



Ship to Shore

special web
edition

Stony Point, NY 10980

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Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on
Friday, October 9, 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

2021 Officer Nominations

Rear Commodore Erik Vandenberg
Vice Commodore Dave Schrage
Commodore Nick Galetta
Director 5 years Chris Vicidomini
Continuing Directors:
John Verrengia
Rich Brienza
Art Basley
Senior Director: Wayne Mitts
Discussion and vote at the
October 9 meeting

Harbor Committee

From Chairman John Kime

Please remember to remove
lines, fenders, steps, hoses and
all personal property from the
dock upon hauling.
Dock wheels can remain.
Thank you, John Kime

From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

It's hard to believe that fall has finally arrived. With the weather we've had this summer I thought it would never end. Although this summer was quiet from club activities, there's been a lot of work going on because of the new clubhouse. We've been cleaning up the grounds near the pavilion to improve the area where the horseshoe pits are. Hopefully, next spring we could setup the swing set next to the play gym. The area to the right side of the pavilion that we've been accumulating a lot of debris was finally cleaned out by grounds to make that land more usable for the club.



On Saturday September 12 we had a decommissioning ceremony for the existing clubhouse. Past Commodores, directors, bridge, and life members dressed in their whites

addressed the membership with nice stories and past memories of the existing clubhouse. It was a beautiful sunny day and a lot of members showed up to enjoy this special event. As one chapter closes of our existing



photo by John O'Brien

clubhouse a new one will open with new memories and events to come in the future for our new home. We are all hoping in the next couple of weeks that we

will get approval to start using the new clubhouse.

With the COVID 19 still present in our everyday lives, we have to remember that fall is approaching, and we should continue to maintain safe distances

between each other and continue to wear a mask when necessary. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Enjoy the remainder of your boating season. I will see everyone around the club,

Yard Committee

From Chairman Don Rubin

Hi all

I would like to remind you all there are a limited number of spots for each haul-out date. Don't wait until the last minute to choose! If you wait until the last minute you may not get your first choice, so now is the time to choose "3" possible hauling dates. On Wednesdays, the number of spots available are less than on the weekends.

Please pump out your holding tank before your scheduled haul out day. The yard crew has been complaining about having to wait while the member, pumps, flushes, pumps, flushes and pumps

before being hauled. And grease or oil the tops of your stands!

Thank you for your kind consideration!

If you will be storing your boat on a trailer at the club for the winter please contact Andy Hudson at your earliest convenience. He will provide a sticker to identify your trailer for

the yard crew. We are currently doing some renovations to the trailer storage area, thanks to associate member Steve Altomonte and his crew.

Our suggestion for all members who will be storing in the yard this winter, instead of waiting until the last minute, go in the yard now and find your stands. I'm not sure where everyone's stands were put but they are

Contact Roger with your preferred hauling dates.

October:

**Wed 7- Sat 3 - Sun 4 -
Wed 14 - Sat 10 - Sun 11-
Wed 21 - Sat 17 - Sun 18 -
Wed 28 - Sat 24 - Sun 25-
Sat Oct 31 - Sun Nov 1**

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. Again, 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.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Dave Schrage

Hi everyone,

Grounds has been busy leveling out the hill between the pavilion and yard storage area. We took out a lot of dirt and moved it by the pavilion during the week. Special thanks to Steve Altomonte, Warren and Seth Gannon, who spent many hours moving it. Warren was on vacation and he spent many hours driving the dump truck back and forth. We should have enough to fill in the basement of the old clubhouse. The stone was ordered thanks to John Kime. Thanks also to Ed Gutierrez who brought his stump grinder to clean up some stumps by new clubhouse. We also trimmed some trees by dock one parking area so they shouldn't interfere with Penny Bridge's boats when they bring them over. Thanks to Wayne, Robert, Chris Durland, Dave Horne, Tony, Warren Gannon and Paul Adao who helped us pull a tree down. Thanks again to everyone.

Sutherland Regatta

Race Fleet Chair Jessie Fitzgerald

Happy Fall, Boaters!

Another year, another successful Sutherland Regatta! Even though

some changes were made to accommodate these strange times, our attendance was close to years' past. The excitement for racing on the river is still high. Two Minisceongo boats placed in this year's competition: Breakout placed 2nd in the First Fleet; Old Noris placed 3rd in Second Fleet. (Old Noris placed 3rd racing in their first ever regatta!) It's great to have new blood on the river. Thanks to all the members that helped make this year's Sutherland possible.



Photo by Denise Minissale - more pictures page 6

Cruising Fleet *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

The Perfect Sailing Trip.

Cruising on a sailboat involves tradeoffs. The wind, current and departure times typically have to be factored together in order to make your destination. It's a beautiful thing when these variables come together and enable one to make a destination in record time. This is just what happened to Life member Andy and Karen Hudson aboard *Summer Breeze* in September. As a cold front approached, *Summer Breeze* departed Minisceongo Yacht Club and headed north to [Cornwall Yacht Club](#). After rounding red buoy #2 at our channel entrance, the engine was shut down and a quiet sail north commenced. It's hard to sail north of Haverstraw but the approaching front, with a southerly wind and a flood current enabled *Summer Breeze* to be sailed to Cornwall yacht Club in record time!

Drinking in the majestic beauty of the river and being able to sail under the Bear Mountain Bridge past West Point and through Worlds End is a beautiful thing. West Point was strategically located because it's a good place to shoot at ships because the wind is fickle and this hasn't changed in 200 years. Many British revolutionary war sea captains were familiar with these treacherous waters and stayed away. Thankfully Andy and Karen avoided these perils of the past and arrived at Cornwall Yacht Club in just 3 ½ hours! Normally this cruise would have taken well over four hours.



**Croton Yacht Club
looking south**

Nestled at the base of Storm King Mountain in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, the Cornwall Yacht Club is similar to MYC as it is a member-run, member-owned, private working yacht club. It is located on the western bank of the Hudson River approximately five miles north of the United States Military Academy at West Point and five miles south of the Newburgh Waterfront. Their club welcomes transients and the basin is well protected. I look forward to visiting next year myself.

But wait....there's more.

Three days later, the front was now coming through from the north. With strong northerly winds behind them and at full ebb current, they were able to sail all the way from Cornwall Yacht Club back to MYC, again in record time! Truly, sailing nirvana.

Thank you Andy for sharing this experience with me and the club.

If you have a boating experience that you would like to share with your fellow MYC'ers please email me.

Storm Coming? Be Prepared!

Senior members will remember the late summer ritual of "turning the boats". As hurricane season approached, everyone readied their boats by facing the bow toward the River to reduce strain on the dock system. Since the new docks were completed we no longer need to turn the boats.

Meanwhile, when a storm is predicted make sure to check your lines and double up as needed, remove loose canvas, sails and any other items that might get blown loose. While you are at it, take a look in your dock picnic area for anything that should be secured.

After the storm has passed, stop by and help get the club back into "Ship Shape" with the Grounds crew and, of course, check on your boat. If you see anything on the dock that may need repair contact your Finger Captain or the Harbor Committee to let them know. Many hands make light work ...
~Thanks in advance, Keira

Karen Hudson enjoying the sail.



photo by Andy Hudson

Board of Directors Report - September 8, 2020 *From Senior Director Kevin Silver*

~ Clubhouse expenses: T Hawthorne explained that we have spent \$891K of the \$900K approved by the membership. After discussion the following motion by D Silver was seconded and carried "The Board gives approval to ask the membership for up to \$10K if needed to get a CO/TCO"

~ T Hawthorne is doing the necessary paper-work with the bank to create a "Walter Moser Endowment Fund"

~ Guidelines for Selling Boats: Director Basley will update the document and send it to Membership and Mooring committees for their input.

~ Protocol for Severe Weather: D Basley suggested that the membership be more proactive when heavy weather is imminent. Finger Captains should be reminded to check the docks and boats before and after any major storm and report back to the Commodore. Members should ready their boats and help secure the grounds before, and clean up after the storm.

Safety Reminder

Please be cautious when driving out the main gate. **Entering cars have the RIGHT of WAY.** They may be over to your right to activate the gate/security system

Board Policy Affirmed

The Board of Directors reminds members that you and your spouse/partner and children living at home are members. Other family members like adult children are guests and are welcome to visit when you are at the club.

~ 2021 Rates List will be distributed and posted on the web site. The updated Bylaws will be also completed, distributed and posted.

~ D Basley announced the nomination slate of officers.

~ We will have the swearing in of officers at the December Board meeting. The board discussed various ways to provide a celebration of induction of Nick Galetta as commodore.

~ The board discussed directors' concerns about transparency and keeping the members informed of decisions.

~ S Burtch to send email to Committee chairmen asking for any nominations for Probationary membership

~ Decommissioning Ceremony to be held on Sept. 12, 2020

2020 Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 6	1900	Pavilion	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, October 10	1900	Pavilion	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, October 15	2000	Cancelled	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, October 28		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, November 14	0700	Club Grounds	Fall Work Day

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Decommissioning Ceremony

photos by John O'Blenis



***The Decommissioning Ceremony
To honor the men and women who built and maintained the clubhouse
for more than 72 years.***

Sutherland Regatta

Thanks for photos by Denise Minissale, Committee boat Wayne Mitts, and Jessie for making it possible.



The Photographer
photo above by Barbara Fitzgerald



Trailer Storage Area

Photos by Keira Burtch and Dave Schrage



*Finishing touches!
Clubhouse walkway
from the deck to
the blacktop - and
Dumpster enclosure
west of the Pavilion*

