



# Ship to Shore

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## 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

## Meeting notice for MYC Auxiliary

Friday, July 10, 2020  
at 7PM will be the first meeting  
for the Auxiliary due to the virus.  
It is an important meeting.

We have to decide how we are  
giving the club the money for  
furniture and pay any other bills  
that we have.

The other important decision has  
to be: if and when the Auxiliary  
will disband.

Sincerely,  
Corlin Carpenter  
Auxiliary Captain

Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on  
Friday, July 10, 2020 in the pavilion

## From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

*As June brings us into the  
beginning of summer, I'm glad to  
say its been a long time coming.*

*I'm hoping that everyone is  
doing well and most of you  
have your boat in the water or  
are getting it ready to launch.  
As I come up to MYC and  
see everyone on their boats,  
barbecuing or just sitting around  
the club, its great to see this once  
again. All our committees have  
been doing a great job in getting  
the club ready for the  
2020 season.*

*Although this  
year is difficult  
on us all, I'm  
hoping that  
everyone will  
enjoy boating  
and doing some  
traveling or  
spending time  
at Croton. We  
had our June  
monthly meeting  
in the pavilion  
and it went very  
well. It was great  
to see the turn*

*out we had, and it was a very  
productive meeting. I'm looking  
forward to having the next  
couple of monthly meetings at  
the pavilion. It was perfect for  
the social distancing we have to  
comply with.*

*We also had an open house at  
the new clubhouse on Saturday  
6/20. Keith and I were very  
happy to see such a great turn  
out. Everyone thought the place  
looks great and are looking  
forward to many years of good  
use. The building is finished, all  
the utilities are connected and  
some of the indoor seating is in  
place. It looks like the outdoor  
furniture will be here sometime  
in August. We are just waiting  
for final inspection to get the*



photo by Keira Burtch

## New Clubhouse "Bar" Area Furniture

*certificate of occupancy. We will  
have to see how covid 19 goes  
to determine if we can do any  
social gathering. I hope to see  
everyone on the water and at the  
next monthly meeting.  
STAY SAFE !!*

## John Funk's Introduction to Boating

*Story as told to Tom Austin - reprinted from the February, 1991 Ship to Shore*

"The summer of 1948 was a scorcher back in Hillsboro, Kansas. In case you never heard of Hillsboro, it lies about half-way between Abilene and Wichita. During the summer months the most popular place in town for the kids was the old Farm Pond.

"The pond was owned by one of the deacons of the Mennonite Congregation, of which we were members. If the pond was not being used as a watering hole for thirsty cattle, and if the preacher wasn't baptizing someone in it, well then the kids could cool off in fine style. There was so much activity going on in that pond that the deacon put a rowboat in it. A strong kid could take about five good pulls on the oars and you just about ran out of water.

"Real boating for me began in 1959. Lake Aston and a 21' ski boat stole my heart. Some guys dream about that first car they wish they had. Well, for me, I fell for my cousin's ski boat.

"It wasn't until 1969 with the University of Kansas Graduate School behind me that I found my first real job and my first real boat. I moved to Syracuse and bought a 15' Dorsett 50 MPH ski boat. I thought life was complete. For 10 years I took that boat everywhere: Oneida Lake, the Thousand Islands, the Finger Lakes — me and my boat, a perfect match. Well, almost a perfect match. 'Man cannot live by boat alone.' Or is it 'bread alone?'

"In 1979 I moved to Catskill, N.Y. and filled the job as Green County Director of Mental Health and Drug Abuse. While in Catskill I met a colleague named Janet, a gal who

spent her teenage years around her Dad's boats on the Jersey Shore. It didn't take long before we were exploring the Hudson together.

"Time passed, but together I think we found a new pond to dream on.

**Folks out here call it  
Haverstraw Bay."**



**John Funk, clearing the  
basin of weeds**

**John Funk** became an Associate member in 1986, a regular member in 1989 and a life member in 2014. He served as our Commodore in 1993 and the Board for 5 years.

If you look around the club, there is very little that he has not had a hand in creating, maintaining, and quietly, in his own way, giving lots of TLC. He is moving to the Philadelphia area soon and we will miss him. Please come visit from time to time. Best wishes from the MYC family

## Yard Committee

*From Chairman Don Rubin*

The MYC yard committee with help from other members continues to slowly empty the boatyard and launch boats. I'd like to thank several associate members who have been there to help; Shaun Foran and Bobby Lynn, and regular members Rich Brienza, Chris Vicidomini, Dave Schrage with special thanks to John Kime who has been there every day we have launched boats and Seth Gannon who has not only helped launch boats but also helped with maintaining our yard equipment. I apologize if i left anyone out. Stay safe and wash your hands!

## Welcome to our Newest Members

**William and Natalie Bogert**  
dry sail  
17.5' center console Edgewater.

**Rob and Dorothy Esporin**  
Dock 4-4A  
22' Sea Ray.

**Stuart and Carol Finn**  
Dock 3-29  
34' Beneteau sail boat.

**Stanley and Sarah Grom**  
Dock 1-20  
18' Boston Whaler

**Michael and Pamela Lobosco**  
Dock 4-4D  
23' Boston Whaler Outrage.

**Arthur and Linda Menzel**  
Dock 6-05  
35' Sea Ray Sundancer.

## Cruising Fleet - *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

Welcome to the 2020 boating season! Concerned about social distancing? Your boat provides the ultimate in isolated bliss. ☺ Albeit a weekend on the hook in Croton or extended trip to Long Island Sound, I encourage you to get out there! Here's the thing, - more than any other year, there will be many others who are just as eager to "get out" and go! While we are all itching to do so, there is one thing that I am compelled to write about at the beginning of the season, your boat's wake.



Please take heed of Idle Speed, No Wake Zone signs, buoys in the water and notations on your GPS. You can see a sign similar to those pictured a mere 300 feet from our channel buoys.

When heading to Long Island Sound through the Harlem River take note, Swindler Cove and that portion of the Harlem River running from the University Heights Bridge southerly to the High Bridge; and that portion of the Harlem River between the Spuyten Duyvil trestle and the Broadway Bridge are designated "No Wake Areas."

It never ceases to amaze me how

we can be traveling on a straight course, not another boat in the Haverstraw Bay except one heading in the opposite direction which passes by us offering a friendly wave as they pass by.... just a hundred feet or so to our port. ☹ I guess one should be thankful they passed "port to port" but I am stunned how clueless some boat operators are about the effect of their wake, the damage it can cause and their liability regarding the damage or personal injury to others. Being "waked" is no joke and as the owner/operator of your boat, the responsibility and liability rest with you.

The following URL brings you to an interesting article in Boat US's Seaworthy magazine about Boat Wake Damage Liability. <https://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2015/october/boat-wake-damage-liability.asp>

For additional information concerning NY waterways please visit the NY State Parks and Marinas site, [https://www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_things\\_to\\_do/facilities/marinas/images/no\\_wake\\_notice.pdf](https://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_things_to_do/facilities/marinas/images/no_wake_notice.pdf)

### Final Voyage

Hector Miranda passed away on June 25, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He was an active member of MYC for several years. He is survived by his wife Nihlia at their home in Florida.

Mrs. Nihlia Miranda  
768 Crosswind Way  
Port Orange, FL 32128



I would love to hear from members about your summer's cruising plans. Please feel free to share your plans with your fellow members by posting on our **Minisceongo Yacht Club Cruising Fleet** Facebook page or email me and I'll post for you..

Next month's article: Electricity aboard your boat. The good, the bad and the ugly.

Safe Boating! Have a great summer!

## Grounds Committee

*From Chairman Dave Schrage*

Hi everyone we threw down 36 yards of top soil and some seed around the new clubhouse thanks John Kime and Seth Gannon for all your help. It was a long day. The sprinklers are running and hopefully we will see some grass real soon with the hot weather. If you see any garbage on the ground please pick it up. When going on a extended boat trip please park in long term parking areas. Enjoy the summer and hopefully there will be some fireworks.



## Board of Directors Report - May, 2020 *From Senior Director Kevin Silver*

- \* Treasurer Hawthorne informed the board the total expenses for the house now stands at \$859K. Total line of credit debt to date: \$330K
- \* D. Silver wanted to be sure the membership understands the club balance sheet report erroneously indicates a balance of approximately \$108,000. This is an incorrect figure. Miniceongo yacht club has, to date, \$439,000 cash in our various accounts and club finances are very healthy.
- \* Director Brienza read the applications for five associate members
- \* Walter Moser Endowment Fund: D Silver presented findings from two attorneys on how to move forward with this fund. Action: this will be taken to the membership for approval.
- \* Large social functions will be cancelled this season. The Sutherland regatta will be run as race only without the steak dinner or Sunday luncheon. Discussed option to hold a "Decommissioning Day" in the fall if allowed.
- \* Extend Current Bridge & BOD Terms for 1 year. Action-To be presented to the membership for discussion over the next few months.
- \* C Vicidomini would like to address each price line separately and adjust as needed for 2021 budget in separate BOD meeting. D. Brienza will ask Tom Austin if he would be willing to do an appraisal of the clubhouse for an estimate on increased taxes before making a decision on 2021 rates.
- \* Security, treasurer, membership and the club secretary have access to a Share Point Database. D Brienza proposed increasing this access to yard and harbor at a small monthly cost. They can then see the members who are not in "good standing" due to no insurance or late payment. The access would be only to those reports, not the entire database.
- \* Andy Hudson asked permission from the board for MYC to host Laser races. After discussion it was agreed that laser sailors may come and race on June 20 and 27 and may leave their boats on site during that week. They will be asked to maintain social distancing and leave after the races are over.
- \* C Vicidomini shared a letter from our neighbor Irma Asencio asking the club would be interested in selling the section of land adjacent to their east and north border. The Board does not wish to sell. A letter will be sent.
- \* Sail fleet capt. Jessie FitzGerald proposed a limited Sail Camp in 2020. Her proposal is to hold 2 one-week sessions limited to 15 kids who have already completed a year in camp and are confident on the water. Other safeguards were discussed. The Board agreed she should go ahead.

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

Tuesday, July 7	1900	Pavilion	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, July 10	1900	Pavilion	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, July 10		Snack Shack	MYCA Meeting
July 11-24		Grounds and River	Jr. Sail Camp
Thursday, July 16	2000	Cancelled	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, June 24		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, August 29	noon	Cancelled	Annual Picnic
September 26 & 27		River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, November 14	0700	Club Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 21		TBA	Change of Watch

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## *New Clubhouse - Almost There!*

