



Ship to Shore

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2018 Bridge Officers

Commodore Rich Brienza
Vice Commodore John Verrengia
Rear Commodore Chris Vicidomini
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Bob Tamagny
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2018 Finger Captains

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

Membership Meeting Time Change

Beginning January 12, 2018
All monthly membership
meetings will begin at
7pm Don't Be late!

Towing Service Discounts

Sea Tow offers a \$15 discount on the annual membership of \$179 to club members for new or renewing members. Make sure to use the source code **HYC** when renewing by phone, mail or online at seatow.com.

BoatUS:

When joining or renewing use code **GA82439Y** to receive \$15 off Membership dues, plus 10% off on-the-water towing services.

**Happy
New Year!**

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 12 at 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

From Commodore Brienza

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and wish you all a very happy New Year. It is January, our snowbirds are safe and warm down south and for the first time in many years, those of us that stay north have no "big" winter projects to complete at the club. Lucky for us, since the past few weeks have been a lot colder than in the past years. Time to relax, open the Kindle and enjoy the fireplace. The De-ice crew has the harbor set for the winter and we can all rest assured that our club will be ready for the new season. If you are interested in



photo by Stacey Blume

Commodore Rich Brienza

doing rounds checking the condition of the harbor, please contact Erik Vandenberg.

The most exciting news for 2018 is the new club house. After many years of discussion and various starts and restarts, the project is in the final planning stages. In preparation for the site work, we had members show up on Saturday December 16 in the bitter cold, with their own equipment and we removed not only the three trees that would be blocking the club house view, but we were also able to clear the vines, saplings

and the large tree from the south side of the hill. What a great effort put forth by all with a special thanks to associate members Warren and Seth Gannon for their equipment and expertise in felling the trees. It was a fun day with the work getting done in about 5 hours. The site engineers should be going to the town for plan approvals as early as January, with the architect following right behind them. Bids will be processed and if all goes as planned we can see ground breaking this year.

For those attending the meetings you noted the 2018 budget reflects maintenance level funding with no major projects planned. This is needed for the club to put aside funds for the various permits and costs associated with building the new Club house and to satisfy the banks we are doing our due diligence with regards to down payment funding.

Progress and modernization is always pushing us forward, yet there is something to be said for tradition. This year the focus is on the famous MYC tradition of working together.

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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday January 25, 2018.

The Holiday Party was a huge success. Approximately 55 attendees said it was a marvelous party. Many could not believe it was same tree, but all new ornaments (notice ship knot napkin rings I used as candy cane holders and the enameled nautical charms I glued onto tin stars from Oriental trading) made a big difference. About \$10 worth of organza ribbon was shoved into gaps of tree before we started decorating. I added the topper adornments at the last minute, along with the star fish. I was worried about how the colored balls would work, but they were perfect. You can tell that I LOVE doing stuff like this.

Many hours of prep, but I had lots of creative help from Marianne Frasco, Beverly Vandenberg, Janice Senakerib and Louise Occhino, who spent about 5 or 6 hours on the initial set up, but I came back for another 8



photo by Art Basley

to finish up the tree with candy canes in the ship knots napkin rings, those glittery star fish, and adding a few more tin stars that I asked Marianne to glue an enameled nautical charm to each one's center. Small Santa "ho ho ho" ornaments, plus some more garland around the bottom and back of the tree were included. I then added even more festive touches to the rest of the club house. I had filled stockings with goodies for each child and Santa Tony did a great job.

The same ladies along with Susan Koster helped keep the food coming and the laughter flowing. Every single ornament, except for Diane Silver's gorgeous hand-made 75th Anniversary MYC creation atop the tree is new. The old ornaments were twisted together to form the centerpieces on the dining and serving tables, plus the mantle and wagon wheel hanging light fixture.

Commodore: *continued from page one*

The committees are set up so everyone can work one or two of their favorites, leaving plenty of time for boating, family and friends. When we have projects such as circulators, leaf cleanup/tree removal or the annual picnic to name a few, we will call for all hands to participate. This not only gets the job done faster and more efficiently but it shows that we truly are one club and we all have a vested interest in the daily operation and infrastructure upkeep.

On behalf of the regular members, I want to thank all our valuable associate members for being part of the club. The best way to fully enjoy MYC is to become involved. Come to the meetings, listen and voice your opinion. Volunteer your time and skills to the committees. Work toward becoming a regular voting member. I can tell you with great certainty the rewards far outweigh the efforts. It is what makes Minisceongo the best yacht club on the Hudson. On a last note, if Roger thought I lost track.....90 days!

Boat Photos Wanted

Please send a photo of your boat with her name and your names for a gallery on the web site to Keira Burtch

Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 14 at 2:00 pm

Deadline for reservations: January 8, 2018

\$15.00 per person

Champagne, light finger foods and desserts

Name of member: _____

Number of persons in party _____

Enclosed is check for \$_____

Please text or email your reservation to John Verrengia and send your check to:

*John Verrengia
2 Timp Brook Road
Stony Point, NY 10980*



Grounds Committee Report

from Chairman Chris Vicidomini

Hard to believe that Christmas has come and gone and New Year's is just a few days away.

Just when I thought grounds was finished with their work, on December 2 we ended up on having a group of members help clean up all the leaves on the property. It was a great day and we got all the leaves picked up. The grounds look great thanks to all that participated. I would like to especially thank the following Associate members; Rick Schoenlank, Tom and Betsy Hemmerle, Dave Rounds, Paul Adao, Seth and Warren Gannon.

On December 9, we had to cut a couple of trees down for the new clubhouse and with the help of Warren Gannon and Seth Gannon and the rest of grounds crew and members we got it all done by lunch. I would like to wish everyone a healthy and great 2018 boating season. Hope to see you all soon at the club.

Cruising Fleet Report

From Chairman Don Rubin

Happy holidays to all our MYC friends. I am writing my last Ship to Shore article from sunny Sanibel Island on the west coast of Florida. It's disappointing that the trip is being taken the old fashioned way, by land! We have been doing this trip for more than 30 years, before we had our two precious children Dan and Allison. This year the crew includes pup Chloe, on her eighth trip, and Ali and her husband Anthony, on loan from the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Stewart, Savannah, GA.

Susan is at the beach with Ali and Ant, killing time before we head out for dinner. We spent the morning walking to the Sunday farmers market and looking for bargain fruits and vegetables all locally grown. They also sell homemade breads, cakes pasta, pickles and other delicacies. Chloe just likes to yap at other well-behaved pets wandering around. We are trying to decide on Italian food at Matzeluna, I have a discount coupon, or the Lazy Flamingo for its bar type atmosphere. No matter where we eat it will be followed by dessert at the local Dairy Queen.

Next month's article will be written by Kevin Silver/Dianne Silver. I'm sure he has lots to talk about with the purchase and transport of his new-to-him/her Grand Banks 42 Europa. The boat was purchased in California, sailed to Mexico, loaded on a ship, carried through the Panama Canal and off-loaded in Florida and then sailed up the east coast of Florida. But, I don't want to give any more of the fascinating story away.

Looking forward to more boating adventures in 2018!

Yard Committee

From Chairman Roger Wieland

The Yard Committee wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Please keep the following in mind when you visit your boat this winter:

- ☞ Be sure your ladder is secure when getting on or off your boat.
- ☞ If you plug into the electric be sure you unplug before you leave the Yard.
- ☞ Check your jackstands.
- ☞ Be sure your cover is secure.
- ☞ Be a good neighbor and check the boats next to you.

If you have any concerns please text or call me.

Stay Warm, Rog

Race Fleet Report

From Jessie Fitzgerald-Keller

As we close out another year of good times on the river, we look back at the accomplishments of MYC's racing sailors. Sailors who venture out week after week to hone their craft and find some relaxation. Though sometimes the frustration of former can make achieving the latter a bit difficult. Regardless, they compete every Wednesday night and weekends in the spring and fall to best their friendly competitors and the mercurial Hudson River. So, it is with great joy that I present to you the MYC sailors who placed in the Haverstraw Bay Racing Association and the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association.

HBRA - Wednesday night Racing

Spring Series

- Division A: 3rd JAlE Time - Sally & Evan Wellens
Division B: 2nd Breakout - John & Jean Nonenmacher
Division C-1: 1st Gusto - Jessica Fitzgerald-Keller
2nd DreamChaser - Bob Tamagny
3rd A-Train - Bert Rechtschaffer
Division C-2: 3rd Anniversary - Chris Tsanopoulos

Summer Series

- Division A: 3rd JAlE Time - Sally & Evan Wellens
Division B: 1st Breakout - Jean & John Nonenmacher
3rd Tramontana - Predrag Knezevic
Division C-1: 1st Gusto - Jessica Fitzgerald-Keller
2nd A-Train - Bert Rechtschaffer
3rd DreamChaser - Bob Tamagny

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- Fleet 2 1st Insatiable - Jim Dyer
2nd Gusto - Jessica Fitzgerald-Keller

Director's Report for December, 2017

From Senior Director Joe Senackerib

1. The incoming Rear Commodore Chris Vicidomini attended the meeting.
2. Commodore Basley discussed the safety meeting held on December 5. The meeting was attended by all committee Chairpersons and was for the purpose of advising that any club projects must have a safety plan before starting.
3. Director Silver reported on the bylaw committee meeting. Any changes to the bylaws will be presented at a future meeting.
4. Commodore Basley reported that the travel lift committee had decided on recommending purchase of a travel lift manufactured by Marine Travel Lift. He presented a base price for the lift but advised that there will be additional costs for added items such as a hoist for the sail masts. He will present the final costs and how we will finance the lift once everything is finalized.
5. The Gooler property may soon be offered for purchase. Commodore Basley will contact the club lawyer to determine the best way to proceed.
6. Vice Commodore Brienza presented the final work committee assignments. They will be available at the Friday meeting.
7. Vice Commodore Brienza advised that we have two boats that will be stored in water over the winter. This was our first year of in water storage in several years and we will continue in water storage next year.
8. Director Silver advised that new hardware has been added to the WiFi system and has improved the system significantly. He also advised that the system is capable of handling cameras.
9. Director Basley advised that the woman who owns the blue house alongside our entrance has passed away. The house may shortly be up for sale.
10. Rear Commodore Verrengia discussed a flat rate for electric used by boats with slips. No action was taken.
11. Commodore Basley plans to gather information to develop a list of vendors and accounts that the club uses.
12. Commodore Basley feels that committee Chairpersons should list their annual responsibilities, activities, work assignments and procedures that would be helpful to pass along to the next committee chairperson.
13. The Board voted to donate a \$100 to the Rockland Hospice in the name of Joe Hanchrow.

Sunshine

From Andy Hudson

♥ Best wishes to Don Minerick who is now at Helen Hayes for rehabilitation. As of this writing he is not yet ready for visitors or phone calls.

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, January 9	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 12	**1900**	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Sunday, January 14	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception
Thursday, January 18	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday, January 21	1300	Clubhouse	ACBS Meeting
Wednesday, January 25		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Sunday, February 18		Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Potluck
Sunday, April 8		Clubhouse	New Member Orientation
April 14 & 15	0800	Clubhouse and Grounds	Work Weekend
Saturday, May 26	1130	Flagpole and Pavilion	Opening Day
Sunday, June 17	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 25	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 15 & 16		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 13	0800	Clubhouse and Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 17	1800	TBA	Change of Watch

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Grounds Projects - photos by Robert Kamisaroff



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Leaf Cleanup - photos by Chris Vicidomini



More Tree Removal Photo by Rich Brienza

