



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web  
Edition*

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## **Message from Commodore Bob Tamagny**

I know we have had some year so far. First the Northeast had an earthquake, then Hurricane Irene blew in. However, I still would like to start this month's message with a few Thank Yous.

Thank you Ladies Auxiliary Captain Janice Senackerib and the entire auxiliary. This group works hard for MYC in ways that are often not mentioned. Whenever you see someone wearing clothing with MYC on it you can thank the ladies for running a well-stocked Ship's Store. Sunday morning "Coffee Plus" events have provided yet another opportunity to enjoy some light food and fun conversation with other members. Sometimes it is difficult to go from dock to dock seeing everyone, but Coffee Plus helps us keep in touch with those on the other docks. Thank you Ladies also for our new Clubhouse flag. Our old flag was so faded over the years, it was no longer red, white and blue. Now old glory is back to its proper colors and place of honor in the Clubhouse.

Another Thank You goes to all that helped to batten down the hatches before Irene came blowing in. Our grounds were cleared so nothing would blow around and of course our boats were secured with extra care. As a result of everyone's efforts, we had very little damage. It was good to see everyone walking the docks helping each other to take on the winds of Irene. Now if we could only do something about the debris in the river. The pictures that are posted on our web site say it all about the flooding, but all in all MYC was very lucky.

## **Non-toxic Antifreeze Available**

*From Past Commodore John Funk*

Haul out time and winterizing is starting soon, non-toxic antifreeze is available again this year, for those who want it. See John Funk, call him at cell: [see hard copy for number], or e-mail him at: [see hard copy] to order. Price: \$4.00/gal; \$24.00/case of six gal.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, October 14, 2011, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

My last Thank You goes to all that helped and sailed in the Leukemia Cup Regatta. This first time on the Hudson fundraiser was organized by the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association of which MYC is a member. With our members serving on different committees, this joint effort among the different clubs helped to raise over \$65,000.

Upcoming events this month will include:

- ✶ Voting for a slate of officers for next year
- ✶ Dredging report update by Joe Paccione
- ✶ Hauling of boats. Please have your boat ready when it's your turn to be hauled and listen to Andy when he tells you to oil your stands before you need them.

*"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm."*

— Publilius Syrus

## **Yard Reminders**

*From Chairman Andy Hudson:* By the time you read this, the fall haul schedule will have been posted. If you aren't on it, but want to be, e-mail Andy Hudson at: [see hard copy]. Remember to find and check your stands, and have chain for the sailboat stands. Realize that if you come out late, you may need to launch at the end of April because you could be blocking other boats from their launch. Please don't come out late and plan repairs which could delay your launch.

Also, if you are shrink wrapping your boat, you are responsible for removing the shrink wrap from the Club property.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, October 20, 2011.**

## Ask Capt. Dick

**From Dick Myers:** Wow, talk about confusing. Try reading the nautical rules of the road regarding sound signals. Here you are running along nice and comfortable when the boat behind you sounds one blast of his horn. You're supposed to know that he intends to overtake you on your starboard side. Now you are meeting head on. One blast means he intends to pass you on your port side. Okay, now, you're crossing, and he blows one blast. At this point, you panic, stop the boat and try to figure out what he means.

The simplest way to understand what the horn sounds mean is to remember one blast means I'm altering course to starboard, two blasts means I'm altering course to port. This works in all situations. If you know what way he/she is turning, you can figure out on which side he/she wants to pass you. In inland waters, you should repeat the sound signal if you agree or blow five short blasts (danger) if you disagree.

Speaking of five short blasts, in case you haven't noticed, I have a tendency to embellish my answers to questions. Last month I stated that Bob Tamagny, myself, and his grandson were in the channel with a big barge bearing down, frantically blowing five blasts of his horn at us. No Peg, we did not have your grandson in the channel, it was another boat that was in front of the barge, but Brendan did ask the question, and I embellished.

**Ask Captain Dick:** Sometimes I get questions that are so easy that I ignore them. But in retrospect, if I ignore the questions people send in, they will get discouraged and stop sending in questions to ask Capt. Dick. Therefore, I have taken two simple questions this month. Ed Occhino wants to know what a pig stick is, and everyone knows that that's the toothpick that you use to eat the little hotdogs with. The other question is from Ginger Weismantel: What is a pushpit? That's the grill you have on the rail of your boat to grill those little hotdogs, and you push them around to grill them evenly. When you pick them up with your pig stick, they will really taste good, especially if you dunk them in hot mustard.

*'til next time,*

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## The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

**From Captain Janice Senackerib:** As the boating season begins to wind down, the Ladies Auxiliary finds itself busy planning for the next season.

It is my pleasure to announce the nominations for next year's Bridge Officers:

Captain:	Deb Fass
First Mate:	Ginger Weismantel
Secretary:	Donna Stevenson
Treasurer:	Janice Romano

Thanks to our Nominating Committee for an outstanding job.

Our last MYCLA Sunday Coffee has come and gone; many thanks go to all the hostesses who worked hard to make them a success.

The last MYCLA meeting for the season will be on Friday, October 14, in the Snack Shack. We will be having appetizers and desserts so please join us.

For any of you who have not joined us during the summer months; why not give us a try in October? You get an evening short on business and long on fun and friendship.

The ladies are looking for new ideas and suggestions for meetings and special events. If you have any specific interests, please let us know what activities you would like.



West breakwater on the morning of Sunday, August 28, during the heavy rains of Hurricane Irene and high tide. Note the extra height on the new pilings kept our boats safe.

Photo by Dick Myers

## Report for September from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Tony De Hayes

- ✶ Storm update: Commodore Tamagny brought up the need for additional boulders to shore up the peninsula on the river side of Docks 5 and 6.
- ✶ Director Martin requested that funds be appropriated in the 2012 budget to purchase aggregate and item #4.
- ✶ The cleanup of the club and preparing for winter will take place on Fall Workday, October 22.
- ✶ The Board discussed a clarification of the "late fee policy." A late fee of \$ 25.00 shall be charged to any member that has not paid their mooring and winter storage fees within a 30-day period from the time they receive the billing invoice.
- ✶ Rear Commodore Ferraro will contact the Erlich Company to complete their contractual obligation. In addition he will inquire on how to handle the spider problem currently plaguing the club.
- ✶ John Kime will be adjusting the field of vision on the camera at the gap this weekend.
- ✶ The Board agreed that the guard rail being fabricated along Dock 5 picnic area will conform with any future railings.
- ✶ The Kerry alarm system is now functioning again after the hurricane.
- ✶ Gazebo leveling is scheduled to take place Wednesday, September 14, 2011, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed. Contact Director Martin.
- ✶ Additional blocks will be needed to repair the wall around electrical box on Dock 5. Director Tonneson will order these blocks.

- ✶ Reminder: Always bow northward before a storm if possible.
- ✶ Director Tonneson read the slate of officers for 2012. They are as follows:

Joe Senackerib	Commodore
Tony Ferraro	Vice Commodore
Andy Hudson	Rear Commodore
Bob Tamagny	Director for five years
Frank Romano	Treasurer
Tom Austin	Secretary

### Don't Forget Fall Workday

Saturday, October 22, 2011  
0800

Sign in at the Clubhouse!

### Confession of a Sailboat Racer

Note received by Captain Dick

When I checked the wind speed before the Wednesday HBRA [Haverstraw Bay Racing Association] race on August 24, I said to the crew of *A-Train*, "Do you want to go out in this?" There was no eager response to battle the elements. I heartily concurred.

In these conditions one is flogging the sails to keep the boat upright. My interpretation of sail wear (and tear) in these conditions is a dollar a flog.

Bob Tamagny was of the same opinion and felt that discretion is the better part of valor and *Dream Chaser* stayed in its slip as well.

Capt. Dick volunteered to take his motor yacht out so we could view the carnage. So a bunch of us hopped aboard and away we went.

While under way Dick said, "Hey, Bert, take the helm while I go below for a beverage."

So here I was on the fly bridge of a large (to me) motorboat and steering. There was a chop with white-caps aplenty, and the boat forged ahead with no heel or bounce. The sound of the engines not missing a beat was reassuring.

God, forgive me, I enjoyed every moment of it.

Bert Rechtschaffer

Sailing vessel *A-Train*



Photo by John Moreno

The East breakwater on the morning of August 28, 2011, during Hurricane Irene. Both breakwaters were breached but damage was minimal.



## Cruising Fleet News

**From Chairman Jeff Burtch:** The Cruising Fleet meeting and Chili Party is on Saturday, October 29, at 5:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse. We would like to ask for your help in choosing a *Cruising Fleet Award* recipient(s). Please think about the various activities of this season, and who you would like to nominate and send us an e-mail (keirab@verizon.net) or note before the Cruising Fleet meeting. At the meeting we will take a vote, discuss any plans for the winter and enjoy Chili (food and soft drinks included, please BYOB) with good company.

Consider the following criteria for nominees:

- Promotes long and short range cruising by example and/or encouragement
- Participates in long or short range cruising by power or sail
- Participates in Cruising Fleet events
- First time long range cruiser
- Other (include a description)

### *Cruising Destination of the Month* *Watch Hill, Rhode Island*

There are so many great harbors to visit, and one of my favorites is **Watch Hill, Rhode Island**. There is a beautiful beach/sand bar anchorage with space for many boats near the very crowded mooring field in the cove where you will find the town dinghy dock. We were able to dinghy ashore to browse many cute shops, galleries and restaurants. The historic "Ocean House" is at the top of the hill with a spectacular view of Block Island Sound. The resort is 136 years old, and was recently re-opened after extensive restoration to its original Victorian splendor. It would be a treat to stay and enjoy the luxury accommodations, gourmet restaurants, private grounds and beach. Captain Dick prefers to drop a hook as far down as possible behind Napatree Beach to go clamming, swimming and watching the sunsets.

The approach is narrow, but clearly marked. Find Fisher's Island Sound and Stonington breakwater and the Red/Green buoy "SP" at the beginning of the channel. It hugs the tip of "Sandy Point" with a surprisingly deep passage close to the shore. Continue through the long well-marked channel past sand bar until the last Red nun 22. You can then turn southwest into 9 or 10 feet of water with good holding, drop anchor and relax.

### **For Sale**



*Silver Lining*

### **Catalina 34**

\$48,000

Contact Kevin Silver  
201-265-0279

### **Laser**

\$650.00 with road trailer. 500.00 without.

Call Tony Schweiker

201- 755-1772 cell      201-934-3324 home

### **Folding Bike**

*Great to take on your next cruise!*

West Marine Jetty Express folding bike.

3-speed, with Quick Clamp system for easy set up.

This bike is in new condition, with little use.

West's sale price \$199.99      Asking \$125.00

Call Bob Weismantel at 973-962-7988

## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, October 11	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
<b>Friday, October 14</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>MYC Membership Meeting</b>
Friday, October 14	2000	Snack Shack	MYCLA Meeting
Thursday, October 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Thursday, October 20		Bob Weismantel	<i>Ship to Shore</i> Deadline
<b>Saturday, October 22</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Entire property</b>	<b>Fall Workday</b>
Saturday, October 29	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Chili Party & Meeting
<b>Saturday, November 19</b>	<b>1800 (NEW TIME)</b>	<b>The Clubhouse at Patriots Hill</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>