



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web Edition*

Stony Point, NY 10980

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## **2017 Bridge Officers**

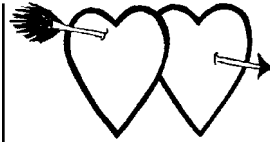
Commodore Art Basley  
Vice Commodore Rich Brienza  
Rear Commodore John Verrengia  
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne  
Secretary Keira Burtch

## **2017 Board of Directors**

Joe Senackerib  
Bob Tamagny  
Andy Hudson  
Kevin Silver  
Wayne Mitts

## **2017 Finger Captains**

Dock 1: Ray Testasecca  
Dock 2/3: Wayne Mitts  
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib  
Dock 5: John Funk  
Dock 6: Chris Vicidomini



Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## **From Commodore Art Basley:**

On February 2, 1887 a Groundhog, more commonly known as the woodchuck, was used as a meteorologist to predict the weather. This first time event occurred at a place called Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania and forecasted that when a groundhog sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of wintry weather otherwise an early spring would come.

The annual celebration in many places across America was brought over by early German settlers who used hedgehogs to predict the weather. Groundhogs hibernate during the winter months only to come out briefly in early February to find



photo by Art Basley

a mate. Well I'm not sure how they became meteorologists based on this activity but I hope they do not see their shadow this month. Fortunately, we sailors and boaters do not hibernate that much and being optimistic, should get ready for an early launch. Until then check your boat stands and covers as winter weather does have a habit of effecting both.

We have made good progress on the Finger 4 bulkhead and ramp project. Under John Kime's leadership the project is on track to be completed in time for an **early spring**. If you have been following the work so far you can see that a great deal of the area has been excavated, most of the debris removed and the future ramp area in the process of being stabilized by Jeff Conklin. Two (2) of the concrete sections that will be used as the ramp surface have been poured and are ready for setting. Bob Tamagny and Dave Tonneson are keeping things moving with all the members who are putting in time with this project. If the weather holds, we should see the sections being installed soon.



photo by Art Basley

I thank the Social committee for the food service, table arrangement and setting which helped make for a great Commodore's Reception. We had a very good turnout and a very good time. This signals the beginning of our seasonal events; although it's cold outside we have plenty of inside activities to keep us warm like the Antique and Classic Boat meeting, impromptu football gatherings, Committee meetings, trip planning and just members getting together for a good meal. See you at our next meeting.

*More pictures of the ramp project and  
Commodore's Reception Digital Edition*

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**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday February 22, 2017.**

## Social Committee

*From John Verrengia*

The Commodore's Reception was a success with 55 people attending. You made Art Basley proud.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS must go out to Peter Alfieri, Frank & Helen Brown, Chris Durland, Jessie Fitzgerald, Joe & Janis Senackerib and 2 people who are not even on the committee...Frank Covino and Dave Horne who worked diligently throughout the event so I wouldn't have to get my uniform messed up. You all did a wonderful job and have my sincere appreciation.

## Yard Committee

*From Chairman Roger Wieland*

The winter is half over and it's time to think about and plan those boat projects you want to complete before we launch your boat. The boats that are stored in the aisles must be launched first. We will start launching in April.

As a reminder when working on your boat, secure your ladder and be sure to unplug your electric before you leave.

Thanks for your cooperation, Rog

### MYC Auxiliary Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach form and send check (\$15)

payable to MYCA

c/o Helen Brown, 241 Jaycox Rd.

Cold Spring, NY 10516

### MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner

**Friday, April 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

**Sign-up needed by Wednesday, April 12th**

**Lynch's Restaurant**

**79 S. Liberty Dr. (Route 9W), Stony Point NY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach form and send check (\$30)

to Helen Brown at the above address

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### Ground Hog Day

Will there be winter or an early spring?  
In Pennsylvania each year, we bring,  
This question on a February day  
And look for the answer in a curious way.

For in this town folklore tells,  
A very special Groundhog dwells  
And has the power to foresee,  
If winter's cold will stay or flee.

Punxsutawney Phil is his name;  
On February second his claim to fame  
Will call him from his earthly home,  
And place him on a worldly throne.

For if he finds it sunny and fair,  
Phil will see his shadow there,  
Warning us of six more weeks  
Of seasons cold and snowy peaks.

But if he sees a cloudy sky,  
Our wintry blues will pass us by.  
The warmth of spring will usher in,  
Flowers will bloom and the birds will sing.

So unlike the chancy coin that's flipped  
We hope this day the scales are tipped,  
In favor of a cloudy day,  
Inviting spring the Ground Hog way.

Arthur Whitney Basley

### Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

*From Captain Susan Koster*

Welcome to February - winter is finally here. However, spring is right around the corner and with it comes thoughts of getting our boats ready for another season.

Now is the time to remind everyone to send their dues for the Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome to join and we look forward to meeting new members and making new friends.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Auxiliary, we meet from May through October in the Snack Shack on the same night and the same time as the membership meeting. (See coupon).

Mark your calendars for the Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, April 14, 2017. It will be held at Lynch's on 9W in Stony Point, NY at 7 pm. Reservations should be sent to Helen Brown. It is the first event of the season and it is a great time to see everyone and catch up on all the news. (See coupon).

Please join us for the camaraderie of fellow boaters.

## Sail Fleet Report

*From Chairman Jessie Fitzgerald*

Though winter is in full swing, the beginning of our season draws nearer with every passing day. So while we reflect on the past year, just remember that the river will soon be calling. Now that we've dispensed with the romantic talk, let's get into some housekeeping items. 2016 was another great year of competition for the Sail Fleet and 2017 will be no different. We will be having a 2017 planning meeting for the Sail Fleet in February, with a specific date forthcoming. Also, keep an eye out for Junior Sail Camp registrations in your mailboxes. The camp will run July 8 - 21. Participants must be at least 8 years of age, be able to swim, and like to have fun! Below you will find the results for the 2016 season. (Please exercise bragging rights with discretion.) Lastly, I would like to thank everyone in the Sail Fleet for their help this year. We're only so successful because we work together!

### 2016 Racing Results

#### HBRA Spring Series

Div A - 3rd Place J-Ale Time

Div C1 - 1st Place A Train

2nd Place Dream Chaser

3rd Place Transformation

Div C2 - 3rd Place Anniversary

#### HRIRA Series

Div 3 - 2nd Place Gusto

Div 4 - 3rd Place Transformation

**HRIRA Sailor of the Year:** Johnathon Rechtschaffer

#### HBRA Summer Series

Div A - 1st Place J Ale Time

2nd Place - Breakout

Div C1 - 1st Place Gusto

2nd Place Tramontana

Div C2 - 1st Place Anniversary

#### MYC Saturday Racing Series

1st Place - Tramontana

2nd Place - Transformation

3rd Place - Breaking Wind

### In Memoriam

Lorraine Ercolino, loving companion to Ray Testasecca passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017. She is survived by her son Thomas, daughter-in law Stephanie and beloved granddaughter Myla Rose.

All of MYC will miss her greetings from the upper deck of their weekend get-a-way "Myla Rose" and her quiet, warm friendship.

### Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC*

*Miriam Raber for MYCA*

♥ Best wishes to Eric Wood who is recuperating from back surgery.

♥ Good luck to Rich Brienza who will have bypass surgery.

**Board:** *continued from page four*

\* Vice Commodore Brienza expressed concern about the junk people leave around the grounds and the food and beverages left in the refrigerator. The Commodore will address the issue at the general meeting.

\* The Commodore wants each committee head to file an annual report on their accomplishments for the year. This was done in the past but has not been done in recent years.

\* The Board decided that our line of credit with the bank should remain open, however the amount currently owed will be reduced from \$21,000 to \$5,000.

### Cruising Fleet

*From Chairman Don Rubin*

So far the weather hasn't been too bad this winter. I Spent some time at the club with the Wednesday guys for coffee and donuts of course. Also some projects going on mostly related to the construction of the new boat ramp.

Cruising fleet has the **annual potluck on Sunday, February 19 at 1pm** in the clubhouse. We will be needing several main courses to share, and appetizers and desserts and bring your own drinks. Send me an email to let me know that you will be attending and what you will be bringing. We will be discussing a date and theme for the dock-go-round, summer cruise destination and dates and whether there is any interest in a winter trip. I also would like to schedule the annual nautical flea market. I'm sure everyone has a bunch of boat stuff they would like out of the basement which could be replaced by newer boat stuff.

Watch here for the cruising destination next month. I will take you to **Black Rock Harbor**, two miles west of Bridgeport, Connecticut. I visited there when traveling west after cruising Long Island Sound. Stay tuned for the cruising and dining adventures.



## Director's Report for December 2016

From Senior Director Joe Senackerib

- \* For any long term boat storage, evidence of insurance will be required.
- \* There was a brief discussion on the new launch ramp and bulk head. The major points were that we will not have to move the high voltage power line, that only one side of the ramp will have the stones and the wood wall between the pit and ramp area will not need reinforcement.
- \* The Board, in order to better control yard storage and mooring, has established the following policies:
  - \*Regular members must inform the Membership Committee by October 1<sup>st</sup> if they do not intend to launch their vessel for the coming season. It is understood that if a regular member wishes to "hold their slip" they must pay their regular slip fee.
  - \*Regular members not using their assigned slip for two consecutive years while their vessel remains stored in the yard will lose their previous slip assignment. When ready to return their vessel to the water they will be given priority for a slip assignment.
- \* The sea weeds behind several of the docks are still of concern. Director Silver will make a presentation at the General meeting on possible control methods.
- \* The Commodore presented a list of the Dock Captains responsibilities.
- \* The Commodore presented an updated list of projects and the budgeted amount for each project.
- \* The Commodore presented a 5 year plan for review and revision as required.
- \* An audit committee will review our books.
- \* The Executive committee decided that donations of any kind offered to MYC must have the approval of the Board.
- \* All future contracts relating to boats must contain insurance information.
- \* The Board decided that anyone not paying their invoices within the required 30 day period, will be required to appear before the Board to explain why they could not pay on time.
- \* The Board also reserves the right to not invite an associate back to MYC if they are late on payments a second time.
- \* The Commodore presented a list of the social functions at MYC and suggested the Social Committee be responsible for all social functions. The two additional functions would be the Holiday Party and the Change Of Watch. No decision has yet been made.
- \* The Commodore was concerned about people who take trips with their boats and do not file a float plan. Float plans can be emailed to the Dock Master, John Kime, or can be placed on the box by the pump out dock.
- \* The Board is considering placing another ad in "Boating on the Hudson".

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### A Look at the Future

Tuesday, February 7	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, February 10	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 16	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday February 19	1300	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Pot Luck
Wednesday, February 22		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
April 22 and 23	0800	Grounds	Work Weekend
Saturday, May 27	Noon	Pavilion	Opening Day
Sunday June 18	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
July 8 - 21		Pavilion and River	Junior Sail Camp
Saturday, August 26	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 16 and 17		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 14	0800	Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday November 18	1800		Change of Watch
Sunday, December 10	1400	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:

# *Commodore's Reception* photos by John O'Brien





# *New Ramp and Concrete Slabs*

*photos by Chris Durland*





# *Giants Game at MYC* photos by Mark Hechinger

