



Ship to Shore

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From Commodore Tony Ferraro

Welcome to Spring! I find the longer days and warmer air to be an inspiration. Soon we will be boating! Let's start with our **East Bank Project**. Sound Marine is estimating a start date of April 1. They anticipate the job will take one month (weather pending). Some boats will need to be moved and/or launched early so the steel can be relocated to a location that is more accessible for Sound Marine. I feel confident that we will be in good shape and ready for our opening day. Again, there may be an inconvenience for a short time, but the result will far exceed that.

Work Weekend is all set for April 13 and 14. I had a very productive meeting with the committee heads to review projects, supplies and manpower. To better utilize our two days, Work Weekend is being managed as a "job site." There are supervisors, foreman and crew that are assigned to their specific tasks. Work begins at 8 A.M. I encourage you to come earlier to sign in, confirm your task and location and of course eat. A continental breakfast will be provided both days. I will make necessary announcements and the committee heads will discuss the days' tasks. Let's not forget the hearty lunch... to keep us going, of course. Work Weekend is a great indication of our loyal membership and their dedication to the gift we have on the Hudson. We laugh, we work, we sweat (or freeze), all for a common goal.

I would like to share with you one of the perks of being Commodore. On Thursday, March 21, Linda and I were invited to attend a meeting of the **US Coast Guard Auxiliary**, which meets monthly in our Clubhouse. Sal Arico, is the Flotilla Commander of USCG Flotilla 10-04. He presented Minisceongo Yacht Club with a Certificate of Appreciation to *thank us* for the 60 years they have been allowed to use our

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club for their meetings. He took the time to give us a brief history of their Flotilla. January 29, 1953, was the first official meeting of what was then known as Flotilla 1-11, founded by one of our own members, John Ochs. In 1957, the Coast Guard reorganized the Flotillas and renamed them to 10-04, which remains today. Their responsibilities were to provide public education courses, safety patrols on the Hudson and vessel safety examinations. Sal talked about the changes in responsibility he has seen gradually happening over the years. What started off as basic river support, they are now being called into action, from the Coast Guard, to assist in National Security measures. For 911, they assisted alongside a Coast Guard cutter and the NYC Police, to "close down" the river by the George Washington Bridge. Following 911, Flotilla 10-04 took over some of the Coast Guard standard patrol duties to allow the Coast Guard time to focus on Homeland Security tasks. Hurricane Irene, they were back up sector for New Orleans and then for Boston. They were one of only four Flotillas called in to assist on the entire Atlantic seaboard. Hurricane Sandy, they were called in by the USCG Communications Area Master Station Atlantic, again, for assistance. Most recently, they provided coverage to NY Rescue 21 during an outage. Their main patrol is from the Bear Mountain Bridge to Tappan Zee Bridge, but can be called into any area by the Coast Guard. It was interesting to learn that in addition to the marine units, they also have mobile and air support as well. So, as they proceeded to thank "us" for the use of our club,

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April Boat Yard Report

From Yard Chairman Roger Wieland: By now I'm sure many of you are working on your boats. A couple of things to remember: secure your ladder; wear eye protection and a mask when scrapping or sanding and be sure to place tarps or plastic under your boat when working on the bottom. **Police the area around your boat before you leave for the day!** For you non-military types that means clean up.

If your boat is blocking another boat, you must be ready in April for launching. If you have a problem, call me sooner rather than later.

If your boat is shrink-wrapped, it is your responsibility to dispose of it. Take it home! Do not put it in the Club's dumpsters.

We have already started to launch boats. We launch on Saturdays and Wednesday mornings. Please call or email me to set up a date.



Photo by Linda Ferraro

Commodore Tony Ferraro with US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-04 Commander Sal Arico at the presentation to MYC of a Certificate of Appreciation on March 21, 2013.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, April 18, 2013.

Commodore, continued from front page.

I couldn't help but think that we should be thanking them! They are a wonderful group of men and women who take their responsibilities seriously. In addition to the military, our families and nation's safety rely on them as well. I shared with them that MYC is honored to have them here with us, and they are welcomed. They meet on the third Thursday of each month in our Clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. I encourage you all to take the time, if you are at the club, to introduce yourself, and thank them for their efforts and dedication.

In closing, I am looking forward to a productive Work Weekend and a happy and safe boating season. I thank you all in advance for your membership and support. We are MYC because of you!



Photo by Linda Ferraro

Certificate of Appreciation from the Coast Guard Auxiliary presented to MYC on March 21, 2013.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Deb Fass: As I was preparing to write this, I looked back at my article for the November issue. It started out "As I write this, it seems like winter – it is 32°F out!" It's disheartening to think that things haven't changed much in five months. It is now still 32°F (and dropping) – only now it is snowing. I sure hope that spring comes soon!

This is my last report as Captain of the MYCLA. The year has certainly flown by. I want to thank all of you who were such a great help to me this past year. I started to list all the members who helped, but in the end, it's not just a few who made the year it a success – it is the entire Auxiliary.

I'd like to remind everyone that the MYCLA Installation Dinner this year is at Lynch's on Friday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. Special congratulations and best wishes to the incoming bridge:

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| Captain: | Dianne Silver |
| First Mate: | Barbara O'Brien |
| Secretary: | Sandy Brophy |
| Treasurer: | Janice Romano |

If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please send them to Janice Romano with the coupon at right. Come join us for a good time with some great people. Our first meeting of the season will be on Friday, May 10, at 8 P.M. in the Snack Shack.

Lastly, Work Weekend is April 13-14. In addition to prepping the gardens and flower pots for spring planting, we will help serve lunch. If you are willing to help, please give Dianne Silver a call.

I wish the incoming bridge a great year. Let's all continue to give them our full support.

Sunshine

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

- Jeff Burtch became ill just after *Ship to Shore* went to press last month. Good to hear that he is doing quite well and that he and Keira are on the return leg of their voyage.
- Good to hear Ken Hyman is doing well after his surgery.
- Speedy mending wishes go to Bill Pigott for some broken toes.

Final Voyages

Our condolences go to the families of:

- Tom Worth, of Closter passed away at age 93 on February 21, 2013. He was a long-time Associate Member at MYC with *Alma II* and gave up his slip in 2003. He was a well-decorated Veteran in the Army Air Force & Civil Air Patrol and enjoyed telling stories about being a helicopter pilot inspector. He was seen visiting the Club last year and will be missed.
- Thomas Dykstra of Suffern who passed away on March 2, 2013, at the age of 59. He was an Associate member since 2011, a dry boat sailer with *Seafarer*.
- Guy and Dotty Plassart on the passing of Frenchy's sister Yvette Hoey, a resident of Haverstraw for 64 years, on March 6, 2013, at the age of 85.

Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner

Friday, April 12, 2013, at 6:30 P.M.

Lynch's Restaurant, 79 S. Liberty Dr. (Route 9W), Stony Point NY
(Location is where Noel's Irish Pub used to be.)

Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCLA,
c/o Debra Fass, 62 Mandon Terrace, Hawthorne NJ 07506

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA, c/o Janice Romano, 45 Cherry Ave., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 10956

Sail Fleet News

From St. John Forbes: On Saturday, March 9, the Sail Fleet held their annual meeting attended by 21 members. The meeting started after a delicious breakfast. The members decided to race throughout the season with 18 races on Saturdays rather than having a Spring and Fall series. To add to the camaraderie and in true MYC tradition, BBQs are planned after the afternoon races. All sailors and Junior Sailors are welcome to attend irrespective of whether they've raced or not. Andy Hudson and Jessie Fitzgerald have done a great job in working with other clubs to come up with joint activities: Andy has arranged for joint Laser races with Nyack Boat Club in April at MYC; Jessie has obtained an invite from Shattemuc YC for our junior sailors to sail there in August. Both of these will be great opportunities for our dinghy sailors. Jessie has also liaised with the other HRYRA clubs who have all invited our Juniors to sail in their regattas. This will be a marvelous experience for them.

The response to our Junior Sailing Program has been fantastic again this year. As of beginning of March we've had 16 applications to fill the 20 available spaces. To further broaden the boating experience of our Junior Sailors, we will be inviting them to assist in the painting and refurbishment of the Optis on May 19.

Report for March from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Dave Tonneson

- ☞ Four members were reviewed for inclusion to the roll of Life Members. All four members have achieved at least 25 years of service in Minisceongo Yacht Club. They are as follows:

Dominick Ferrara
Don Minerick
Bill Pigott
Bob Weismantel

The Board of Directors has approved all four for Life Membership.

- ☞ The Board approved purchase of four (4) new chainsaws to replace the four (4) that were flooded in Hurricane Sandy. The new saws will be the same as the previous saws so used parts will be available using the old saws.
- ☞ Options for purchase of a "Bob Cat" type loader were discussed and one has been located and tried.
- ☞ The Executive Committee was updated on the new clubhouse progress.
- ☞ Winter storage in the area of Jerry's was discussed. A recommendation to block boats in this area, to 8" to 12" higher, was forwarded to the Yard Chairman. The flooding in this area during Hurricane Sandy caused some boats to float off their stands. Raising the blocking would deter this from happening in the future.

This year MYC will be hosting three HRYRA regattas: our traditional landmark Sutherland Regatta on September 21-22, a joint Laser and Opti Regatta on July 27 and the Woman's Regatta on June 15.

Meetings will be set up to finalize the plans for the Junior Sail Camp (scheduled for April 20) and to initiate the planning for the Sutherland and Laser/Opti Regattas. The Sail Fleet is also planning to set up a Junior US Sailing class in May. To bolster the sailing at MYC, we will be initiating an "Introduction to Sailing Experience" for all MYC members interested in participating. Details of this will be published in future editions of *Ship to Shore*. The Sail Fleet will also look into how we can attract more dry-sail members to the club as we have a great venue for dry sailors as they could become future regular members.

As soon as the weather warms up, work parties will be set up to refurbish the Optis. If anyone is interested in assisting please let me or any member of the Sail Fleet know when you would be available.

All Sail Fleet members should invite our Junior sailors on their boats when they go for afternoon cruises or for the weekend races as this could provide valuable experience. There will also be an Open Sailing Day on July 21.

Minisceongo Sailors continue to perform well in all the Hudson River races as reflected in the overall results for all the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association Regattas held last year. We obtained a first in Division 2 (John Nonenmacher in *Breakout*), second in Division 3 (Jessie Fitzgerald in *Gusto*) and 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th in Division 4 (Wayne Mitts (*Transformation*), St John Forbes (*Thomas-A-Hawke*), Bert Rechtschaffer (*A-Train*) and Bob Tamagny (*Dream Chaser*) respectively) out of 60 boats competing across the four divisions.

PHRF Racing Schedule 2013

| Race | Date | Start | Race Marshal |
|------|------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 | Saturday, May 11 | 11:00 | Bob Tamagny |
| 2 | Saturday, May 18 | 15:00 | Andy Hudson |
| 3 | Saturday, May 25 | 11:00 | John Moreno |
| 4 | Saturday, June 1 | 15:00 | Tony Schweiker |
| 5 | Saturday, June 29 | 13:00 | Jessie Fitzgerald |
| 6 | Saturday, July 6 | 10:00 | Walt Moser |
| 7 | Saturday, July 13 | 13:00 | Dick Bracken |
| 8 | Saturday, July 13 | ~15:00 | Dick Bracken |
| 9 | Saturday, August 3 | 10:00 | Jessie Fitzgerald |
| 10 | Saturday, August 10 | 11:00 | Wayne Mitts |
| 11 | Saturday, August 10 | ~13:00 | St John Forbes |
| 12 | Saturday, August 31 | 16:00 | Wayne Mitts |
| 13 | Saturday, September 14 | 12:00 | Bert Rechtschaffer |
| 14 | Saturday, September 14 | ~14:00 | Tony Schweiker |
| 15 | Saturday, October 5 | 10:00 | Walt Moser |
| 16 | Saturday, October 5 | ~12:00 | John Moreno |
| 17 | Saturday, October 12 | 14:00 | Gary Kahn |
| 18 | Saturday, October 19 | 11:00 | Kevin Silver |

Cruising Fleet News

From Cruising Fleet Chairman Jeff Burtch: "Hi" again from sunny Vero Beach, Florida. We are tied up to Captain Dick's dock, on the canal outside their lovely home and are visiting with the Myers and Dragos. Throughout our travels we have met many interesting people. Boaters are a great group, and will always help each other. The best of times have been visiting friends from the MYC family. Special thanks to the West coasters: The Doyles, Occhinos, Cassetas and Williams who were there when we needed them with help and good friendship (see the pictures below), and all the calls and offers of help from all over.

We have crossed the Okeechobee Waterway and our wake, and are now starting north. By April we will be in the Georgia and the Carolinas, and plan to visit with more of the MYC family.

We hear that the Cruising Fleet had six "boats" gather for a great winter weekend cruise to Greenport, LI. Plenty of good fun, lots of laughs with the MYC family. Thanks to Bob and Peggy Tamagny for organizing the weekend.



Photos from Keira Burtch

Louise & Ed Occhino, Keira & Jeff Burtch, Kathleen & Dennis Doyle at dinner near Ft. Myers on February 10.



Todd & Fran Cassetta, Russell & Wendy Williams and Jeff Burtch in Punta Gorda on February 13.



Greenport for Winter Cruise on March 16, 2013. L. to R.: Barbara O'Brien, Janice & Frank Romano, Wayne & Suzanne Mitts, Gary Kahn, John O'Brien, Fran Kahn, Steve & Deb Fass, Peggy & Bob Tamagny.

Photo from John O'Brien

Save These Dates!

April 13-14 Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, May 26 Opening Day

Ask Cptn. Dick

From Dick Myers: Once again *Good Tidings* arrived at my dock on their return up north. As Jeff and Keira pulled in, Jeff shouted out for me not to throw myself in between the boat and the pilings. Something I think about is how hard it is to clean up the mess. In all seriousness, trying to stop a boat from hitting a dock using body parts is not a good idea. By grabbing the boat, pulling on a line or sticking a hand out from the boat, it takes control of the vessel away from the captain. It also puts you in danger of sustaining an injury. If you are a person in the boat, never throw a line unless the captain tells you to and never use arms or legs to stop a boat even if the captain does tell you to. Dings and scratches on a boat are a lot easier to fix than broken or crushed body parts. If you are a dockhand and someone throws you a line, wait for the captain to tell what he or she wants, otherwise, if you start pulling, you are taking control away from the captain. There can be exceptions to the rules, but you have to know what you are doing before you interfere with the boat's course.

Joe Carpenter wants to know where the rat line was in his boat. Good question, Joe, but why do you ask? Maybe a few furry friends aboard? Actually, there is a saying among old time sailors; the first to leave a sinking ship are the rats. So I guess that means, if you have a rat on board, the ship is not sinking. I can hear Joe already vehemently denying that he has any rats on his boat. So, okay Joe, I know you don't, in fact in all my years in MYC I haven't seen a rat except for the rubber one that I had on my boat. I wonder if our winter resident eagles have anything to do with that.

'til next time,

A Look at the Future

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| Tuesday, April 9 | 1930 | Clubhouse | Board of Directors' Meeting |
| Friday, April 12 | 1830 | Lynch's Restaurant | MYCLA Installation Dinner |
| Friday, April 12 | 2000 | Clubhouse | MYC Membership Meeting |
| April 13-14 | 0800 | All Club Facilities | Spring Work Weekend |
| Thursday, April 18 | | Bob Weismantel | Ship to Shore Deadline |
| Thursday, April 18 | 2000 | Clubhouse | Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting |
| Saturday, April 20 | 1100 | Clubhouse | Junior Sail Planning Meeting |
| Sunday, April 21 | T.B.A. | Clubhouse | New Associate Member Orientation |
| Saturday, May 11 | 1100 | Haverstraw Bay | PHRF Race #1 - Tamagny |
| Sunday, May 26 | NOON | Flag Pole & Pavilion | Opening Day Ceremonies & Lunch |
| Sunday, June 16 | 1100-1300 | Pavilion | Father's Day Brunch |
| Saturday, June 29 | T.B.A. | Docks & Pavilion | Cruising Fleet's Dock-Go-Round |
| July 14-19 | T.B.A. | Stony Point Bay | Junior Sailing Camp Week #1 |
| Saturday, July 20 | T.B.A. | Stony Point Bay | Junior Sailing Camp Week #1 Rain date |
| July 22-26 | T.B.A. | Stony Point Bay | Junior Sailing Camp Week #2 |
| Saturday, August 24 | NOON | Sutherland Pavilion | Annual Picnic |
| September 21-22 | | River and Pavilion | Sutherland Regatta |
| Saturday, October 26 | 0800 | All Club Facilities | Fall Workday |