



# Ship to Shore

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## 2020 Bridge Officers

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Dock 6: Chris Durland

## MYC Auxiliary

*From Captain Corlin Carpenter*

### Schedule Change

The regularly scheduled meeting on Friday April 10 is postponed to:

**Saturday April 25  
at noon**

We will enjoy lunch at  
**Beni's Trattoria**  
**81 Central Highway**  
**Garnerville, NY**

All are welcome to join us.  
Enjoy old friendships  
and make new ones.



Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 13, at 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

*Wow are we lucky or what! As I said last month we made it through January. All we need to do is make it through February, and so far, we've been blessed with warm weather and no snow.*

*As I'm writing this letter, I'm down in Florida for a short vacation. I'm happy to say the weather has been great so far but still missing the club. It was nice to get away to the warm weather and beaches for a little winter break. One of our members recently sold their boat. Believe it or not, we'll be launching our first boat March 2nd with the new owners. Boy time go fast.*

*As for the club I attended the cruising fleet gathering on February 8 for planning the upcoming season and I'm happy to say that Kevin has a lot of nice things planned for the club. So I hope you could all attend.*

*Art Basley from equipment maintenance is working diligently on getting the new travel lift ready for this season. We had a few issues and he is working hard on correcting them ASAP. I'm going to meet this month with the yard committee for planning the upcoming season. In February's meeting Ed Gutierrez from the clubhouse committee and Peter Alfieri from*

*security committee each gave a presentation on the upgrades for security and for the new clubhouse and the grounds. The membership voted to approve additional funds to complete the project including the necessary security of the club, the outside grounds and roadway and handicap Accessibility associated with the new clubhouse. I have recently seen the clubhouse and I have to say it is beautiful. We're going to have one of the nicest clubhouses for our membership in the Hudson River region.*

*Just a reminder that March 13<sup>th</sup> will be our monthly meeting and I hope that some of our new members will attend. It's a great time to see what's going on in the club and to meet your fellow boaters. There's always coffee and desert supplied by the social committee and its nice to meet and catch up with your friends. Also, soon everyone will be checking their boats and getting ready to work on them for the upcoming season. Please keep in mind safety. Make sure your ladders are secure, safe to step on and won't fall over. We always must keep safety first in our club. Look forward to seeing everyone in the March meeting and in the Marina working on our boats for the spring.*

## Yard Committee

From Chairman Don Rubin

We hope your winter has been good so far. It seems like the boating season is almost upon us. With a break in my busy MYC schedule I finally had time to head south again to see my two adorable granddaughters. A big change since I saw them over the new years holiday break. An endless cycle of diapers, bottles, playtime and sleep - plus walking the dogs! I'm almost ready to buy the small three bedroom ranch down the street!

Since the boating season is inching closer the yard committee is starting their spring rituals beginning with the updated launching request forms. You all should be receiving yours shortly.

This doesn't mean you should be ignoring our previous reminders to check your stands. With this crazy freeze/thaw weather we've been having you don't want your boat falling over so near the launching season. Also check your cover; you don't want it flapping in the breeze messing up your gelcoat. And of course, don't leave your boat plugged in when you're not around the club.

Time to get to work on projects you've been putting off. See you soon.

## Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Kevin Silver

If for no other reason, come join us for dinner at the Culinary Institute of America to listen to Miriam Raber speak about her failed attempt to replicate Michael Jackson's moon walk and the resultant injuries when one doesn't get it just quite right.

You say you want more? Make it a true weekend adventure, don't delay. Go to <https://www.rooseveltinnofhydepark.com> to make your on-line reservations for rooms at Roosevelt Inn for March 27th and/or March 28th! Room rates are very reasonable. The Inn is an old style motel located right in the middle of Hyde Park. Saturday we will be touring the FDR Museum and Vanderbilt Mansion.

We are also organizing tours at the CIA 4:00PM on Friday, the Vanderbilt Mansion on Saturday at 10AM and the FDR Presidential Library and Museum at 2:00PM

If you have not yet signed up and are interested in dinner at CIA or any of these tours please email ASAP to let me know what activities you are interested in partaking.

The cost for the Vanderbilt Museum is \$10 pp and the FDR Presidential Library is \$20 pp (Good for two days). The CIA tour is NC.



photo by Chris Vicidomini

## Valentine's Day Cookies by Pam Gannon Served at the delicious Cruising Fleet Potluck

## Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

Everything is moving along with the new access control system in the new clubhouse. We're expecting to start our pilot program the middle of March and distribute access cards the beginning of April.

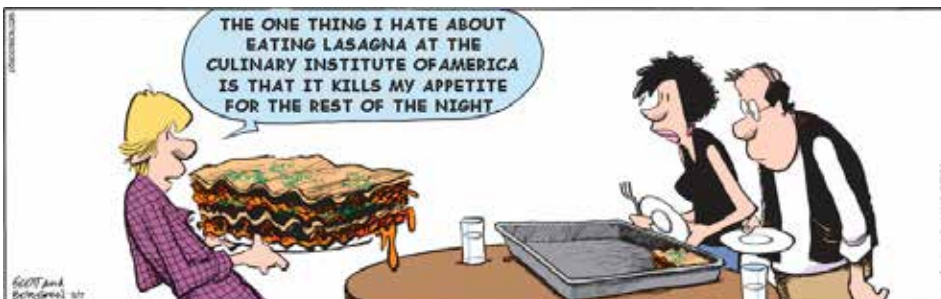
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## Grounds Committee

From Chairman Dave Schrage

Looks like spring might come early this year. We've been working getting a new fence installed across from the old clubhouse. Waiting on a new survey before it can be installed.

Warren Gannon and I started cleaning up some of the brush already to make room for it. I would like to have a meeting with the grounds committee on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00am, thanks.



## A Bit of MYC History Excerpted from June 1995 Ship to Shore

### John Kime's Introduction To Boating

I wonder how my grandfather felt as he watched the barge carrying the brownstone house he disassembled in lower Manhattan round the bend in the East River heading into Hell's Gate. Lots of friends of his thought his attempt at moving a huge brownstone dwelling from Manhattan to College Point, one block from Flushing Bay, extremely ambitious. But, alone since the passing of his wife, raising a family of nine kids tested him to the fullest. Mom certainly knew how to raise a family in that old brownstone. She was the eldest of the nine children, and she assumed the responsibility of bringing up her brothers and sisters. I guess the experience made it comparatively easy, after she married, to rear her own smaller family, consisting of my brother Tony and me. Dad worked for the Lilly Tulip Cup Company as a tool and dye maker. He took us for rides in his 20' homemade plywood boat when we were not attending St. Fidelis School on College Point. St. Fidelis is sort of a family institution for us. Mom and Dad both attended it, as did my wife Marcia, and our two children, Julie and Danny.

### Yacht Club Job

During the summers, from the time I was nine, I would earn money working at the Arrow Yacht Club at College Point. My chores consisted of rowing members to and from their moored boats because there were no docks for the boats. I guess

I'm the type who never leaves a good job, because I kept that one for 12 years. In the boat yard, I helped to launch and pull the boats on that club's greased timber system. In 1962 at the outbreak of the Vietnam War, I enlisted in the Navy, following my older



photo by John O'Brien - 2017 ACBS Kingston show

### Marcia and John Kime continue to pass their love for boating to their children and grandchildren

brother Tony's lead. The members of the Arrow Yacht Club threw a wonderful going away party, an event I will never forget. After bootcamp training at Great Lakes, I was assigned to the same ship as my brother — the shallow-draft destroyer, USS Blue, out of Long Beach, CA. Our first assignment was to head for Cuba for the Bay of Pigs Invasion. About half-way there, we suddenly received new orders and changed course to head for Vietnam and the Gulf of Tonkin. My job title was Engineman, my rank was E5 petty officer. With our shallow draft we were able to move in close to shore and give support to our land troops. In 1966 I returned

to Long Beach, CA and phoned my girlfriend, Marsha, to ask if she had any interest in marrying me. She accepted and moved out to the west coast, where we lived for a short time. After California and leaving the Navy, we moved back to College Point, and you guessed it, into the brownstone.

Starting my electronics business was tough to say the least but equipped with the education I received with the on-the-job training in the Navy, I had the determination and the confidence.

In 1980, we moved to Rivervale, NJ. It was about that time that I purchased a 25' Sea Ray and kept it in Haverstraw. One day I met Fred Topinka, and he introduced me to Minisceongo. As soon as I saw MYC, my memories of the Arrow Yacht Club and the meticulous way it was kept crept back into my mind.

Although MYC is much larger, the same family style friendliness abounds, just as I remembered it as a kid at the Arrow Club. I really feel like I've found my way home.

### From the Editor:

In the mid 1990's, when this article was written, several members submitted stories about how they got into boating. I would welcome a short story about your start in boating or your first boat or a special boating experience.

Thanks, Keira





## Directors Report - February 11, 2020

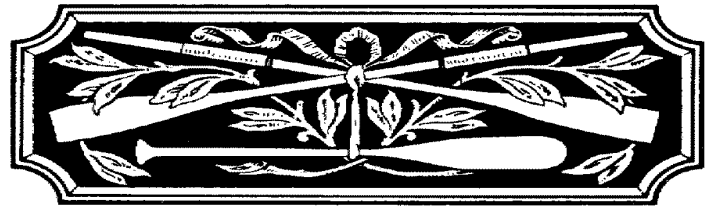
From Director Wayne Mitts

- ~ Guest Peter Alfieri reviewed the new clubhouse IT/security budget status.
- ~ The board discussed installing a new fence along property line behind clubhouse.
- ~ There is only one member late, not paid for winter storage.
- ~ The Commodore will appoint a committee to review/recommend changes to the youth membership proposal made by Tony Schweiker.
- ~ The board approved a revised interest form and application for associate membership.
- ~ The board discussed disconnecting electric meters and bill strictly by electric algorithm.
- ~ The board discussed additional funding for the new clubhouse which will be discussed by the new clubhouse committee chairman.
- ~ The board discussed proposed by-law changes and recommendations which will be discussed by the by-law committee chairman.
- ~ The board discussed cataloging all pictures in the old clubhouse for determining what should be put into the new clubhouse.

## Sunshine

From Andy Hudson and Gurran Kane

- ♥ Our condolences to Jeff Conklin and his family and friends upon the passing of his father William Conklin
- ♥ We are all thinking of Walter "Moe" Moser. We send our thoughts and prayers
- ♥ Miriam Raber is upbeat as always while recovering from a broken shoulder
- ♥ Best wishes to David Troast who is in cardiac rehab after bypass surgery
- ♥ Best wishes to Dave Tonneson who is improving and relaxing in Florida
- ♥ Best wishes to Bill Pigott who hopes to be back up on his feet with a "spring" in his step as the weather gets warmer



## 2020 Upcoming Events - [find out more on the web site](#)

Tuesday, March 10	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, March 13	1900	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 19	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, March 25		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Weekend of March 27-29		Culinary Institute	Winter Cruise
Sunday, April 5	1000	Clubhouse	New Member Orientation
April 18 & 19	0700	Club Grounds	Work Weekend
Saturday, April 25	noon	Beni's Trattoria	MYCA Luncheon
Saturday, May 30	noon	Flag Pole	Opening Day Ceremony
Sunday, June 21	TBA	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 29	noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 26 & 27		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, November 14	0700	Club Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 21		Bear Mountain Inn	Change of Watch

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# *Cruising Fleet Pot Luck*

*photos by Chris Vicidomini*



# *New Clubhouse*

*photos by Keira Burtch - more on the [website](#)*





# 1991 Aerial Photos of MYC and West Point

Story by Andy Hudson, photos by Greg Alley

I believe it was sometime in July of 1991 that three of us from the band at West Point rented an airplane and took pictures of Minisceongo. Of course, there were no drones at that time. Gary Boyd was the pilot; he later left the army and became a band director. The photographer was Greg Alley. Some of you will remember him. He played trumpet for years for our opening ceremony. He has retired from the army and now lives in Michigan.

We took off from Dutchess County airport. Gary spent much of his free time flying, so he welcomed the opportunity. Greg was always taking pictures. I was just along for the ride, and of course to show them where the club was. We were lucky as it was an unusually clear day for that time of year.

Turning in the receipts for the plane was interesting. I also took the liberty to purchase a 5 dollar "bag." Fortunately, I did not have to use it, although I now know that one should never eat a hotdog for lunch before going up in a small plane. Scott Witt was the treasurer and of course read the receipt for the airtime (only about \$50 per hour at the time) and the five dollar bag. Someone from the audience questioned the five-dollar expense. Of course, Scott had a clear explanation as to its purpose. He has a great sense of humor!



# March "Madness"

*The Wednesday crew spent a beautiful early March morning getting the docks in place and ready for spring - photos by Mark Hechinger*

