



Ship to Shore

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2016 Bridge Officers

Commodore Wayne Mitts
Vice Commodore Art Basley
Rear Commodore Rich Brienza
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne
Secretary Keira Burtch

2016 Board of Directors

Bob Tamagny
Joe Senackerib
Mark Hechinger
Andy Hudson
Kevin Silver

2016 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Ray Testasecca
Dock 2/3: Don Rubin
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib
Dock 5: John Funk
Dock 6: Rich Brienza



Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 9, 2016, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

From Commodore Wayne Mitts:

As the end of the year approaches, I want to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commodore this year. It's been an incredible year for me. When I think about the projects we've gotten done, our 75th anniversary celebration, and all the good times we had as a club, I realize how special Minisceongo Yacht Club is. And let me say again, none of it could have happened without your support.

I want to thank all the Committee Chairs, members, and volunteers for all your work this year. Thank you to the Auxiliary for your support. And thanks to the Board and Bridge. You all made my job so much easier. I was told the year would go by quickly, and it certainly did.

The change of Watch and Installation of Officers has passed. Needless to say everything went well. The food was excellent, the music was great, and as far as I could see, everybody had a great time. And Patriot Hills is a beautiful venue.

De-Ice Committee

From Chairman Joe Paccione

Please remove:

All fenders, dock lines, hoses and personal items from the main docks and fingers.

Items not removed may be found by the clubhouse.

(Dock 1 side)

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

Did you lose brand new life jackets?

They blew off someone's boat into the yard security beam and set off the ALARM.

Contact Chris Durland



photo by John O'Brien

The New Board and Bridge are Sworn In at the Change of Watch

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The proposed budget for 2017 was presented at the membership meeting last month and will be voted on at the December meeting. You should look it over before the meeting and if you have any questions contact Art Basley.

Last but not least I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season. For those of us that don't fly south with the birds, stay warm this winter, and I look forward to seeing you all in the spring.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday December 28, 2016.

Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

From Captain Susan Koster

It is already December and that means we can all think of enhancements to our boats and outline those winter projects. The boating season is only 5 months away!

Some things to think about over the winter is what kinds of programs we might want to have for the next season. All suggestions will be welcome by the new officers. Once again the Auxiliary Bridge for the 2017 season is as follows:

- * Captain - Lori Schweiker
- * First Mate - Susan Koster
- * Secretary - Marianne Frasco
- * Treasurer - Helen Brown

The Auxiliary can not function with out the participation of all the members in the various committees. Please advise Lori Schweiker of your ability to contribute to any of the following committees: Refreshments, Saturday Morning Coffee, Holiday Party, Programs, Raffle, Audit.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.



photo by Curt Koster

*The Auxiliary Twins
Susan Koster and Marianne Frasco*

Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC
Miriam Raber for MYCA*

- ♥ Best wishes to Dave Schrage who is now home recovering after open heart surgery.
- ♥ Gordon Sabol is also recuperating from heart surgery. Best wishes for speedy recovery.
- ♥ Get well soon to Bill Pigott who had cataract surgery.
- ♥ Our prayers go out to several members who are fighting cancer.



photo by John O'Blenis

Yard Committee

From Chairman Roger Wieland

This year we hauled 109 boats. The following Members helped during the hauling season: Associate, John O'Blenis, John Hellik, Harry Tyler and Gary Raffa. Probationary, John Bogert, Frank Brown, Yogi Scheffold, and Chris Durland. Thank you for your hard work.

My thanks and gratitude go to the Yard Committee for their dedication, strong work ethic and great attitude. You Guys are the best!

A special thanks to Yard Member Bill Gooley for going above and beyond in providing us with coffee, buns and lunch. And to Regular Member John Kime who is not on the Yard Committee but was there all the time helping out.

Thanks to the Members who donated to our coffee fund and to those who provided food, doughnuts, bagels and liquid refreshment.

On a more serious note here are some things to remember when you visit your boat this winter:

- * Secure your ladder to your boat before climbing aboard.
- * If you plug into the electric, be sure to unplug before you leave.
- * Do not tie the lines for your cover to the jack stands.
- * When checking your boat, if something doesn't look right, call me.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

The 2016 Race Fleet results are in! Congratulations!

- 1st - Tramontana - Predrag Knezevic (pictured at left) receives award from Andy Hudson
- 2nd - Transformation - Wayne Mitts
- 3rd - Breaking Wind - Tony Schweiker

Cruising Fleet *From Chairman Don Rubin*

Looks like the boating on Hudson season is really over. The last boat in the harbor was taken out on a trailer, the gap closer is in the gap and a bunch of guys put the de-icing circulators on the docks ready to be installed. Hope you all had a great time at the Change of Watch last weekend. The food was great and the band did an excellent job. I am proud and honored to have received my second Mud Hook award. I out did myself this time! If you haven't pushed yourself to the limit of common sense, you will never receive this prestigious award.

Several members have mentioned the possibility of a nautical flea market in the spring. I'm sure most of you have some things that you would like to get out of the house. Most likely we will schedule it for March or April. Start getting your "extra boat parts" together.

This month's boating adventure takes us to **Lake George**. According to my research, there are 170 islands on Lake George; you can rent a campsite on 44 of them. We met a cruiser buddy at Bolton's Landing and sailed out to his campsite. His site had a dock to tie up, a porta-john, picnic table, grill, fire-ring and platform to setup a tent. We used his platform to setup a playpen for his young daughter. A reservation is required for day use or for overnight camping. There are three main groups of islands available for camping on Lake George, Long Island Group, Glen Island Group and Narrow Island Group. The Lake George police stopped by at the campsite to do a discharge test on his boat.

Lake George is a strict "no discharge" waterbody. A dye tablet was put into his head and bilge. If they see orange in the water there is a substantial fine. Regular boaters on the lake are very careful not to allow any discharge.

We spent the afternoon touring amongst the islands with some time getting dragged around behind the boat on a tube. Yep, that was a lot of fun. At least the kids seemed to like it! Back at the dock, we lit a fire and grilled some burgers and dogs. Of course some adult beverages tasted pretty good after a hot day on the water.



photo by Keira Burtch

Lake George in Winter - Almost Frozen

My previous sailing adventure at Lake George was on my 12-foot Wildflower. This sloop-rigged boat was manufactured by the folks that brought you the KOOL foam sailboat, although this boat was much beamier and stable. I was staying at a small motel in Diamond Point that had a small dock. It was one of my first days using the boat and I was new to the sport. The wind was howling, maybe 15 knots, blowing off the shore. It was easy getting off the dock out into the lake but even then the wind seemed kind of strong for this size boat. My friend

strongly suggested that we had been out long enough and that perhaps our lives were in danger. After I turned the boat to head back, it seemed like the wind had significantly increased. It seemed like a good time to take the jib down. I think the boat was really designed to be sailed flat but the boat didn't seem to cooperate! Somehow I was able to get control of the boat and get us safely back to the dock. I had to buy an expensive dinner to make up for the near disaster/near death experience.

After a good night's sleep, we woke to a bright sunny day, perfect for another day on the water. So we loaded up the boat with sandwiches, chips and drinks and decided to give it another shot. Once again we were easily able to sail off the dock and putter around for a while. But wouldn't you know it, it was still pretty windy out on the lake. Darn! Some people are slow to learn. The conditions on the lake were exactly like the day before. It was too windy and too rough for

the intrepid little boat and its crew. But this time I knew how to get out of this situation and it only cost me another way too expensive dinner.

If you are interested in boating on Lake George there is a website with rules and regulations for boaters. <http://www.lakegeorge.com/boating/regulations.cfm>.

Darn, I didn't see this caution in the list. "Remember to be prepared for sudden weather changes." The shape of Lake George, 32 miles long and 3 miles wide at its breadth, makes it oblong and narrow and ripe for furious winds.

Director's Report for November 2016

From Senior Director Bob Tamagny

* Due to a long time aging storage bill, Vice Commodore Basley will contact MYC's lawyer to commence with lien procedures.

* A suggestion to implement a form for members to submit before receiving reimbursement was discussed. No decision was made at this time. Vice Commodore Basley will get input from committee chairman before a decision is made.

* The Executive Committee is still working to remove two boats from the grounds due to their lack of insurance.

* **SPEDES** work at the pit area will now be done at the end of the haul out season.

* **New web site:** Question about setting up a PayPal account on our new website was discussed. After some discussion it was decided to first get the new site up and running. The use of a PayPal account will be revisited at a later date.

* **Weed control in the Basin:** Director Silver will try to have a permit in place by February. No action can be taken for the 2017 season.

* A review of the 2017 budget was presented by Vice Commodore Basley. A membership vote will be held in December.

* **Long term land storage:** A discussion as to the need for a policy change on long term boat storage was held. This issue will be further researched and will be placed on the December agenda for further discussion.

* **Committee Assignments:** Vice Commodore Basley distributed the proposed assignments for review with action to be taken in December.

* **Fueling Boat in the Yard:** The Board has placed a moratorium on the practice until a number of concerns can be resolved.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

As winter is getting near and the cold weather is slowly arriving, the grounds work is coming to an end.

Thank you to all the grounds crew and members for such a great job. They really kept our club looking great.

Just as a reminder, as you drive in the main entrance we put new sod to the left lawn area and are trying to maintain the lawn there now so please don't park there over the winter, thank you.

Happy Holidays to all.

*Reserve the date:
Commodore's Reception
Sunday, January 15 at 2pm
further information - next issue*



A Look at the Future

Sunday, December 4	1300	Clubhouse	Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 6	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, December 9	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, December 28		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Sunday, January 15	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception

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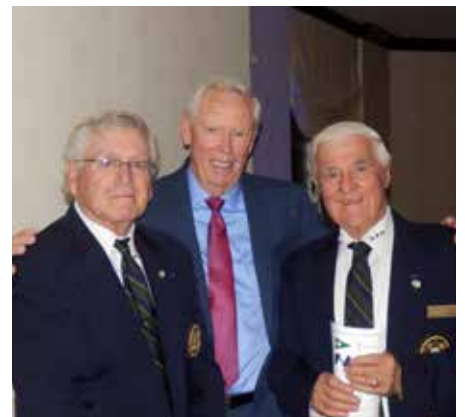
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Change of Watch - Ceremony

photos by John O'Brien



Change of Watch - The Party photos by John O'Brien

