



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web  
Edition*

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## ***From Commodore Andy Hudson***

I can't believe its July already. The season is in full swing, and the harbor is full. People are again swimming at Croton.

Many thanks to the social committee and volunteers for the Father's Day breakfast. It is always a nice affair.

The cruising fleet had the annual dock go round back in June. It's a fun way to meet new people, or get re-acquainted with old friends. We are blessed at Minisceongo with a large harbor and grounds. That means that we tend to socialize mainly with the people on our own dock. The dock go round is a nice way to see how the other half (across the harbor) lives. Years ago, when my wife and I first bought a boat large enough to be at a dock, we had friends who thought we left the club! We always picnicked at the end of a sail by dock 5. There was shade there at the time, and there was always a breeze. Our first slip was on dock 2a, so we often had a meal on the boat, or in the club house. It was half way through the season that Cy and Clarabelle realized we were still at MYC.

Personally, I know how hard it is to get children to wear a life jacket. It is the right thing to do though, especially if they are younger. If you have guests, MYC has life jackets available to lend. They are located in the Snack Shack cabinet. As we socialize, please make sure that you keep an eye on your children. They are always precious and a lot of fun to be around and no one wants a tragedy to happen. On a much lighter note, do watch out for poison ivy. The birds do an excellent job spreading it around. It's no fun to catch, especially if you are a child. There is a long time member with a very amusing story to tell, concerning his experience with poison ivy. He will remain nameless though!

Have a great season! See you on the water.

***Children less than 12 years old  
Must wear PFD/life jackets  
When on MYC docks  
AT ALL TIMES.***

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, July 11, 2014, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## ***Sunshine***

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

♥ Best wishes for speedy recovery to Niel Liquori who is suffering from severe back pain. We hope to see you up and about MYC soon.

## ***Report for June from the Board of Directors From Senior Director Tony Schweiker***

☞ Treasurer Romano reported that \$50K was paid recently to reduce MYC line of credit loan balance.

☞ The Board of Directors discussed options for finishing the grounds and the status of the work to be completed on the bulkhead at Dock 6

☞ Emergency funding was approved to replace a channel marker light that was damaged or vandalized.

☞ Three new barbecue grills were approved for purchase. Separately, repair parts were also approved for the existing grills.

☞ MYC WiFi needs to be upgraded. Plans are underway to select the best course of action.

☞ The Directors discussed the upcoming events for this years' Sail Camp and the location of the overnight camp out.

☞ A temporary boat shed located near the picnic ground area will be removed by the end of June by its owner.

☞ Bids for kitchen equipment have been submitted to the Italian American Club.

☞ Plans for filling pot holes around the Clubhouse with blacktop were approved.

***The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Monday, July 21, 2014.***

## **The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary**

*From Captain Karen Hudson:*

Summer is now officially in full swing. It already seems to be going by much too quickly. I can't believe I am writing this for the July newsletter.

Our June meeting was very well attended. I'm sure it had a lot to do with our program for the evening. We experienced a "Chair Yoga" class with Jackie Kahn. We all learned some new postures and, I for one, felt wonderfully rejuvenated by the end of the evening. Jackie did a great job even with our limited space. Special thanks to Jackie and also to Miriam Raber who made the arrangements for Jackie to share her talent with us. Following the yoga we were treated to make your own "Ice Cream Sunday" brought to us by Janice Anderson, Linda Ferraro and Kathy Bogert. Thanks, ladies for a great way to end a very enjoyable night!

Janice Romano reported that our Ship's Store is doing well and we are adding new items to our inventory which will be ready for the picnic in August. Our two main sources of funds are our Ship's Store and our raffle. We appreciate your support of both of these efforts. Remember that our funds go to support our beautiful club!

It was good to see many of our members at the "Dock-Go-Round". What a fun time going around and visiting the various docks and seeing other boats. The weather gods smiled on us once again to make a perfect afternoon of fun, food and fellowship.

Our first "Coffee and Conversation" gathering for this season will be Saturday, July 12 in the Snack Shack from 9:00 to 11:00. Join us for coffee, tea, bagels, muffins, juice and good fellowship.

Back by popular demand, Dianne Silver will bring us Bunco for our program after our July business meeting. I look forward to a fun evening and seeing you all there!

### ***Coffee and Conversation***

***Saturday, July 12 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM -  
Snack Shack***

*Coffee, Tea*

*Juice*

*Bagels*

*Muffins*

*Good Fellowship*

***Sponsored by the MYC Auxiliary***



## ***MYC Auxiliary Raffle***

***Prizes include:***

\* One Night **FREE** Voucher for Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Peekskill, NY **PLUS** \$50 Harbor at Charles Point Restaurant Dinner Gift Certificate

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\* \$100 Home Depot Gift Card at the Palisades Center Mall in West Nyack, NY

\* \$50 Lynch's Restaurant Dinner Gift Certificate in Stony Point

\* \$25 Fireside Steak Pub Dinner Gift Certificate in Stony Point

***The cost of tickets is \$2 for 1 ticket***

***or \$10 for 6 tickets***

*Please send enclosed tickets with a check made out to MYCA c/o Janice Romano 45 Cherry Ave., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520*

*Additional tickets can be purchased from Janice Anderson (Dock 1), Dianne Silver & Patti Beringer (Dock 3), or Janice Romano & Barbara O'Brien (Dock 5).*

***The drawing for winners will be held on August 23  
at the Annual MYC Picnic.***

## ***Sail Fleet News***

*From Captain Dennis Doyle:*

### **Junior Sailors - Get ready, Get set!**

The Junior Sailing Camp begins :

\* **Saturday, July 12th and Sunday, July 13th**, from 9AM (0900 hours ) until 2PM (1400 hours) both days;

\* **Monday, July 14th through Friday, July 18th** at 5PM (1700 hours),

\* **Monday, July 21st through Friday, July 25th** at 5PM (1700 hours).

\* Junior Sail Regatta on **Saturday, July 26.**

The Optis are ready and waiting. All students must be swimmers and have a life vest. Parents and volunteers, your participation is needed on shore to aid in the organizing and launching of boats, as well as checking rigging and life vests. Also, we need people with dinghies to help on the river in the role of "chase boats." The MYC workboat will be on the river to aid the juniors with ice and cold water.

Also, there will be an Opti regatta on Saturday, July 26th. Time to learn and have FUN!!! See you there.

## Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Keira Burtch:

This year we were lucky to have gorgeous weather for the **Dock-Go-Round**. About seventy-five people walked the docks and enjoyed good food, drinks and, of course, good company. Many boats were open for visitors, and lots of people took advantage of the opportunity to see the boats and meet new people. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a fun day.

**Cruise to Long Island Sound and beyond:** As soon as sail camp is over we will be taking off for the annual cruise. We will leave on **Sunday, July 27 and return around August 8**. This year we are going to Long Island Sound and beyond. Our stops include: Manhasset, Port Jefferson, Clinton, Stonington/Watch Hill, Westbrook, Milford, Northport and City Island.

Please contact me for further information or if you have questions about the trip. If you have never cruised overnight or to the sound, this is a great opportunity. It is reassuring to have other boats with you, and lots of fun to be with friends along the way.

**MYC** has placed  
**Green Recycling Containers**  
throughout our grounds.

**PLEASE DO NOT**  
put any refuse, food or other non-recycling  
items in these containers.  
Dumpsters are provided for garbage.



## DSC/VHF radio, GPS and MMSI

Excerpted from BoatUS web page

**Your VHF radio equipped with *Digital Selective Calling (DSC)* is the single most important piece of safety equipment you can have on board your vessel.**

DSC allows the radio to transfer information digitally, not just by voice, and to instantly send a digital distress alert to the Coast Guard. Part of that alert is a nine-digit **Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number** that identifies your boat. The MMSI number is a bit like a phone number for your boat. Without an MMSI, the digital functions on a DSC-equipped VHF radio will not function. The MMSI number must be registered in a database (Available for free through BoatUS or SeaTow) that is relayed to the Coast Guard for use in Search and Rescue and the **new Rescue 21 system**.

DSC-equipped radios also need to be *interfaced with a GPS* when they are installed so that your position will be sent with the emergency message in a distress situation. You might be tempted to skip this step. Don't! According to the Coast Guard, even though all VHF's sold in the U.S. are required by law to have DSC functionality, 90 percent of the boats with GPS and VHF units onboard don't have them properly interfaced – even though DSC (which gives the Coast Guard your exact location, identity, and boat information automatically, if you make a mayday call), is one of the best and most cost-effective safety features available today.

*Getting your GPS and VHF to communicate* is a lot easier than most people think. The units talk via an NMEA data stream (NMEA 0183 and/or NMEA 2000) that requires just two wiring connections: an NMEA data in/out, and a ground. Unfortunately there's no standard color coding for these wires, so you'll have to refer to your owner's manuals to find out which wire is which. Once you've done so, connect the GPS data-out wires with the VHF data-in wires, by crimping on butt connectors.

For further, very clear, information on this subject, check out the Coast Guard Auxiliary web site:

<http://a0701408.uscgaux.info/pages/Articles/DSC-VHF.htm>

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Guess where the picture on the left was taken.



### Interesting Tidbit

This week, while reading the latest Passagemaker Magazine, I came across Carolyn Shearlock's "Tip of the Month" (July/August p. 92). She states that you can protect your small electronics from lightning by simply putting them in your microwave or regular oven. Both act as a "Faraday Cage" that safely conducts the electricity around the outside of the cage, protecting anything inside.

Clearly you can't protect your hard-wired main electronics, but you can protect handheld VHF, GPS, cell phone, tablet, e-reader, camera, card readers/data cards and even a laptop.

Just don't forget to remove them before cooking!

### US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check

Available by appointment  
Contact Jim Barnard 352-516-9635  
or sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board

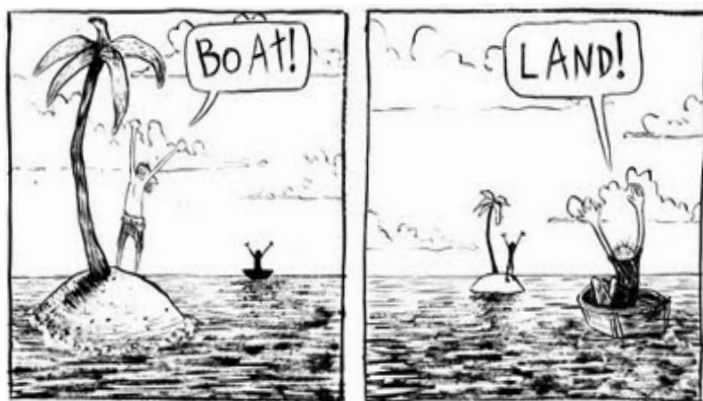
### Classified

#### FOR SALE:

Used electric Power Caster =  
Maneuver small boat/utility trailer in tight spots.  
\$250 - or best offer  
John Funk

#### FOR SALE:

Taylor Hull-Gard 12"  
**Inflatable Vinyl Dock Wheel** (corner),  
brand new, still in box.  
Defender price \$150. **sell \$75.**  
Dick Bracken



### A Look at the Future

Saturday, July 5	1400	River	PHRF Race #6 - Burtch
Saturday July 5	after 1st race	River and picnic area	PHRF Race #7 and BBQ - Burtch
Tuesday, July 8	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, July 11	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, July 11	2000	Snack Shack	MYC Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, July 12	900-1100	Snack Shack	MYCA Breakfast
July 12 thru July 25		Pavilion and River	Jr. Sailing Camp
Thursday, July 17	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, July 19	1400	River	PHRF Race #8 - Mitts
Monday, July 21		Keira Burtch	Ship to Shore Deadline
Saturday, July 26	TBA	River and Pavilion	Jr. Sail Regatta
July 27 thru August 8		Cruising Fleet	Cruise to LI Sound and beyond
Saturday, August 2	1400	River	PHRF Race #9 - Moser
Saturday, August 9	1400	River	PHRF Race #10 - Schweiker
August 16 and 17		Kingston	ACBS Show
Saturday, August 23	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 20 and 21		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 18	800	All Club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 22	1830	Nyack Seaport	Change of Watch

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