



# Ship to Shore

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## Message from Commodore Bob Tamagny

As I sit down to write this December article a lot of thoughts are rattling around my empty head.

First off I need to say this year, serving as your Commodore, has really flown by. As a sailor I'm use to moving slowly (as my racing record proves); but with all of the club's everyday activities, the pace has been anything but slow and much has already been planned for next year.

At last year's Change of Watch dinner I was asked, "Why would you want to take on the responsibilities of being the Commodore?" At that time my answer was everyone has to step up and do their part for any organization that they are a part of and believe in. MYC is no exception. As Commodore you are looked to as the person in charge, but I can say without any reservation that the club runs well because of all our members and their commitment. Our committee heads and committee members truly do much work for all of us at MYC. Often work gets done, things happen and most of us never give any thought to it.

Then the number of people that have volunteered is amazing. All of our committees get help on a regular basis which has always been a plus for MYC. This spirit of volunteering and "can do" attitude makes MYC a special place.

Although all the committees have my respect I would like to highlight two committees that need special recognition. They are the Cruising Fleet and the Sailing Fleet. Our Cruising Fleet has become more active this year, bringing back the activity of cruising together. Years ago trips to Long Island Sound were

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.



Photo by Gary Kahn

Guy Plassart (l.) presenting a Life Membership plaque to Peter Eibert at the November 2011 membership meeting.

planned every summer, and I was glad to see it happening again. The destination is not as important as the traveling en-mass and the camaraderie that is enjoyed by everyone. If you have not joined the Cruising Fleet, I strongly suggest that you do so next year.

Not sure of boating to the Sound and beyond then join in on the Land Trip in March. Jeff and Keira are setting up a weekend getaway. This will be a time to get together and enjoy each other's company before our boating season begins.

My question to Jeff and Keira is what educational programs do you have in mind for us this com-

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## Reminder

**From Mark Hechinger:** From Section 40, Subdivision 1 of the Navigation Law, paragraph (e):

*"No owner or operator of a pleasure vessel less than twenty-one feet, including rowboats, canoes, and kayaks shall permit its operation, between November first and May first, unless each person on board such vessel is wearing a securely fastened United States Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device of an appropriate size when such vessel is underway."*

Failure to wear a life jacket on such vessels will be considered a violation under Section 73-c of the Navigation Law and is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, applicable to either the operator and/or the owner of the vessel.

**Put your life jacket on if you use the workboat between November 1 and May 1!**

## Note from De-ice

The **De-ice Committee** requests that members remove all personal items from their docks, such as lines, hoses, fenders and steps.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Monday, December 19, 2011.**

## The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

*From Captain Janice Senackerib:* Now that the 2011 season has come to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and friendship.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the Clubhouse over Thanksgiving weekend, this event put all of us in the holiday spirit.

Thinking of the holidays, remember it's not too late to do any last minute shopping at our Ship's Store. Some of the items make great gifts. Contact Linda Ferraro or myself if you would like to purchase something.

For our members that will be leaving for parts south and for those of us staying behind, we again wish you a healthy and happy holiday season and a happy new year.



### Yard Reminders

*From Yard Chairman Andy Hudson:* The yard guys wish you a happy holiday season. Please remember to check your boat from time to time to make sure that stands are still tight, particularly after a rain/thaw cycle.

This was my last haul as chairman of the Yard Committee. Please accept my thanks for everyone's help and cooperation throughout the years.



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ing year? The safety and electronic presentations were both educational and enjoyable, and I hope to see you expand on that.

The Sail Fleet also has stepped forward with their Junior Sail Training Program. When you start a new program it is hard to predict the results, but this program was very successful for its first go round. Now the Sail Fleet is about to take another step by expanding the program for the coming year. I'm sure you will be informed about this in the future. To the Sail Fleet I wish you luck in expanding, and I offer you a heartfelt Thank You!

As this is my last article for *Ship to Shore*, I again thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore. It has been my pleasure to work with so many of you.

In January as the new Bridge takes the helm, I ask you to give Joe Senackerib as much support as I have enjoyed.

My last official *Ship To Shore* question as Commodore is: *When do the boats go back in the water?*

Wishing all of you safe and healthy holidays and a Happy New Year.

*"Being on a boat that's moving through the water, it's so clear. Everything falls into place in terms of what's important and what's not."* — James Taylor

## Report for November from the Board of Directors

*From Senior Director Tony De Hayes*

- At Commodore Tamagny's request, the Board approved the reimbursement of Mr. Aversa's deposit due to several legitimate reasons which include family health issues.
- **Dock #5 parking:** The Commodore and Board reiterated that automobiles are prohibited from parking on the peninsula at Dock 5.
- **Work Boat acquisition:** The 2012 budget will reflect a line item of \$20,000 to purchase a work boat.
- **2012 Budget proposal:** Commodore Elect Senackerib presented his 2012 proposed budget to the Board. The budget will be presented to the membership for first reading later at this meeting.
- Commodore Elect Senackerib presented his choices for **Committee assignment**. The assignment roster will be presented later at this meeting.
- The Commodore Elect presented his **calendar and dates of events** to be held for 2012.
- **Clubhouse Committee report:** Director Tonneson reported that Gurran Kane would seek a meeting with an engineer to determine where the proposed new clubhouse could be located to adhere to our "Waterfront District" requirements.
- **Dredging:** Director Tonneson is in the process of obtaining information as to the longevity remaining of the existing dredging permits.

### For Sale

Last call for spinnaker sheets at wholesale prices: factory fresh New England Rope Flightline (polypro cover, Dyneema core), 5/16" only, solid red or green. \$0.85 / foot. Compare to Internet prices of \$1.35. Perfect all-purpose spinnaker sheets for 23–30' boats, or light air sheets for larger boats.

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### Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC  
and Janice Romano for MYCLA*

- Congratulations to Sandy Brophy on the wedding of her son Tim.
- Jack and Donna Saunders joyously announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Wesley James Saunders, 10/22/11, to son Scott and daughter-in-law Chrissie in Germany.
- Get well wishes go to Dan Adler and Joe Haftner.

# Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse

Reservation Deadline --- Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Hors d'Oeuvres, Buffet, Cake and Coffee, Adult Beverages

The cost is \$20.00 per person.

The number of persons in my party will be \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: *Minisceongo Yacht Club*

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

Mail to: Wayne Mitts, 13 Lincoln Street, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

## Sail Fleet News

*From Chairman St. John Forbes:* This summer has been very difficult to get our normal MYC sailing program fitted in. There were more regattas than normal, a good thing as we could sail and compete against the other clubs in the area. The social calendar again was very full, again good as we enjoyed the camaraderie of MYC. The weather was not very kind in that there were many days with either too little or too much wind. But now that we are putting our boats to bed for their annual hibernation, we can celebrate the achievements of our sailors. MYC sailors were "on the winner's podium" for each of the HRYRA Regattas and in the overall HRYRA results for all the regattas.

Hats off to our sailors for doing very well in the Wednesday evening HBRA races, John Nonenmacher (2<sup>nd</sup> A division), Jessie Fitzgerald (4<sup>th</sup> B division), Bert Rechtschaffer (3<sup>rd</sup> C1 Division) and our commodore Bob Tamagny (2<sup>nd</sup> C2 division). For our club races the Combo of Eric Schreck and his granddaughter Jessie Fitzgerald were the outright winners in *Gusto*, Wayne Mitts in *Transformation* was 2<sup>nd</sup> and only one point separated 3<sup>rd</sup> place John Moreno in *Xanadu* from

4<sup>th</sup> place Walter "Mo" Moser in *Anne M*. Hats off also to Andy Hudson for his great results in the MYC, HRYRA and Nyack Boat Club Laser regattas.

MYC sail fleet had a very active year with many firsts. This year for the first time we hosted **three regattas**: the Women's Regatta in June; the MYC Laser regatta in August; and the Sutherland Regatta in September. All of which received lots of praise from all the attendees for the quality of our race management, shore-side meals and after race activities. This year we also held our first training program for young members of the MYC Family. The program turned out to be so successful that many potential sailors had to be turned away as it was oversubscribed and was thoroughly enjoyed and proved to be very instructive as well to all the participants. Jessie Fitzgerald has to be commended for a great job coordinating and instructing this program.

The Sail Fleet sailors have been very active and are very good ambassadors for MYC to ensure that we remain one of the premium clubs on the Hudson.

Happy holidays to all MYC boaters.



## Cruising Fleet News

*From Cruising Fleet Chairman Jeff Burtch:* Once again, the weather conspired against us, but we prevailed and had a meeting and chili party on a sunny day, November 5, instead of in a snow storm. Discussions are under way to decide on a winter "Cruise" on the weekend of March 2-3. Reserve this date, and we will announce the location soon. It will be somewhere nearby and fun.

### *Cruising Destination of the Month*

**Jamestown, RI**, is one of our favorite destinations. We have stayed at the Conanicut Marina both on a mooring (a little bumpy) and at their wide docks (very pricey). The excellent and friendly staff will give you a ride in their courtesy car to the shopping center with a



### Ask Capt. Dick

*From Dick Myers:* In actuality Wayne Bartow didn't "dust off" Mark Hechinger. He was just applying some old wooden boat tricks to try and stop some minor leaks in the hull of his newly launched sailboat. If you take a bucket of very fine oak sawdust and release it under the hull, the sawdust will float up and some of it will find small leaks in the hull, and plug them. When the sawdust expands because of absorbing water, the plug will become more or less permanent. Did it work? I don't know, but I'm sure Wayne will have a bone dry bilge by the time he is through.

Marvin Raber wants to know how you can tell the difference between a closed cooling system and an open one. Most of the boats in our club have an open cooling system. Just walk around the docks on a hot day and look for open hatches. It's sort of like the cars of the fifties and sixties. Most of them had open cooling systems called two by sixty. You opened two windows and drove sixty miles per hour. The boats with closed cooling systems all have their hatches and portholes closed.

Till next time,

well-stocked food store, liquor store and Laundromat. We ate at the "Trattoria Simpatico" and had great food and live music in an outdoor patio area. What a treat that dinner was!

*Conanicut Marina* is located on the East Passage of Narragansett Bay, south of the Bridge to Newport. Situated in the center of the Village of Jamestown, there is easy access to shops, gourmet deli, restaurants, hardware and marine supply store. They also house the dock for the ferry to Newport. Get a day pass for \$18.00 and you can visit the maritime museum, lighthouse and downtown Newport for great shopping, dining and *yacht watching* – some of the greatest boats in the world.

If anchoring out is your preference, go up the West Passage to Dutch Harbor, and dinghy into the Town Dock and walk about ½ to ¾ mile to the same town and restaurants. (You are actually closer to the shopping center from the west side.) We love the quiet streets of Jamestown, and walking the side streets past the lovely homes of this quiet Island.



Photo by Ginger Weismantel

Typical view from a mooring at Conanicut Marina. This is *Nefertiti*, a 12-Metre, sailing by on August 19, 2008.

## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, December 6	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
<b>Friday, December 9</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>MYC Membership Meeting</b>
Thursday, December 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Monday, December 19		Bob Weismantel	<i>Ship to Shore</i> Deadline
Tuesday, January 10		Wayne Mitts	Commodore's Reception Reservation Deadline
<b>Sunday, January 15</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>Commodore's Reception</b>
Sunday, January 22		Clubhouse	ACBS Meeting
<b>April 14-15</b>		<b>Club Grounds</b>	<b>Work Weekend</b>
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>		<b>Flagpole &amp; Pavilion</b>	<b>Opening Day</b>
<b>Sunday June 17</b>		<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Father's Day Brunch</b>
<b>Saturday, August 25</b>		<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>