



# Ship to Shore

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## 2016 Bridge Officers

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Dock 5: John Funk  
Dock 6: Rich Brienza

**Fall Work Day**  
**Oct 22 at 8am**

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, October 14, 2016, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## From Commodore Wayne Mitts:

I would like to start this month's article by saying if it never snowed again it would be too soon. Unfortunately, fall has arrived and winter is coming. The yard committee will begin hauling boats very soon. Please get your haul out request to Yard Chairman Roger Weiland ASAP so he can accommodate you as best as possible.

I would like to take a minute to thank the Social committee led by Bill Gooley and assisted by Rear Commodore Rich Brienza, John Verengia, and all the volunteers that helped, for all their planning and hard work to provide lots of great food, games, pony rides, etc during the annual picnic. A great time was had by all and the weather certainly cooperated. If you didn't attend this year, you should think about attending next year. And if you attend next year you should think about volunteering for 1 hour to help the Social committee do what they do so well.

I would also like to thank the MYC Auxiliary, Capt Susan Koster, and all the Aux volunteers for all the work they do. I've said it before and I'll say it again, we wouldn't be what we are without their help and support.

We have had a few very successful events in the past few weeks. The annual Laser regatta was a great success, regardless of the oppressive heat and humidity. The Women's regatta, although not organized by MYC, was hosted in our pavilion, and again was very successful. And last but not least, the Sutherland Regatta was held on Sept. 17 and 18. There were 21 sailboats out racing, with 5 MYC boats taking awards: Fleet 1 first place Jonathon Rechtshaffer (Emoticon), Fleet 3 first place Jessie Fitzgerald (Gusto), second place Jim Dwyer (Insatiable), and Fleet 4 second place Predrag Knezevic (Tramontana), and third place Tony Schweiker (Breaking Wind). I'd say MYC was

well represented. I need to thank Keira and Jeff Burtch for volunteering their boat, Kevin Silver for being PRO, and all the volunteers that helped on the committee boat. Again thanks to the social committee and volunteers that helped provide the food during the regatta. Special thanks go to Race Fleet Chair Jessie Fitzgerald for all the work she did to make the Regatta a great success, although she was going through a very difficult time personally and physically.

And finally, I want to remind all regular members that fall work day is coming up on Sat, 10/22 at 8:00am. All regular members are required to be there on time to help the club prepare for the winter.

Have a great fall and I hope to see you all around the club or on the river.



photo by Ginger Weismantel

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## New Clubhouse

From Chairman Ed Gutierrez

The membership approved the clubhouse overall design at the September meeting.

The committee will be meeting with the architect to see what is needed before getting a set of plans for bidding and town approvals.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday October 26, 2016.**

## Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC  
Miriam Raber for MYCA*

- ♥ Brittany Schweiker, daughter of Tony and Lori, married Michael Broomhead in a destination wedding in Cooperstown, New York on October 1, 2016.
- ♥ Jacqueline Quinn, granddaughter of Bob and Donna Kiefer, married Jonathan Riegel on September 10, 2016.
- ♥ Best wishes to Bert Rechtschaffer who will have heart surgery on October 17.

## Cruising Fleet

*From Chairman Don Rubin*

September is always a good time of year for a road trip to the Newport R.I. Boat Show. This show has something for everyone, sailboats, powerboats and any accessory you need for a pleasurable boating adventure. On the way to Newport, stop at Defenders, as they are also running boat shows specials this time of year, followed by a quick stop in the Mystic marine consignment shop. You never know what you will find.

Finally, arriving at the show you need to decide if you want to start under the tents for accessories and everything boating related or just run out to the docks to check out the latest boats. I had to go to the tents first. I was looking for some boat hardware that I was having custom-made by Garhauer Marine. They make some of the nicest looking, well-made and reasonably priced hardware, and if you send them a drawing they can fabricate any parts that you "need" for your boat.

At the Cruising Outpost magazine booth were the two young ladies, who recently completed a round trip from Michigan to Florida and the Bahamas on a 27-foot sailboat. You can follow their adventures on their blog which includes videos, pictures and written narration. They were great to talk with about their trip. They recently sold their boat, "Louise" and are getting back into the life of landlubbers trying to make some money before starting their next adventure.

Then it was on to the docks. They had some beautiful boats, almost all out of my price range. I checked out a couple of sailboats in the 38-57 feet range. They all looked pretty comfortable. On the powerboat side some of the 50-60 feet boats were also pretty nice. As always, if you have to ask, then you probably can't afford it.

## Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

*From Captain Susan Koster*

Autumn is here and there is no better time to sail the Hudson River than when the air is crisp and the winds are plentiful.

The September auxiliary meeting covered a variety of subjects. Nominations were made and accepted for new bridge officers. Next year's bridge will consist of: Captain - Lori Schweiker, First Mate - Susan Koster, Treasurer - Helen Brown, Secretary - Marianne Frasco.

Thanks go to Curt Koster who demonstrated a variety of sailor's knots and provided each member with a sample line and instructions on tying knots. There is no doubt that our seamanship skills have improved.

The MYC Auxiliary Raffle was a great success and thanks go to all the members and guests who participated in this fund raising effort. The winners included: Two Night Stay at Jersey Shore Cottage - Janice Senackerib, \$200 West Marine Gift Certificate - Robert Kamisaroff, \$100 West Marine Gift Certificate - Patrick Bartolatto, Baskets of Cheer - Dave Horne, Mark Hechinger, Erik Vandenberg, John Moreno, Predrag Knezevic, Jim Dyer, Kalman Poltorack.



photo by Susan Koster

**Curt Koster  
demonstrating knot tying**

The October MYCA meeting will begin at 7:30 pm instead of the usual 8 pm on October 14. Attendees should bring an appetizer or dessert for our Autumn Party. All are welcome, so come join us for a fun evening.

This year's Holiday Party will be held on December 4 at 1 pm. As always Santa will bring gifts for the children. Please see the separate notice in this publication for more details about the event.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

## Grounds Committee

*From Chairman Chris Vicidomini*

Hard to believe we are getting ready for winter. We have made many improvements to the grounds over this past season and I would like to thank all the people that helped to make the club look as nice as it does today.

We are getting ready for fall work day on October 22 and will have a list of things to finish for year's end. Hope to see you all then.

## **Silver Lining Cruise:** *continued from September*

Our departure from Old Saybrook was delayed by the threat of thunderstorms and small craft warnings. We were pleasantly surprised by the much better winds than forecasted and sailed for the better part of the afternoon to [Bruce and Johnsons Marina](#) in Branford, CT.

Monday's destination was [Milford Landing](#) which is all the way in the harbor and is walking distance to town. The entrance into Milford looks deceptively simple but pay close attention to the charts as there are shallows and rocks all over.

After small craft warnings were lifted we motored most of the way and then concluded the day's journey with a two hour sail to [Cove Marina in Norwalk](#). There are [two approaches to Norwalk](#) from the east and west. We approached from the east which requires paying close attention to avoid shallow waters. Beware of the final approach to Cove Marina. We approached at low tide and there are sections of the entrance that are silted with as little as 3 ½ feet. They plan to dredge this winter so hopefully this will be a thing of the past.

We left Norwalk via the western approach which was so much easier than the day prior. We had a fine sail to Northport on a reach with light wind from the East and picked up a mooring from [Seymours Boat Yard](#). Northport and Oyster Bay to the west are great

### ***What we did right:***

Kept our cool after hitting the rocks in New London and used the genoa to spin the boat around off the ledge.

We paid close attention to the weather.

Leaving early in the morning avoided weather issues and improved the quality of our cruise.

Reviewed the course and alternative destinations with all aboard.

### ***What we would do to improve our experience:***

Plan a less aggressive itinerary and spend more time in a specific geographic area. We could have spent all two weeks exploring destinations in Fishers island Sound and the Twin Forks on Long Island

There's so much to see at most ports so our plan next year is to spend an extra day at each destination to explore.

Pay closer attention to rock warnings!

## **Social Committee**

*From Assistant Chairman John Verrengia*

We would like to send SPECIAL THANKS for help with the Annual picnic:

\* **Gary Raffa** for re-plumbing the propane lines for the grills He also repaired the 2 corn cookers as well as the stove and oven. In between he ran to Dock 5 for an emergency repair which was a water line break shooting water in the air. Also special thanks to **Dave Horne** for making the custom snap on griddle covers as well as spending several days shopping with Bill for food and beverages along with his truck and fuel.

\* **MaryAnn and Chris Durland** for preparing the Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan foods and manning the area all day.

\* **Susan Hawthorne** for the refreshing Sangria

\* **Marcia Kime** for the wonderful cupcakes

\* **Susan and Paul Van Alstyne** at check-in

\* **Predrag & Eleonora Knezevic** for their endless help with everything

\* All of our gracious servers especially the **Rabers**

\* And of course to our "go to" guys, **John Bogert, Eric Vandenberg, Jim Hawthorne & Peter Alfieri** who are always there to help and showed off their great grilling skills, especially with the steaks.

*(Silver Lining continued)*

destinations. Both have nice towns to visit and offer excellent choices for dining.

The next morning we sailed in light wind for a few hours and then motored to [Hempstead Harbor \(Glen Cove\)](#). There are numerous clubs and a Brewers marina but we elected to anchor on the western side of the harbor for a quiet evening. Our plan to head for City Island late morning the next day was thwarted by radar imaging indicating oncoming storms. We hailed [Hempstead Harbour Club](#) and they graciously allowed us temporary use of a mooring and launch so we could wait out the storm in their club house before motoring to [City Island Yacht Club](#). City Island is the last destination before entering the East River into New York Harbor. It is an interesting place to visit with a number of restaurants.

Leaving at 4:45AM we had no East River traffic, no annoying DEP ships and virtually no traffic except two ferries. Probably the best trip home we ever had and with winds from the south we motor sailed up the Hudson arriving at MYC by noon!

## Director's Report for August 2016

From Senior Director Bob Tamagny

- \* Guest Presentation: Ed Occhino gave a proposal to install a Bocce Ball Court. The board took no action at this time.
- \* John Vertenza gave a report on the Social Committee's needs for the coming year.
- \* Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hawthorne gave a detailed report and it was noted that our outstanding invoices have been greatly reduced.
- \* Membership: Four members will be read for probationary membership under "New Business".
- \* The Stony Point Fire Inspector will be on the grounds Sept. 24 for an inspection. For the 2017 budget monies will be put aside for the purchase of small fire extinguishers to be placed on all club vehicles and machines.
- \* SPEDES work in the "Pit Area" will be completed before the October "Work Day".
- \* Director Ferraro has resigned his position on the Board of Directors due to personal reasons. The executive committee voted to have Mark Hechinger serve out the remaining three months of this year.
- \* Years of Service pins will be given out at the Change of Watch. The Board approved the list of names Vice Commodore Basley presented. Also at the Change of Watch Andy Hudon will be recognized as a Life Member and George Basley will become an Honorary Life Member.



## Holiday Party

Sunday, December 4, at 1 pm

Lunch and dessert will be served.

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$3.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you bring a child, please remember to bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it for Santa to distribute. All gifts should be less than \$20.00.*

Mail registration form and check to:  
 MYCA c/o Helen Brown, 241 Jaycox Rd,  
 Cold Spring, NY 10516  
**RSVP before Nov 30**

Clubhouse decorating: Sunday, November 27, 1 pm  
 Clubhouse un-decorating: Sunday January 8, 1 pm  
 Contact Janice Senackerib to volunteer for set up or  
 clean up at: joesenackerib@juno.com

### NEED NON-TOX?

Order now:  
 call John Funk

### Yard Committee From Chairman Roger Wieland

The scheduled haulout weekends are:

October 22 & 23 and 29 & 30, November 5 & 6 and 12 & 13

We start at 0800 hrs. When you arrive please sign in on the chalk board. Check your stands and lubricate them. We provide the blocking and plywood for under the stands. The schedule is posted on the MYC web site, in the Club House and the Snack Shack. Any questions call me on my cell or email.

### A Look at the Future

Saturday, October 8	1400	River	PHRF Race #13/14 Fitzgerald
Tuesday, October 11	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, October 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, October 14	<b>**1930**</b>	Snack Shack	MYCA meeting
Thursday, October 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, October 22	0800	All club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Wednesday, October 26		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, November 19		Patriot Hills	Change of Watch
Sunday, December 4	1300	Clubhouse	Holiday Party

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- ▶ Please report changes of *address or phone number* to Jim Hawthorne:
- ▶ Please send *articles and e-mail address changes* to Keira Burtch:
  - ▶ Please send *items for the web page* to Andy Hudson:

# Sutherland Regatta

photos by Ginger Weismantel



photo by Barbara Fitzgerald



# Minisceongo Celebrates Halloween

photos supplied by Peggy Tamagny



## A Bit of MYC History - From Dick Bracken

I found this old photo of Gerry and me at the MYC flagpole with our first four (final total.. six children...) at the MYC Sutherland Regatta (Lightnings only), May 1963. Gerry was almost 25 and my 29th birthday was just around the corner.



*Pictured at left:* Children L-R, Pamela, Patricia, Joseph, Brendan with Gerry and Dick Bracken  
Wooden Lightnings from MYC and NBC in the background.  
At the time, I was crewing for veteran NBC skipper Joe Hoffee.