



Ship to Shore

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From Commodore Tony Ferraro

Happy March to all! We are within weeks of the official start of Spring and things are moving along. Our East Bank project is full steam ahead. As you are reading this, all of the steel should have been delivered, and Sound Marine is gearing up to start their work. I feel compelled to mention all of this is ahead of schedule and under budget due to the extraordinary efforts of John Kime and our dynamic duo—the Tonneson Brothers. If you recall, we had some very cold weather, but the “Duo” persevered. Frank left the warmth of North Carolina and together with Dave, they completed the prep work for the East Bank. Utilizing the approved quantity of material, they were able to expand the amount of work and improve the road to Dock 6 as well. I have to say, I am getting a little excited to “show off” our club to neighboring marinas. There was a blog in the “Boatered” making comment that, “They sure have their collective act together at MYC.” So I say to them, “You have not seen anything yet!” It is an interesting commentary so feel free to check it out (www.boatered.com, go to HRCC, then SPBM page 24).

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for the delay in presenting the club calendar. A sincere request was asked by Dave Tonneson to change Opening Day to the weekend prior. For reasons mentioned above, I saw this as an opportunity to thank him for his time, talents and contributions, especially this being his last year on the bridge. I take such requests seriously and a great effort went

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 8, 2013, at 8 P.M., in the Clubhouse.

into my decision. Dave, on behalf of myself and the Membership, we truly appreciate all you have done for us, but I have decided to leave Opening Day for the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. It has become a Minisceongo Yacht Club tradition to start our season in collaboration with Memorial Day, which was cre-

ated as an occasion to honor those who have paid the ultimate price to ensure our freedom. It is our opportunity to stop and give thanks for the many who have died protecting that freedom. In addition, many members plan their weekends knowing of that tradition. So mark your calendars for Sunday, May 26, as we officially open our doors for the 2013 boating season.

In last month’s *Ship to Shore*, I mentioned the attempt to reduce

the membership committee assignments from three to two. It was more difficult than originally thought. The nature of our “working” club requires many levels of talent and time. There are many members who show a variety of skill levels and in the best interest of the club, I have assigned them accordingly. So if you are one of the “lucky” members who fell into the three (or more) assignment category, I thank you in advance for your time and contribution. Should anyone have a comment or concern about their assignments, feel free to give me a call.

Our Spring Work Weekend is scheduled for April 13-14. I ask the Committee heads to contact me and



Frank and Dave Tonneson placing stones on the East Bank on January 31.

Photo by Bob Weismantel

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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

review the projects they have in mind. I want to know that we are all in agreement and prepared for Work Weekend (both in manpower and supplies). To our Associate Members who would like to volunteer, reach out to me or the committee heads and let us know your availability. (P.S. Don't forget the free lunch!)

So, that's the March report...as always, more to come, and again I thank all of you for your contributions to our beautiful MYC.

Tony Ferraro

Sunshine

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

- Congratulations to Bob and Donna Kieffer. They just became great grandparents to Evan Winger.
- Congratulations to Wayne and Susanne Mitts. Their daughter blessed them with their third grandchild, Brennan F. Kenny.
- Get well wishes go to Ken Hyman scheduled for surgery on February 26.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Deb Fass: Boating season is getting close. Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring. Let's hope he is right!

The Auxiliary will kick off the 2013 season with the Annual Installation Dinner in a few weeks. This year's dinner will be held on Friday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. at Lynch's Restaurant on 9W in Stony Point (formerly Noel's). The cost is \$30 per person. Come join us for some good food, good company and, I am sure, lots

of laughter. If you are new to the club, attending the dinner is a great way to meet our members.

Our annual membership drive has begun. If you haven't already done so, please send your dues to Janice Romano. We are looking forward to having a great year with our Bunco Director, Dianne Silver, as our Captain.

*Enjoy what is left of the winter, be safe and stay healthy.
See you soon!*

Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner

Friday, April 12, 2013, at 6:30 P.M.

Lynch's Restaurant, 79 S. Liberty Dr. (Route 9W), Stony Point NY

(Location is where Noel's Irish Pub used to be.)

Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$30) payable to MYCLA, c/o Debra Fass, 62 Mandon Terrace, Hawthorne NJ 07506

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail: _____

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

Sail Fleet News

From Rear Commodore Kevin Silver: Planning for this season's sailing activities is well underway.

First and foremost mark your calendar for 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 9, in the Clubhouse. The Sail Fleet Breakfast Meeting is quickly approaching and all are invited to attend. This Sail Fleet meeting serves as the springboard into this summer's sailing season. The meeting will include setting up the 2013 racing schedule, discussion on ways to improve the Junior sail program, planning for the Sutherland Regatta and much more.

The Junior Sailing program, under the leadership of Jessie Fitzgerald, is scheduled for July 14-19/22-26. The sign-up flier is included with this month's issue of *Ship to Shore*, and is also available on the website. Based upon input from Jessie, we are already getting requests for information; so don't delay, get your ap-

plication in as soon as possible. In addition to the Opti program, we will also have the 420 two-person sailboat ready for our older Junior Sailors. Planning is also underway for a trip to neighboring clubs for Junior racing, so at the risk of repeating myself – sign up now and be a part of something great!

We are also looking into the possibility about hosting a two-day U.S. Sail sanctioned Counselor Course at MYC. This would be a basic course for a Sailing Counselor. Let Jessie know if you're interested in participating.

For those really itchin' to get an early start, Andy Hudson is organizing laser racing in April. Since Andy is usually ice sailing in the winter, April seems late to him. If you're interested give Andy a call and see what it's about

Just think, less than 75 days to go till boating season!

Ask Cptn. Dick

From Dick Myers: Well, as usual, Bonnie was right again. I guess I really should start listening to her more often. (Maybe next year ☺.) A gunkhole is an out-of-the-way protected body of water. Some are navigable by boat, others only accessible by canoe or kayak. The term gunkhole is in reference to the bottom, usually muddy due to the slow movement of the water. Usually gunkholes are protected from the wind so they could be used as a hurricane hole with proper anchorage. Some boaters prefer a gunkhole over a marina for the quiet solitude they offer. MYC has a close-by gunk hole. Head south past Haverstraw, There is an opening on the west bank into a large protected cove in front of the electric plant. Word of caution: if you visit this gunkhole, get local knowledge as to the entrance way passage.

Normally, I take a question from someone and answer it in my inalienable way. This time I would like to relate to you an experience I had while participating in a Poker Run put on by the Vero Beach Power Squadron. On the last of five stops at different docks, I was pulling directly into a slip-type of dock when one of the dock hands grabbed my bow rail in an attempt to slow down my approach. In doing so, he pulled the bow toward the dock. Now granted, I was coming in a bit too fast and was about to go into reverse. But since he had a hold of my bow rail I didn't want to take a chance of pulling the poor old guy into the water. I consequently hit one of the dock pilings. Now my thought is that he should have thrown himself between my boat and the piling if he thought I might hit it instead of grabbing the bow rail. Fortunately, no damage was done. But I started thinking of our club and its nice new docks. So I thought I would give some advice on how to protect the docks from any boat damage. First, as I said

before, if a boat is in danger of hitting a piling, get in between the piling and the boat. You will find an arm or a leg works just as well. Now dock hands are not fully responsible for a safe landing. Crew members can also help out by grabbing pilings, using legs or arms to prevent a bump. My favorite is to jump off the boat to the dock before the boat stops. This will push the boat away from the dock preventing any damage. If you happen to fall in during this maneuver, you are in an excellent position to prevent damage to the docks

'til next time,

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 neighbor's 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!***

The boats in the aisles should be ready for launching in April!

Thank You, Rog

P.S. I'm still looking for the person who owns the wave runner *Bandit*.

Cruising Fleet News

From Cruising Fleet Chairman Jeff Burtch: The month of February finds us on the West Coast of Florida. We left the Keys at the end of January, and headed north across Florida Bay and on into the Gulf. Most of the area is wild and undeveloped. The Everglades National Park is scenic with mangrove islands, beaches, rivers and swampland. Our favorite part was the Rod and Gun Club in Everglades City. This old vintage 1850's hotel is filled with interesting décor including stuffed alligator skin, a bear and several other hunting and fishing trophies.

Ft. Myers Beach is on lovely Estero Island, with white powdery sand beaches that offer easy access for walks, swims or even bike rides along its full length. We stayed at Snook Bight Marina, which has a great set of new floating docks, pool, restaurant, and best of all – a Publix supermarket right next door!

When we arrived in Ft. Myers Beach, we were greeted by Ed and Louise Occhino who came by power boat to our marina. Dennis and Kathleen Doyle took us for a drive around Estero Island and a visit to their lovely condo with a beautiful view of the bay and the gulf followed by a dockside seafood dinner. Best of all, we all went to see the Occhino's canal front condo followed by a delicious dinner out.

After Ft. Myers, we arrived in Punta Gorda and are now tied off in the canal behind Todd and Fran Cassetta's house (*Loan Survivor*). We were joined for dinner by Russell and Wendy Williams (*Imagine-Dock*

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Report for February from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Dave Tonneson

- ✎ Treasurer Frank Romano reported that the final electric bills were sent out to all slip holding members.
- ✎ Commodore Ferraro's committee assignments were received and accepted. Any member requests for changes *must* be submitted in writing to the Commodore.
- ✎ Three new Associate Member Applications were received and accepted for voting at the regular membership meeting.
- ✎ The 2013 Work Weekend was discussed and a meeting of committee chairman will be held to determine and identify what will be necessary to assure a productive effort.
- ✎ Compliments were allotted to Frank Tonneson (a regular member who now lives in North Carolina). Frank's love of MYC propelled him north for a week, at his own expense, to help complete the East Bank stone rip-rap improvements. He spent five and a half days operating the large rental excavator, placing the stone that will increase our protection from wind and water in the future.

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, March 5	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, March 8	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 9	1000	Clubhouse	Sail Fleet Planning Breakfast
Weekend of March 15		Greenport, NY	Cruising Fleet Winter Land Cruise
Wednesday, March 20		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Thursday, March 21	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Friday, April 12	1830	Lynch's Restaurant	MYCLA Installation Dinner
April 13-14	0800	All Club Facilities	Spring Work Weekend
Sunday, April 21	T.B.A.	Clubhouse	New Associate Member Orientation
Sunday, May 26	NOON	Flag Pole & Pavilion	Opening Day Ceremonies & Lunch
Sunday, June 16	1100-1300	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, June 29	T.B.A.	Docks & Pavilion	Cruising Fleet's Dock-Go-Round
July 14-19	T.B.A.	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Camp Week #1
Saturday, July 20	T.B.A.	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Camp Week #1 Raindate
July 22-26	T.B.A.	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Camp Week #2
Saturday, August 24	NOON	Sutherland Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 21-22		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 26	0800	All Club Facilities	Fall Workday