



Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on
Friday, November 13, 2020

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

Dougies aka "Ice House"

Dave Tonneson and Art Basley led a team to upgrade Dougies for the De-Ice Committee and workshop. Thanks to Steve Morris, Erik Vandenberg, Seth Gannon and John Kime. (Photo by Art Basley)



From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

As I write the 2nd to last Ship to Shore to everyone, I'm trying to look for something positive to write. The first thing that comes to mind is that as far as I know everyone is safe and healthy from the corona virus. The second is that we had great weather this summer and it seemed as though everyone enjoyed boating this season and got a

lot of use from their boats. With no cub functions going on this year the sail fleet was still able to have the Sutherland race. Although it was just a race, they had a good event and enjoyed the camaraderie of sailing.

By the time you read this the yard committee should hopefully have all

the boats hauled safely out of the basin and on land. For those of you that are familiar with the building we call Dougies, I'm happy to say that Art Basley and Dave Tonneson and their crew had a new cement floor poured on the garage side and

soon we'll have the whole building ready for the de-ice committee to utilize it as a new home for their equipment. We will also use it for repair of the BBQ's and a small

workshop if needed.

As for the log cabin clubhouse, also by the time you read this it should hopefully be dismantled and some of the good logs

saved and the area turned into green space. Once this project is completed, we will then be able to file for certificate of Occupancy for our new clubhouse. The new clubhouse was recently professionally landscaped by Curti's landscaping. With the landscaping completed, we'll really have one of the nicest yacht clubs on the Hudson River.

In closing, even though the corona virus had a strong hold on some of the decision making for our club this season I felt that the Board of Directors and myself did the best with what we had to keep our club safe but at the same time still be able to boat and enjoy our beautiful club. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and look forward to enjoying the rest of our holiday season. Hope to see everyone around the club.

Fall Clean-up Day

**Saturday,
November 14 - 8AM
BYO food and drinks
Please be Safe!
Wear your Mask!**

Gus Miller Portrait

From Keira Burtch

Who was Gus Miller and why does he hold the place of honor above our mantel? If it weren't for Gus Miller, MYC probably would not be here.

Excerpted from the Nov. 1993 Ship to Shore: "Soon after World War II, Gus bought much of the land on which MYC is now located. He found some boat-owners occupying the site, but allowed them to stay - at first free and then for reasonable rent. The arrangement continued for more than 20 years. Then in 1969, when he decided to sell the river-front property, he consented to extend the lease for another year so the Club could work out financing to purchase the acreage for itself. He agreed to take the mortgage - and later renewed it at well below the market rate. For his beneficence to MYC, he was named Honorary Commodore. The oil portrait on the wall is of Honorary Commodore August E. Miller."

The Portrait of Gus Miller was painted by the Hudson River artist William Bruckner. Excerpted from the web site

<http://www.williambruckner.com> from 2015, the time of his Centennial Exhibition:

"William Bruckner was a beloved New York painter who epitomized his hometown of Nyack and neighboring

landscapes in oil paints, watercolors, and drawings. Much of his artistry depicted the village of Nyack and the Hudson River. He was also known for his still lifes and his portraits."

"Bruckner died in 2002 but left his artistic legacy and the beauty of Nyack's landscapes and notables captured on canvas in his signature soft, realistic style. His work hangs in the Pentagon, 23 public buildings in Rockland County, corporate collections, and private collections."

Kiki Michael is arranging for professional restoration and re-framing of the portrait of August E Miller that will be mounted above the mantel in its proper place of honor in the new clubhouse. (photo by Kiki Michael)



Grounds Committee

From Chairman Dave Schrage

Hi everyone, hard to believe as I write this, snow in the forecast for this weekend. We had Curti's landscaping come in and plant all the trees and plants, mulched all the beds and seeded everything around the new club house. It looks great thanks to Seth for keeping everything watered. We will be doing a leaf cleanup in the end of November. Thanks and be safe.

Yard Committee

From Chairman Don Rubin

Fellow members, the fall hauling season is coming to an end. Again we are amazed that all the boats in the harbor that need a winter spot somehow find an appropriate place in the yard. The yard crew and member volunteers do a great job safely storing all the boats. I'd like to thank Shaun Foran, Bobby Lynn and Steve Altemonte for the great job they did in the spring launch season and the fall hauling season. This does not mean some of our other members who join us weekly or occasionally are any less valuable to our efforts and they too are greatly appreciated.

Additionally, I would like to thank Roger, Malcolm and Frank for their guidance and planning that make this process run as smoothly and efficiently as it does, even though it doesn't seem like it at times. We missed the vast experience and knowledge provided by long time boat yard senior member Mark Hechinger who is currently on injured reserve. We hope you all had a successful boating season and we are looking for an even better one in 2021.



This painting of Minisceongo Yacht club, also by William Bruckner, shows the old clubhouse, flag pole, and boats of the era in the basin. (Photo of this painting from the Bruckner website)

Cruising Fleet *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

A Menemsha harbor memory.

When cruising you never know what exciting adventure will present itself.



Many years ago, a teenager who loved to fish was with his parents aboard their 37' Egg

Harbor Sedan cruiser docked in [Menemsha](#), a quaint fishing village on the east side Martha's Vineyard. The town dock in those days held about 20 transient slips. When dock space was unavailable, the dock master would raft up to 10 boats off the main bulkhead. Those Menemsha raft-ups were legendary. It was quite a sight to see how a boat within the middle of the raft was untied to depart and the raft re-formed.

From the eyes of that teenager, yours truly,

Menemsha was heaven on earth. I could sail my [Dyer Dhow](#), 7'11 sailing dinghy into Menemsha pond or mount my 3 hp Evenrude folding shaft outboard



on the transom, fishing pole in hand and spend hours exploring gunk-holes and catching flounder. I still have that motor. At the end of the day, I would keep three or four and sell the rest of the catch to the local restaurant.

Early evening in July something different was

occurring. The normal fish smell that permeated the harbor was different. It was intense and folks in the harbor became very excited. People were running all over the place, getting their fishing poles and nets, all the while keeping a watchful eye on the inlet. The water seemed to be roiled with surface activity as it moved inward into the harbor.



Striped bass were herding spawning alewives or krill (I can't recall) into the harbor. The entirety of Menemsha harbor became alive with fish and the feeding frenzy ensued for over two hours. Striped bass and newly spawned fish were jumping out of the water all over the harbor. Dinghies, docks and cockpits of some boats filled with fish. Folks grabbed whatever they could - fishing poles, nets or even buckets to snag



their catch. The memory of that night, some 50 years ago, is still fresh in my mind and when I think about it, I'm that thirteen year-old kid all over again.

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

As boats are moved into the yard. Security would like to remind the members that the Yard and Basin access control security system will be activated and monitored going forward. As a reminder, we ask all members that have boats on the perimeter getting boats shrink wrapped for the winter to inform the security team to turn off the alarm system prior to the work function.

Please remember that you should not walk under the yard gate when the gate enclosure is down! When entering or leaving the yard, please use the gate by the Snack Shack. This request will eliminate unnecessary false alarms and calls from the Central Monitoring Station.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

You never know what incredible lifetime memories are created when cruising with your family. More than ever, it is never too early to make your cruising plans for 2021. Long Island Sound, Narragansett Bay and Martha's Vineyard are just spectacular boating destinations and will be there next year to help you create life-long memories.

Feel free to share your boating memories on our MYC Facebook page. Click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1607379366012565/?ref=share> to join the group. We look forward to reading about your story. (Photos and Charts provided by Kevin Silver)

Board of Directors Report - October 6, 2020 *From Senior Director Kevin Silver*

~ Seth Gannon and Warren Gannon have been elevated to regular membership.

~ The board is working on a Guidelines policy for Selling Boats. A draft will go to Membership, Mooring/Harbor and Yard Committees for input.

~ Winter Guest Storage policy is being discussed. For emergency purposes boats may be identified with the name of the Winter Guest on the shrink wrap or visible sign. Follow up in November BOD meeting.

~ VC Galetta distributed a budget draft for review.

~ RC Schrage to go forward & reserve a venue for the 2021 COW. He will be sure he knows the policy if we are forced to cancel.

~ Plans for alternatives for VC Galetta party are in discussion.

~ BOD approved disposal of the outdoor ice freezer that is beyond repair.

~ The white fence along our main entrance is to be extended to meet with the neighbor's fence and moved to

the property line. To be brought up to the membership for approval at the Friday meeting.

~ Fall workday was discussed. The Board does not want to serve food. It will be "BYOFood" event. Members who do not want to participate may opt out. Masks will be required when not social distancing.

~ Penny Bridge Winter Storage Contract will be extended for another 2 years. Contract will run from 10/2020 – 10/2022

~ The Commodore wants to formalize and standardize the pricing and regulations for guest winter boat storage from commercial entities.

~ Boating on the Hudson Special Edition to feature MYC story "Journey of the Bell" by George Basley. To be brought up to the membership for approval of \$250 consideration at the Friday meeting.

~ Director Brienza and Treasurer Hawthorne will investigate the possibility of getting an equity loan to consolidate our debt for the clubhouse Line of Credit and the Travel Lift loan.

Sunshine

from Andy Hudson

♥ Congratulations to Karen and Andy Hudson on the birth of their first granddaughter, Ainsley Marie Hudson

Best wishes for speedy recovery to:

♥ Dan Adler who is recovering from a broken nose and cheek

♥ Marcia Kime had eye surgery

♥ Kevin Silver had shoulder surgery and root canal

♥ John Bogert had neck surgery and will have back surgery soon

♥ Mark Hechinger is getting a new hip

♥ Bill Pigott is at home recovering from vascular surgery

2020 Upcoming Events

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| Tuesday, November 10 | 1900 | | Executive Committee Meeting |
| Friday, November 13 | 1900 | | MYC Membership Meeting |
| Saturday, November 14 | 0800 | Grounds | Fall Work Day |
| Thursday, October 19 | 2000 | Cancelled | Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting |
| Wednesday, November 25 | | Keira Burtch | Ship To Shore Deadline |

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Please send **articles, web page information and address/contact changes** to Keira Burtch: info@minisceongoyc.org

New Clubhouse Landscaping

photos by Keira Burtch



The Ice House aka Dougies Photos by Art Basley



The Gazebo with New Lights Photos by Seth Gannon



Tree Work in the Yard Photos by Seth Gannon

