</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Nyack Seaport</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>

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Please send articles and e-mail address changes to Bob Weismantel. Report any changes in address or phone number to Allan Gerber.

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