



Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on
Friday, September 11, 2020 in the pavilion

2020 Bridge Officers

Commodore Chris Vicidomini
Vice Commodore Nick Galetta
Rear Commodore Dave Schrage
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne
Secretary Keira Burtch

2020 Board of Directors

Kevin Silver
Wayne Mitts
Art Basley
Rich Brienza
John Verrengia

2020 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Peter Alfieri
Dock 2/3: Bob Tamagny
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib
Dock 5: Malcolm Coyle
Dock 6: Rich Brienza

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

Everyone, please keep in mind that the yard is armed and active from a security perspective to protect the assets that are still in the yard.

Please respect the club's position on the subject and let the security team know if you need special attention by sending an email to security@minisceongoyc.org.

Click the link below for the instructions for the new gate security system.

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From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer. Although it was hot, we really had great weather and beautiful weekends. I haven't seen Croton as busy as it been this summer. Its sad the summer is coming to an end. Even with the limits we have with social distancing, the club is busy with boating and sailing for everyone to enjoy.

I've been struggling with words for each month's ship to shore because we haven't had social functions and the picnic, so it's hard to inform you with nothing go on.

I want to thank our grounds chairman Dave Schrage. He has been busy with Steve Altomonte removing some dead trees near the pavilion and clearing up the corner of that area for future use.

The building near the bathroom trailer has started to be cleared out to fix the floor and get it ready for the winter so De-ice can use it for storage and repairs. The new clubhouse is coming to an end soon, hopefully we'll be in there before the winter season to enjoy it by the fireplace. Also, John Vargo from Boating on the Hudson came to MYC and took pictures of the old and new clubhouse. He put a great article in the September issue so if you get a chance take a look. It came out great.

Decommissioning Ceremony

Join us to honor the old clubhouse and the men and women who worked to build and maintain her for more than 70 years.

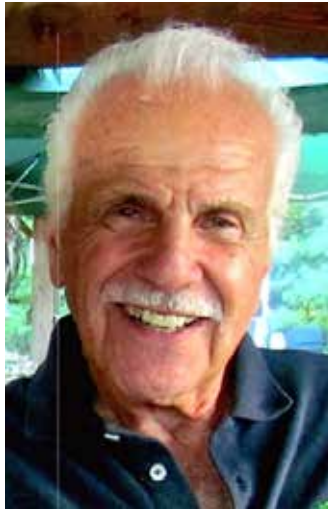


**September 12, 2020
Noon at the Flag Pole
The Clubhouse will be Open.**

On a final note, with covid -19 still haunting us, maybe you might want to think about hauling your boat sooner than later to help the yard committee finish sooner. Thanks in advance for understanding. Hope to see you at the September meeting.

Final Voyage

Edward F. Occhino passed away at home with his family by his side on August 28, 2020 from pancreatic cancer. He was a club member since 1986, a life member since 2014, and served as commodore in 1994 followed by 5 years on the Board of Directors. He served as co-chairman of the social committee and many years chairing the membership committee.



Edward F Occhino

Edward was a devoted husband to Louise for 65 years, a caring father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

The accompanying article was originally printed in the March 1992 issue of Ship to Shore and tells a bit about his youth, character, and love for boating and MYC.

Ed Occhino's Introduction to Boating

As told by Tom Austin

While Jo Stafford's lilting voice sang

*"See the pyramids along the Nile,
Watch the sunrise on a tropic isle,
Just remember, Darling, all the while,
You belong to me"*

my brother and I sat on the rooftop of the five-story walkup we lived in and listened intently as our older brother, Sonny, told us about his adventures in the Navy.

Up to now, summers on 149th St. in the South Bronx consisted of stick ball games in the street, hanging out on the stoop, leaning over the rail of the fire escape (throwing pennies to the organ grinder and his monkey in the alley below), watching the little kids cool off under an open fire hydrant, and for a special summer evening outing we would cross over Bruckner Blvd to take a swim in the East River, topping it off with an egg cream on the way home.

In my neighborhood, it was very normal to enlist in the armed forces right after high school. So taking my brother's lead, in 1952 after high school I, too, enlisted in the Navy.

My first stop was Bainbridge MD. After that I requested duty aboard the USS Conway, a destroyer out of Norfolk. The reason I chose this vessel was mainly because Sonny was serving on the ship also.

Together we traveled from Cuba to the Med, Italy, France, Spain, as the song goes,

*"See the market place in old Algiers,
send me photographs and souvenirs"*

you name it — we traveled there. For three years we sailed the seas.

Two months after I mustered out I married my long-time girlfriend, Louise. We soon started a family, our firstborn being a son named Ronald, and then we hit the jackpot. We had twins: a boy named Joe and a daughter named Valerie. We moved to a more peaceful community and got on with our lives.

Our summer vacations now consisted of trips to Long Beach Island in New Jersey to a place called Ship Bottom. As the kids grew, they kept asking me to take them sailing. Well, I finally rented a 16' Chrysler Buccaneer sailboat and took a lesson. Hooked was not the word; I loved it right from the start. I knew someday I would have to buy a sailboat.

In 1977, I purchased a 21' O'Day and kept it at Ba-Mar Marina. It was then that I met Frank Skala and he invited me to visit the Minisceongo Club. As time went on and the family grew, I needed a larger boat, so I bought a 30' Catalina.

"Just remember when a dream appears"

In the late 1980s, I was chosen for Regular membership in Minisceongo. It has been a long journey up the East River and across the Hudson for me but one that was filled with some very nice music.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Dave Schrage

Hi everyone we started cleaning up by the pavilion. We are extending the area for some trailer storage with the help of Steve Altomonte and his excavating machine. We removed some dead trees in that area. Eventually we will be relocating the horse shoe pit and putting up the swing set once we level the ground over there. I would like to thank Steve Altomonte, Shaun Foran, Warren and Seth Gannon for all their hard work.

Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Kevin Silver

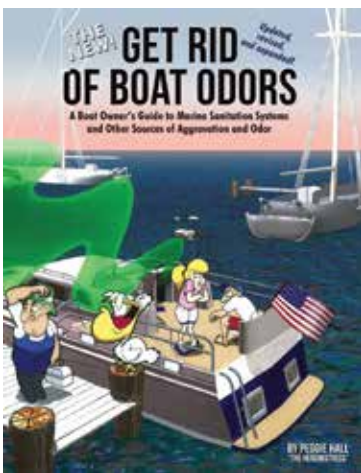
Last month's article highlighted electrical issues and how to prevent them. Well with all of our preparation and planning our shower drain pump circuit failed, (luckily at the end of our vacation), due to corrosion. That's cruising! 😊

This month I'd like to highlight another critical system in your boat and it stinks! Something that is near and dear to all, your marine toilet. Every boat owner I have ever met has had a complaint about their head. Even famous people like Billy Joel, who kept one of his boats near my father's slip in Sag Harbor, lamented to my dad about head problems.

The main culprit of head odor is the discharge hose. Take a moist paper towel, wipe the hose and take a whiff. If it stinks, replace the hose. Another common source of head odor is grass and other marine life trapped inside the flush-water passage under the rim of the bowl. Prevent this by installing a strainer in the intake line or use a freshwater supply to flush the toilet.

Toilets are mechanical devices that use neoprene parts. Over time these parts will become less flexible. Keep a spare duckbill joker valve aboard your boat. If it's getting harder to pump (constipated) follow your mother's advice. Take two tablespoons of mineral oil, dump in the toilet as well as the supply line. It should get things moving again and you'll breathe a sigh of relief.

For more tips on head maintenance I strongly recommend you turn to the headmistress, Peggie Hall and buy her book, "Get Rid of Boat odors: A Boat Owners Guide to Marine Sanitation Systems and Other Sources of Aggravation and Odor"



Steve Altomonte on his machine

Grading the top of the hill above the retaining walls

Yard Committee -

From Chairman Don Rubin

Damaging storms and hurricanes, what a strange summer! The yard crew is gearing up for the end of the season haul out. My suggestion for all members who will be storing in the yard this winter; instead of waiting until the last minute go in the yard and find your stands. I'm not sure where everyone's stand were put but they are in the yard someplace! Then find the tops for your stands. If you didn't bring them home, they should be with your stands. Check your tops for damage, if they need repair, get it done sooner than later. Check with Roger, there may be wood available to fix or replace the damaged part, I know there are tops that cannot be used this season. Now might also be a good time to lubricate the tops! And finally, where did you store the chains for your stands? We don't know either!

Due to other usual events this summer, we will be looking for members that want to have their boat hauled beginning in September. Contact Roger to arrange a date.

In an over-abundance of caution for the health and safety of the yard crew, we will be using a minimum number of crew in the yard for hauling. We will be contacting yard crew shortly to schedule dates and assignments. We will need people for hauling, power washing the boats and moving stands and the wood blocks.

The yard committee will be sending a memo out in the next week or so with more information about the haulout schedule. Start thinking about an October haulout date, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays are best, or other days with advance approval by the yard committee.



Sutherland Regatta

From Race Committee Chairman Jessie Fitzgerald

Hello Boaters! While the year has certainly presented unprecedented turns, we've been able to sneak in some sailing. Hopefully you've enjoyed some time on the water this summer as well. Initially, we thought that we couldn't host the Sutherland Regatta this year. A fun club tradition that we would be sad to miss. However, we are going to host the Sutherland this year. (Albeit with a few changes.) This year's regatta will only feature racing. There will be no breakfast before the race, dinner on Saturday, or lunch on Sunday. Registration will be mail-in or in person on Saturday morning. (Mail-in is preferred to reduce contact.) Fleets will be determined based on the number of boats registered. We look forward to seeing you all on the river, and hope to have two great days of racing.

Board of Directors Report - August 2020 *From Senior Director Kevin Silver*

- ~ Guests: MYCA Captain Corlin Carpenter, MYCA First Mate Ann Poltorack and Ship Store Coordinator Janice Romano. Capt. Carpenter explained that at the MYCA meeting on July 10, 2020 the membership voted to dissolve the Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary.
- ~ Ann Poltorack presented a set of 4 wine glasses and vase which she etched "MYC" into each item, to the board for the new club house.
- ~ Director Basely is working on a MYC Guidelines for selling Boats.
- ~ Review of policy: A member who sells their boat and has paid for their summer slip may receive a full or partial refund only if their slip is rented during the season.
- ~ The established policy is that a member and spouse/partner and non-adult children will have membership cards and access. Other family like adult children, parents or siblings are guests and are welcome when the member is present.
- ~ Dougie's will be renovated with help from Dave Tonneson, including provisions to repurpose some club house windows and a new poured concrete floor.
- ~ D Basely is working with Tony Ferrara to re-build the Skid Steer head if possible. It is too expensive to lease or replace at this time.
- ~ Walter Moser gift to the Club: C Vicidomini has signed the necessary papers. When the check is written it will be deposited into a separate account and will be designated the Walter Moser endowment fund for members who are interested in including MYC in their estate planning.
- ~ The board agreed to compensate Phil and Lorelee Schiff with a \$100 credit as compensation for lost food and clean up when a pedestal breaker was reportedly left inadvertently off after electrical maintenance on the dock.
- ~ A date will be sent soon to have a brief outside ceremony at the old club house prior to house dismantling.
- ~ D Basely will present the 2021 slate in September.
- ~ C Vicidomini said we cannot require all boats to haul early. With COVID in mind, Director Silver encourages members to do so if possible, knowing that hauling is more labor intensive than launching.
- ~ Security would like to have a list of all club-owned printers and equipment to centralize ordering of supplies. This information should be on the Asset list.
- ~ Tom Hemmerle has offered a model of the SS Constitution in a glass case for the new clubhouse. The Board does not wish to accept at this time.
- ~ Andy Hudson wrote a letter noting concern about safety issues relating to the new security system and possible collision at the gate. The document explains his concerns and will be taken up in Sept BOD meeting for discussion at the September meeting.

2020 Upcoming Events *All group events have been cancelled or postponed*

Tuesday, September 8	1900	Pavilion	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, September 11	1900	Pavilion	MYC Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 12,	Noon	Flag Pole	Decommissioning Ceremony
Thursday, September 17	2000	Cancelled	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, September 23		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
September 26 & 27		River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, November 14	0700	Club Grounds	Fall Work Day

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Around the Club

photos by Seth Gannon (left) and Keira Burtch (right)

*Steve Altomonte on his machine,
grading the top of the hill ...*

*... and digging the drywell pits for
the new clubhouse.*





Moonrise Over Minisceongo

photos by Kevin Silver

