



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Gutierrez

Wow, September is here, and the boating season is more than half over. That just means it's time to really cram in the fun.

The picnic is over, but the Cruising, Sail and Social committees have a lot on the plate for September. The **Sutherland Regatta** is the weekend of September 25 and 26. It's our club's opportunity to show the other sailing clubs in the area what a class act we are. The after-race festivities are open to all members, not just the Sailing Fleet. This is a club event, and all are encouraged to participate in one way or another. Please contact St. John Forbes or Bob Tamagny for more information.

Speaking of a class act, we are trying to schedule an evening of wine, cheese and music. The members will provide their wine, the club will provide the cheese, and the **North Jersey Concert Band** will provide the music. As of now, we don't have a date set, but we anticipate an early fall evening concert. Please check the website regularly for an update.

The **bulkhead project** is completed for now. The work was done quickly and neatly with little inconvenience to our members. Once we stabilize the area, we will come up with a plan for the gazebo.

We've stepped up our diligence with our **security system**. With the summer over and less activity around the club, it's important to use the security measures in place. We've invested a lot of time and money in our security system; we should use it to its full capability. I don't want to be the one to notify a member of a theft or damage to his property.

During the August membership meeting, a lengthy discussion took place in regards to security issues. Most of the rules are outlined in the Club Guidelines which can be found on the website. I've found the most violated rule is the "member must be present with a vendor" rule. Please do not give your card key to a vendor to enter the club unescorted. This is a huge breach of the system. I know many of us work and may not be available to be at the club, but there is almost always someone available to help, just ask. Vendor insurance certificates should be on file with the harbormaster.

We have a new supply of key cards, and John Funk has some lanyards available for free to facilitate the transition to a more secure club. Anyone interested in cards/lanyards/FOBS or clickers, please contact our Security Chairman, John Funk.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, September 10, 2010, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

The Yard Committee has been hard at work planning for the haul-out season; please cooperate with sending your storage requests early.

Last month I used a Jeff Cooper quote, and I was happy to find out some of our membership had heard of him. Here's another one:

"A smart man only believes half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half."

—Jeff Cooper

Report for August from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Roger Wieland

- The Director of the North Jersey Concert Band has contacted the Commodore about performing at MYC some evening. The Board approved and has asked the Commodore to present it to the membership for their approval.
- The bulkhead project for 2010 has been almost completed with the exception of pilings which have to be installed at the corners and backfilling. The Board is exploring options on how to proceed with the next phase of the project.
- The Commodore has appointed a committee to study whether we should renovate our Clubhouse or build a new one. The committee members are: Roger Wieland Chairman, Barry Martin, Dave Tonneson, Gurran Kane and Dominick Ferrara. Their findings will be presented to the Board and the Membership.
- Director Tonneson reported that the company providing weed control will be returning soon for follow-up treatments.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, September 16, 2010

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Romano: Can you believe how fast the summer has gone by? It seems only yesterday that we were planting flowers for Opening Day.

A big thank you goes to all the ladies who volunteered their time and energy operating the Ship's Store during our Annual Picnic. Their help and your continued support made it a great success. Linda Ferraro has done a fantastic job running our Ship's Store this season, adding many new and interesting items.

We had a wonderful presentation by Barbara Hyman at our meeting last month. She entertained us with great photos and interesting stories from their recent adventures on the water. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, September 10, at 8 P.M. in the Snack Shack. Following the meeting, we will be playing "Bunko." So please join us for a fun evening with lots of laughs.

Our next Sunday Morning Coffee get-together will be September 12 from 9-11 A.M. at the Snack Shack. Please join us for coffee and goodies as we wrap up another great summer with good friends.

We still have a few more weekends ahead to enjoy.

Happy boating!

All MYCers,

**Come join us in the Snack Shack for the
Last Sunday Morning Coffee of the Season!**

September 12 9 A.M.-11 A.M.



Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bagels, Muffins

Donations gratefully accepted. Sponsored by MYCLA.

Sail Fleet News

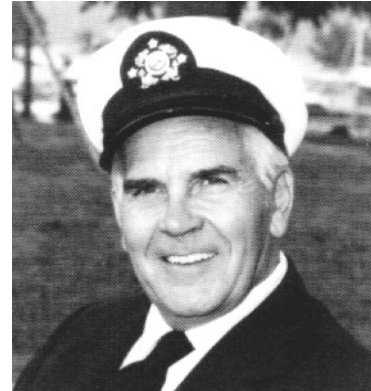
From Chairman St. John Forbes: MYC is rocking with two regattas in less than a month. On August 28 we ran the **Laser Regatta**. This was the fourth that we ran at MYC and the first as part of the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association. Now we look forward to the **Sutherland Regatta** which is one of the longest running regattas on the Hudson River. This year's regatta will be on September 25 and 26. Over the years this has become one of the most popular regattas on the river with more boats participating and more sailors and their friends enjoying the festivities shore side including our ever-popular steak dinner on Saturday and our "mind blowing" chili on Sunday. All MYC members are welcome to sail, to crew or to attend the land festivities. Application forms will be available in the Clubhouse, or at the MYC website, or by contacting St. John Forbes at tomahawke@frontiernet.net.

Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and
Barbara O'Blenis for MYCLA*

- ☞ Continued wishes for recovery go to Ed Occhino, Pete Kelly, and Gurran Kane's brother.
- ☞ Wishes for a full recovery go to Brett Ferrara, son of Dominick and Paulette, who is still hospitalized from a fall at the end of June.
- ☞ Condolences go to Maggie and Slim Bartow on the passing of Maggie's father.

Final Voyage



Lewis Wright Dunham

Life Member and Past Commodore Lew Dunham passed away on August 18 in Valley Hospital at the age of 89. He was originally from Binghamton, NY, served in the United States Army Air Corps for three years during WWII, and then joined NY Telephone Company. Lew joined MYC in 1970 when he owned a power cruiser *RULU III*. Later he switched to sailing on *Ruthless* and *Banshee* and became an avid racer. He served as commodore in 1975. Even after retiring from boating, he continuously explored ways to stimulate the sailing programs at MYC, and for many years could be seen with his Nikon taking many pictures of club scenes and projects. He created and published the Annual MYC Tide Tables pamphlet and wrote *A Brief History of Minisceongo Yacht Club* that is currently available on our website. He and his wife Ruth, a Life Member of MYCLA who passed away in March of 2008, lived in Glen Rock for 54 years before Lew moved to Paramus.

Condolences go to his nephews and nieces and his other relatives. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. One of his final wishes was to give thanks to all who made his life worthwhile.

Lew, we will miss seeing you on your bench in front of the Clubhouse or out by the Gazebo in your Jeep. For some of us, you will always be present – watching and advising.

2010 Winter Storage Information

Please fill out the information below and mail to Roger Wieland or e-mail (Andrew.hudson@usma.edu) by **September 13, 2010**, to reserve your spot in the yard. This information is used to help schedule and lay out the yard for winter storage.

Name of member: _____

Name of vessel: _____

E-mail address of member: _____ Do you regularly use e-mail? Yes/No
(circle one)

Make, model and size of vessel: _____

Overall length of vessel: ____ Beam: ____ Swim platform: Yes/No Bow pulpit: Yes/No

Power ____ Sail ____ Will MYC be lowering the mast? Yes / No

Hauling for the first time? Yes/No What is your draft?____ (check tide height!)

Winter Storing at MYC? Yes / No If yes, in water ____ On land ____

IMPORTANT: Please give (4) choices of the following weekend dates in the order in which you will be available to be hauled. Please note that we will do the best we can to accommodate everyone. Here are the haul-out dates: October 16/17, October 23/24, October 30/31 and November 6/7. **Schedules will be e-mailed, and posted in the Clubhouse and Snack Shack.** Additional haul-outs on Wednesday mornings are available, but need to be coordinated with Roger Wieland. No masts are taken down on Wednesdays. If Wednesday is selected, please indicate the date on this form, as well as your preference for a weekend haul-out if your Wednesday is not available. Payment must be made to MYC prior to haul-out.

The dates on which I choose to come out in order are:

Wednesday? Yes/No Date: _____

1)

2)

3)

4)

- Please have the correct amount of stands and the correct size for your boat. MYC requires a set of stands for every 8' of boat length.
- Skippers who lower masts should be ready with bolts or quick release pins, have the boom and all lines off, and be ready with additional help.
- Make sure to use stands that keep the boat as low to the ground as possible.
- For the dates you choose, be available and be ready to be hauled! Haul-out starts at 8:00 A.M. and proceeds in order until completed for that day. We haul rain, shine or snow. Failure to be ready for those days may result in difficulty storing at MYC.

Please fill out the form and mail to:
Roger Wieland
92 North Island Avenue
Ramsey, New Jersey 07446

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: About 1 A.M. the storm hit. Despite wind gusts up to 40 MPH, large bolts of lightning and driving rain, the four captains from the boats rafted together were up on deck making sure that the boats were riding out the storm safely. Plumes of water shot up from between the boats as large wind driven waves passed between the boats. With temperatures still close to 90 degrees, side windows had to be shut further adding to the hot and sticky temperatures inside the boats. Behind us another raft up wasn't fairing as well – with a dragging anchor they had been blown up close to shore, and as each wave passed under them they were bouncing off the bottom. They were all in the water trying desperately to pull the boats away from the shore. Looking north as the lightning flashed, we could see a lone sailboat with a very tall mast. Although the major part of the storm passed to the north of us, it was comforting to know that we had a great lighting rod in close proximity.

Earlier in the day about eight boats had made their way over from MYC to Croton. Despite temperatures over 90, all had a great time swimming and enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow boaters. And so went the **MYC Cruising Fleet Raft Up**.

The **Dinghy Safari** was a lot calmer with sun, pleasant temperatures and calm water. Seven dinghies headed over to Bowline then back to Cannon Ball for lunch. With a little water fight back to MYC, everyone had a great time.

Ask Captain Dick: Although there are a couple of meanings for the word fathom, in boating terms a fathom is the measurement for the depth of water in six foot increments. As far as I can tell the word came from an old English term to fathom or greet someone with outstretched arms. Had to be a pretty big guy to measure six feet from fingertip to fingertip.

Andy Hudson wants to know what is pinching. Pinching is normally done only between members of the opposite sex, and can be considered a form of affection or non-verbal communication. On some boats I understand that there is a no pinching zone, but I think that it is confined to sailboats. I certainly don't have a no pinching zone aboard my boat.

'til next time,

A Look at the Future

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| Saturday, September 4 | 1500 | River - R. Bracken | Fall Series Race #3 |
| Saturday, September 4 | ~1700 | River - W. Mitts | Fall Series Race #4 |
| Tuesday, September 7 | 1930 | Clubhouse | MYC Directors' Meeting |
| Friday, September 10 | 2000 | Clubhouse | MYC Membership Meeting |
| Friday, September 10 | 2000 | Snack Shack | MYCLA Business Meeting |
| Sunday, September 12 | 0900 | Snack Shack | Sunday Morning Coffee |
| Monday September 13 | | Roger Wieland | Winter Storage Forms Due |
| Thursday, September 16 | | Bob Weismantel | Ship to Shore Deadline |
| Thursday, September 16 | 2000 | Clubhouse | Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting |
| Saturday, September 18 | 1500 | River -A. Hudson | Fall Series Race #5 |
| September 25-26 | T.B.A. | River/Pavilion | Sutherland Regatta |
| Saturday, October 9 | 1100 | River - R. Weismantel | Fall Series Race #6 |
| Saturday, October 9 | ~1300 | River - T.B.A. | Fall Series Race #7 |
| Saturday, October 16 | 1500 | River - W. Moser | Fall Series Make-up Race |
| Saturday, October 16 | 0800 | Yard | First Regular Haul-out Day |
| Sunday, October 17 | 0800 | Yard | Second Regular Haul-out Day |
| Saturday, October 23 | 0800 | Yard | Third Regular Haul-out Day |
| Saturday, October 23 | 0800 | Club Property | Fall Workday |
| Sunday, October 24 | 0800 | Club Property | Fall Workday Rain Date |
| Sunday, October 24 | 0800 | Yard | Fourth Regular Haul-out Day |
| Saturday, October 30 | 0800 | Yard | Fifth Regular Haul-out Day |
| Sunday, October 31 | 0800 | Yard | Sixth Regular Haul-out Day |
| Saturday, November 6 | 0800 | Yard | Seventh Regular Haul-out Day |
| Sunday, November 7 | 0800 | Yard | Final Regular Haul-out Day |
| Saturday, November 20 | T.B.A. | Nyack Seaport | Change of Watch |