



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web  
Edition*

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 14, 2014, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## *From Commodore Andy Hudson*

Well, it's March already! The days are getting longer, and hopefully a little warmer. The sail fleet has planned the summer's races, and even in the dead of winter, Don Rubin and the cruising fleet had a nice pot luck social. Even in the middle of winter there is fun at Minisceongo.

The de-ice committee has kept harbor ice damage to a minimum. That's quite a feat given the severity of this winter. Thanks to Joe Paccione and his crew who have been out there monitoring the harbor and equipment every day.

By the time you read this, there will be a few more items of interest on the MYC web page, [www.minisceongoyc.org](http://www.minisceongoyc.org). I've added a weather

radar link, and a few "hard water" sites to the links page. The Hudson River Ice Yacht club features the old iceboats FDR played with as a young man. There are also some interesting weather links there. [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org) has an interesting blog from last year's race on Lake Baikal in Siberia. There are a few pictures from a Hudson River cruise in January near Kingston, and a few fellows on skis in winter disguise. Can you tell who they are?

Spring will be here before we know it, and the hip deep snow in the yard will be a memory. Don't forget about the spring work weekend on April 12 and 13, 2014.



Photo by John Funk

*The snow plow crew kept the yard open inspite of the mountains of snow and ice. Great work!*

### *Spring Work Weekend*

*Saturday and Sunday  
April 12 and 13,  
Clubhouse 8 AM*

### *Slips Available*

- ☞ We have two 26 foot slips available for the summer season.
- ☞ There is also space to tuck in a 20 foot boat on the inside of dock 4.
- ☞ If you know someone who is interested contact Guy Plassart at 845-634-2392.

***The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Monday, March 24, 2014.***

## ***The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary***

*From Captain Dianne Silver:* Thank goodness this snow-packed winter is almost over! With any luck the mountains of snow will have melted before it's time to put our boats in the water.

We're gearing up for the 2014 season. We'll kick things off with our Annual Installation Dinner which will be held on April 11 at Lynch's Restaurant on Route 9W in Stony Point. Join us at 7:00 to take advantage of the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new members. For new members, this is a fun way to get acquainted with our crew. For \$30 you'll enjoy great food, great friends and lots of laughter. You can sign up by using the form in this mailer.

The weekend of the dinner is also Work Weekend. Members of the Auxiliary help the MYC Social Committee by serving lunch both Saturday and Sunday. Please let me know if you can join us.

While you've got your checkbook out to sign up for the dinner, you might as well fill out the membership form and write that check too, sending it to Janice Romano. In addition to fulfilling our purpose of supporting MYC, we have interesting programs, enjoy spending time with our boating friends and share lots of laughs. We meet once a month in the Snack Shack at the same time and date as the membership meetings from May to October. Join us!

If you have some ideas for programs this summer, please share them with Miriam Raber or Captain-elect Karen Hudson.

### ***Cruising Fleet News***

*From Chairman Keira Burtch:* On February 16, 2014 more than twenty five people joined together for an afternoon potluck party. It was a fun and relaxed way to get together with the MYC family on a cold winter day. Thanks to Don Rubin for the inspiration and for organizing the event. Many thanks to the group for all the delicious food.

The Cruising Fleet is getting ready to pack for our trip to Cape May on March 21. We will arrive on the first day of spring. Let's hope it is spring weather! It would be wonderful to be able to enjoy some outdoor activity after being cooped up all winter. If not, we will surely enjoy good company and lots of laughs.

### ***MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner***

***Friday, April 11, 2014, at 7:00 P.M.***

***Lynch's Restaurant***

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

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

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

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

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

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Dianne Silver, 493 Summit Ave,  
Oradell, NJ 07649

### ***MYC Auxiliary Dues Form***

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

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

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Janice Romano, 45 Cherry Ave.,  
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 10956

### ***Boat Yard Report***

*From Yard Chairman Roger Wieland:* To my Fellow Members: The next time you're at the Club checking your boat, take a few minutes and check your neighbors boat. Look around to be sure there isn't any debris or shrink wrap loose and blowing around. This can get into the beam path and cause the alarm to be set off.

If you plug into the electric be sure to unplug before you leave. This is a safety rule which we strictly adhere to.

Soon we'll be getting our boats ready for launching. Remember to secure your ladder when working on your boat and work safely. Also, you are responsible for disposing of your shrink wrap. Do not put it in the Club dumpsters, take it home.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me on my cell or email.

Thank You, Rog

## Sail Fleet News

*From Captain Dennis Doyle:* We know that Spring is coming because the days are staying lighter longer and the Sail Fleet has held its annual breakfast! The breakfast was very well attended, and many activity dates were agreed upon. Thank you to all who attended.

It was decided that our **regular weekly races will be held on Saturdays at 2 PM (1400 hours)**, thanks to an improved channel. The first race date is to be announced. The program will be a continuous series of 16 races from Spring through Fall. Also, the Junior Sailing Camp will begin on Saturday, July 12 to 18, and resume again on Monday July 21 to 25. The cost will be \$35.00 per child. A Junior Sail Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 26. Additional information, dates and events to come will be in future articles.



Photo by Bob Weismantel

*The Sail Fleet breakfast/meeting was well attended, and much was accomplished.*

## New York State Boating Law will change for 2014 Season

New York State has passed a new law requiring all persons under 18 years of age to complete a boating safety course to operate a boat with a motor as of May 1, 2014. This law does not apply to sail or paddle powered boats.

Many States, including New Jersey and Connecticut have had similar laws on the books for several years, and now require a boating safety course for people of all ages. All three states require a certificate/license for operating Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis) at any age. If you have a certificate from another state that is NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) approved, it will be accepted by NY State. Your New York State certificate will be accepted in any other state, and courses given by the USCG Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron are approved. If you have not taken one of these courses, you might strongly consider doing so, even if you are over 18. They emphasize the basics of boating safety and seamanship, as well as reviewing the local laws and regulations. Even if you are an experienced boater, it is always good to review. You never know, there may be something that is new, different, or that you simply forgot.

The following is excerpted from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation web site. <http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education.asp>

### *Motorboats*

All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are now required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat. Approved courses include those offered by NYS Parks, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or the US Power Squadron. Individuals less than 10 years of age *may not* take this course of instruction.

### *Personal Watercraft*

Operators may not operate a Personal Watercraft (JetSki, SeaDoo, etc.) unless they are at least 14 years of age and hold a boater safety certificate issued by State Parks, the USCG Auxiliary or the US Power Squadron for having completed a an 8-hour classroom based course of instruction.

A person without a safety certificate may operate a PWC when accompanied by someone over 18 years of age who is the holder of a boater safety certificate. For the purposes of this section, "accompanied" shall mean upon the same PWC.



## **Report for February from the Board of Directors**

*From Senior Director Tony Schweiker*

- ☞ The Executive Committee met on Tuesday February 11, 2014
- ☞ Members of the Clubhouse Committee were present and gave their report to the Directors regarding the possibility of interviewing additional architects.
- ☞ Tom Austin reported his findings regarding the MYC insurance audit. Two more bids are due before a final decision regarding changes to our coverages and carriers.
- ☞ Commodore Hudson finalized his committee assignments for 2014.
- ☞ Four new applications for associate membership were approved by the directors.
- ☞ It was decided by the directors that the general membership should vote whether the clubhouse committee should interview additional architects.

## **Sunshine**

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC  
and Miriam Raber for MYCA*

- ☞ Ted and Sue Mehlig celebrated the arrival of their first grandson, also named Ted, on December 27, 2013. Congratulations!
- ☞ Congratulations to Malcolm and Cheryl Coyle. They are now the proud grandparents of their third granddaughter.

It's that time of year! Enclosed is:

## ***JR SAIL CAMP registration***

July 12-25 and Regatta July 26  
\$35/Sailor

Must swim, have a life jacket  
and like to have FUN!!!!!!

## ***A Look at the Future***

Tuesday, March 11	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, March 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Weekend of March 21		Cruising Fleet	Cruising Fleet Trip to Cape May
Monday, February 24		Keira Burtch	Ship to Shore Deadline
Friday, April 11	1900	Lynch's Restaurant	MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner
April 12-13	800	All Club Facilities	Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, April 27	11:30	Clubhouse	New Member Orientation
Sunday, May 25	Noon	Flag Pole and Pavilion	Opening Day
Sunday, June 15	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
July 12 thru July 26		Pavilion and River	Junior Sailing Camp
August 16 and 17		Kingston	ACBS Show
Saturday, August 23	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
**September 20 and 21		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 18	800	All Club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 22	1830	Nyack Seaport	Change of Watch
**corrected date			

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