



Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

From Commodore Art Basley:



photo by John O'Brien



With the New Year here we look forward to a favorable winter, one that is not too cold, too snowy, or too long. I wish everyone a happy and prosperous one and hope for a good boating season. We had a great 75th year and certainly this will be another busy one. Our plans are simple, move forward on completing a few big projects and get our boats in the water to enjoy what we have them for. With all the improvements we have made to our Club, I'm sure we will.

This year I would like to see more of our members attend the monthly membership meetings. It is the one place where we get to collectively talk to each other and hear about what is going on in the Club. The meetings provide a great opportunity to meet new members, get informed about the projects going on, discuss future plans and hear from the Committee Chairs. Although it is a business meeting for our members, it is also a social gathering where we can talk things out. This is what our Club is all about so please make an extra effort to make these meetings.

The Finger 4 bulkhead and ramp project will be underway this month under contract with Jeff Conklin. A new boat launch ramp will be cut adjacent to the Travel Lift pit. Concrete will be poured for the surface and wall structures with rock placed similar to the existing bulkhead to finish the structure. Further work to redirect the roadway to and from the ramp will be completed using a gravel surface. The work will be completed prior to spring launch schedules.

A new Website is being designed through the efforts of Director Andy Hudson and Secretary Keira Burtch. Using a hosted Website design firm, Andy is providing our needs and wants to the company, in order for them to build a prototype. We should be hearing more about this effort at the next meeting.

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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

De-Ice Committee

From Chairman Joe Paccione

Several personal items were removed from the docks when installing circulators. They were placed under the canopy by the Clubhouse. Please pick them up when you check your boat and stands.

Digital Edition Exclusive Photos:

- * MYC gets ready for winter
- * The guys enjoy some football
- * MYC celebrates at the Holiday Party with thanks to MYCA

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday January 25, 2017.

Director's Report for December 2016

From Senior Director Bob Tamagny

- * On Land Fueling: No action has been taken but this will be revisited in January.
- * Web Site Update: Director Hudson reported on proposals that are being worked on by our web provider. A prototype site for review will be presented soon. When approved the site will be launched.
- * Membership Long Term Boat land storage was again discussed: Director Tamagny will meet with our Membership Chairman to formulate a proposal policy that will then be reviewed by the Board and presented to membership in January.
- * Vice Commodore Basley distributed a calendar for next years events and distributed a revised list of committee assignments for the 2017 year. He also appointed dock captains for 2017 which the board approved.
- * The entire Executive Committee thanked Mark Hechinger for his contribution as an interim board member having served for the past few months.

Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

From Captain Susan Koster

The Holiday Party on December 4, 2016 was wonderful. It was a great way to begin the holiday season. Thanks to everyone who made the occasion run so smoothly from set-up to clean-up. Santa was wonderful as usual, taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us and deliver gifts to the children. We hope that everyone had a very happy holiday and that the New Year brings you a year of health, happiness and laughter.

Now we are ready for the New Year and it's time to renew your membership in the auxiliary or to join if you are not now a member. Dues are \$15 for the year and can be sent to Helen Brown. (See coupon).

Our first meeting will be Friday, April 14, 2017. This is the Annual Installation Dinner at which time the new slate of officers will be sworn in. The new officers are as follows:

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

In the mean time, enjoy January by keeping warm, well and happy.

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photo by Art Basley

December's first snow at MYC

This is the time of year that things seem pretty quiet around the Club but there is still a lot going on. The De-Ice Committee will be making daily rounds to ensure our docks and pilings remain free, the House Committee will be keeping things clean and organized, the Social Committee will be preparing for the Commodore's reception, Security will be making rounds, Electrical and Plumbing are doing their maintenance tasks...well you get the picture. Even during the winter months we have plenty to do. Regular members should keep in touch with their Committee Chairs to see what's needed and Associate members who would like to help out should contact me but remember, you are not required to make a work contribution.

The next Social event is the Commodore's Reception so I hope to see you there.

MYC Auxiliary Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Please detach form and send check (\$15)
payable to MYCA
c/o Helen Brown, 241 Jaycox Rd.
Cold Spring, NY 10516

Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Don Rubin

Hope the holidays are good for all of you. We needed a new article for Ship to Shore and I ran out of adventures to write about, so I had to go to Florida to have another adventure.

I have been going to Sanibel Island on the west coast of Florida for almost 40 years. We always bring some type of toys, from motor scooters and kayaks, to bicycles and fishing gear. Sanibel has allowed extensive development but has also controlled the type of businesses allowed; no fast food restaurants, for example. They have also maintained a good amount of green areas and park land. One of the major nature areas on Sanibel is the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. These areas are home to many mammals, birds, reptiles and fish. Watch closely for alligators and snakes.

Tarpon Bay is also the fictional setting for the famous Doc Ford mystery/adventure book series written by Randy Wayne White. Doc Ford's is also the name of a successful restaurant chain in southwest Florida. I'm eating there Thursday night for dinner. Tarpon Bay combines waterways through the very productive mangrove areas as well as open water. I have often taken my kayak from the causeway that connects the island to the mainland along the shoreline to Tarpon Bay. I know I will always see plenty of different species of water fowl while paddling slowly along. Occasionally I will be accompanied by dolphins swimming along side the kayak.

Tarpon Bay Explorers, in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service, provides recreational nature tours, cruises, fishing charters & rentals out of Tarpon Bay. You can rent kayaks, pontoon boats and fishing gear and go through the park or you can join one of the hour and a half, organized educational tours and paddle through the water trails with an experienced naturalist. You can also launch your personal kayak or canoe at their docks.

Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC
Miriam Raber for MYCA*

♥ Best wishes to Jeff Burtch who is recovering from a broken hip. He is getting stronger each day.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

On December 3 the grounds crew and a few extra members helped clean up all the leaves on the property. I feel this will help us get a jump on work weekend.

I would like to ask everyone to not park on the grass over by the pavilion. We have worked hard to keep the grass growing there. The grounds committee is finished for 2016 and look forward the a great 2017 season. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy and healthy New Year.

One of the tours provided by the Tarpon Bay Explorers is the Rookery Islands sunset paddle. You will be shown the local birds that return to roost each night. Birds you can expect to see are cormorants, egrets, herons, pelicans, osprey and ibis. The park naturalist will identify and discuss the birds and their habitat. You may also see manatee or dolphins during the open water portion of the tour.

If paddling a kayak isn't your thing you can take a tour of Tarpon Bay on a pontoon boat led by a field naturalist. You will be transported through the mangrove zone to spot wildlife that calls the mangrove their home. The first part of the tour includes the on-shore aquariums where you can touch some bottom dwelling animals such as horseshoe crabs, starfish, and other living shellfish. The second part of the tour will take you around Tarpon Bay where you may see fish, dolphins, a variety of waterfowl and manatees as well as the local waterfowl. The trained naturalist will be able to answer questions about the wildlife you see as well as provide an overview of the local history of Sanibel. If you are an early morning person, you can also join the early morning tour of the the bay by pontoon boat, a continental breakfast is provided.

Most people know Sanibel island as the shellfish capital of the U.S. (possibly the world) but the abundance and variety of flora and fauna makes it an excellent destination for all nature loving visitors. So, don't forget your bike to ride the nature trail through "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge and your kayak or canoe to paddle the waters of Tarpon Bay. If you also enjoy dipping a fishing line in clear tropical waters Sanibel is the place to visit. It was 82 degrees at the beach today!

Happy Holidays to all the MYC friends.

Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Deadline for reservations: January 9, 2017

\$15.00 per person

Champagne, shrimp, light finger foods and desserts

Name of member: _____

Number of persons in party _____

Enclosed is check for \$ _____

Please send check to:



John Verengia
2 Timp Brook Road
Stony Point, NY 10980
Phone: 201-315-8970



A Look at the Future

Tuesday, January 10	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, January 13	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 19	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday, January 15	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception
Wednesday, December 28		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
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 send *articles and e-mail address changes* to Keira Burtch:
 - Please send *items for the web page* to Andy Hudson:

MYC Gets Ready For Winter



Grounds crew clearing leaves on a WINDY day

*photos by:
Chris Vicidomini
Art Basley*



De-Ice crew setting the circulators

*photos by:
Art Basley*

Winter Is Underway At MYC

*Santa Visits
MYC
Holiday Party*

*First Snow
of the Season*

*photos by:
Art Basley*



*Football -
Enjoyed at the
Clubhouse*

*photo by:
Chris Vicidomini*



*The new ramp construction has begun
next to the haul out pit
photos by Art Basley*



For Sale

Wanted

For MYC members only

***Do you have some extra boating gear you would like to sell or trade?
Is there some boating gear you are looking for?
Place your add here. Include any details, photo or specs,***

This For Sale and Want add page is for MYC members only. It will not be part of the web edition for privacy reasons. You should not get any "outside" calls. Please send your boating related "for sale" or "wanted" items to Keira Burtch and they will be included for 3 months, or until sold/found.