



# Ship to Shore

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## 2020 Bridge Officers

Commodore Chris Vicidomini  
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## 2020 Board of Directors

Kevin Silver  
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## 2020 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Peter Alfieri  
Dock 2/3: Bob Tamagny  
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib  
Dock 5: Malcolm Coyle  
Dock 6: Rich Brienza

Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on  
Friday, August 11, 2020 in the pavilion

## From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

*The summer seems to be moving right along. We have had very hot weather so far, but the weekends have been great. With everything going on it is nice to see that most of the boats are in their slips, and people are going out on the water and enjoying the club.*

*July was a busy month with the fireworks in Haverstraw bay, and up and down the river. From our club on the 4th of July you could see about 10 different towns displaying fireworks just across the bay. It was really nice to see.*

*We traveled up to Shady Harbor marina and to Oyster Bay with a group of boats and had a great time. The marinas were busy and Oyster Bay was packed.*

*We had some electrical problems with the service for the snack shack and all of dock 5. We had to replace all the under ground wiring in both areas. I want to thank harbor, grounds and electrical committee chairmen and all their workers for their commitment to our club to repair this as fast as they did in 90+degree weather, outstanding job!! We have also had some problems with the*

*a/c unit in the bathroom trailer. At the beginning of the summer, the unit broke. It was replaced twice because of defects. Thanks to Seth Gannon, Gary Raffa and John Kime for the repair.*

*As for the new clubhouse the committee is working with the town to finalize what's needed to get our C of O. As for the old clubhouse I'm part of the committee, we met on 7/30 and are putting together a plan on how to dismantle the building and make the transition from old to new. There is a lot of memories and hard work and dedication in the old clubhouse that needs to be respected so the committee will update everyone as soon as possible. I hope everyone continues to enjoy the rest of the summer, stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone at the club.*



## MYC Boats Rafted Up in Oyster Bay

**Lady-In-Red**, Chris and Nada Vicidomini  
**Fra Diavlo**, Rich Brienza and Stacey Blume  
**New Freedom**, Marianne McCormack and Angela Diliddo

**Twelve Feet Up**, Bobby and Elle Lynn

**VARKA**, Seth and Kiki Gannon

**Weezie**, Dave Schrage

**Karina**, Fred Topinka

## Welcome

Our newest members:  
John and Terry Salamone  
drysail with a Larson 25



## THE MYC CLUBHOUSE – A BRIEF HISTORY

Respectfully submitted 29 July, 2020 - George Basley, Historian

The end of WWII brought our young men home to a country, untouched by the ravages of war, and to plentiful jobs. Businesses that had learned to be nimble in wartime, were quickly switching over to peace time production. Looking for normalcy, these men sought inexpensive recreation such as camping, motorcycling and boating. Many began to join up with Bill Sutherland and his fledgling group, building a lightning fleet on the shores of the Hudson River. With this newfound influx of members, it wasn't long until they had outgrown his workshop and needed a larger place for their meetings.

### **Paraphrased from Bill's memoirs:**

At one meeting a great event took place. Larry Ryan got up and told us that West Point, where he worked, had acquired a property with fifty five buildings including a fairly new log cabin, but they were all to be auctioned off as one unit. After initial attempts to purchase it separately proved fruitless, the club members pursued some political connections and were finally able to get the building as a sole offering, but it would still be open to other bidders. They scraped up \$333.33, mostly Bill's own money, and placed their bid which they won by a mere \$33.33!" Additionally, Larry Ryan used his house as \$1,000 collateral for a performance bond guaranteeing that the building be removed and rubble cleaned up, no doubt within a time frame. This was accomplished without incident and Larry's bond was returned.

Club minutes and other records describe how the chestnut logs

were numbered, placed on member Warren Woodmansee's flatbed truck, and delivered to the club grounds where member Elmer Jones built the foundation at cost. It was on this site that the building was reconstructed. What had been a porch was changed to picture windows with an arch supporting the open wall section. The long yellow pine flooring was relaid and a fireplace was added.

The first meeting was held on 10 December, 1948, the only heat being from the new fireplace. The newly formed Ladies Auxiliary

and written about in numerous yachting publications and served as a landmark to river travelers. It has welcomed boating associations and the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a meeting place, hosted sailing events, and fed a hungry crew during work days.

The stars must have aligned for this bunch of guys who, somehow, were able to get the Federal government to break it's established protocol, suddenly take on and quickly complete a major construction project, and pay for it all on a shoestring budget.

**Clubhouse circa 1948**



photo provided by Art Basley

raised the money for a heating system and galley equipment. They also served as the social committee during these early years as well.

Through the following seventy plus years, members have maintained, repaired and remodeled this building, always with the care and attention to detail that they would put into the boats they have so proudly owned. The MYC clubhouse has been shown

## Grounds Committee

*From Chairman Dave Schrage*

Hi everyone hope everyone is enjoying there boats and doing well the grounds committee has been doing there weekly cutting , with the lack of rain and hot temps the grass is holding up ok. We will be trying to address the weeds by the new clubhouse and see if we can get that area looking better. See you out on the water.

## Cruising Fleet - *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

Despite all the challenges this season and the intense heat wave, some of our members have been cruisin'. Seven members took a one week cruise to Long Island Sound. Thank you Marianne Mack for posting that super photo of the raft up in Oyster Bay on the cruising fleet Facebook page. Robert Kamisaroff decided to head to points north, Shady Harbor and Kingston. All members reportedly had a great time. You still have time to get out on the water and see what's beyond the Haverstraw Bay!

Silver Lining is planning to head south in August. We'll be visiting friends in Forked River, Avon and Red Bank. In Red Bank we will be staying at the Molly Pitcher Inn and Marina. The Molly Pitcher is where we got married and we plan on celebrating our upcoming anniversary with a specially prepared meal delivered to our boat.

While you are getting ready for your trip I would suggest a quick look at your boats' electrical system. Anyone who says they have never had an electrical problem in their boat is either pulling your leg or just fooling themselves. Electrical problems aboard can be the bane of one's existence. Why? Boat US reports the main cause of electrical failures in boats is a result of the present or past owner adding electrical devices by cutting and splicing existing wires and "for safety" adding yet another in-line fuse....and burying all this in the bilge of the boat without ANY documentation. Yes, we have all experienced or seen this. In my humble opinion, corrosion is by far the bigger contributor to electrical problems. The American Boat

& Yacht Council (ABYC) set the standards for all marine electrical systems and all boat manufacturers rigorously adhere to these standards to minimize corrosion in a difficult marine environment.

This is why it is always recommended to use marine rated wire, connections and equipment. Marine wire is stranded and plated copper. (Not solid house wire!) Marine connections and marine crimped connectors provide solid corrosion resistant (not corrosion proof) connections between all components within your boat. (Home and commercial electrical connectors are a NO NO!) Marine electronics are protected from elements with boots, conformal coating of electronics and weather resistant seals, reducing the effects of corrosion. A home smoke and CO detector, for example, is a very common item aboard boats but please take note, they are not designed for the marine environment nor are the smoke threshold and CO settings sensitive enough for use on a boat!

If you are like me and do your own work aboard your boat, I recommend an excellent Mechanical and Electrical Manual, Nigel Calder's book, "How to Maintain, Repair and improve your Boat's Essential Systems". While not on the NY Times best sellers list, it's an excellent reference guide and worth the investment. Dr. Silver's recommended kit of parts? An inexpensive multi-meter from Harbor Freight (free with coupon!), crimp tool (\$15), marine rated crimp connectors and some marine rate wire goes a long way in a pinch.

Need help with your boat? Hey

## Yard Committee

*From Chairman Don Rubin*

Boy it sure is hot out, a pretty typical summer at MYC, mostly light air for the sailors but good for powerboat members, and chance of t-storms in the afternoon. The boatyard crewing is almost finished launching boats, only a few stragglers left in the yard.

We would like to thank a couple of our associate members who have been helping in the yard, Shaun Foran, Bobby Lynn and Paul Adao. I don't think Paul has been bringing any day old donuts from his buddy's food truck, maybe there are some still leftover in the Snack Shack freezer from last season. Our regular members including Malcolm and John Kime have been providing their collective wisdom for all on-going yard activities.

The yard committee will be sending out an email in the next two weeks with information about how to reserve a haulout day for the end of the season. Due to the unusual circumstances this year, we would like to begin hauling boats starting approximately in the middle of September and plan to be finished November 1. We will be running the yard with a reduced sized crew to keep all yard workers safe. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Cruising Fleet continued

you're a member of a great yacht club with many talented and knowledgeable in your club all you have to do is ask a fellow member for assistance. You'll get the job done and make new friends. A win-win!

Stay safe! And thank you for using your horn when entering or leaving the gap.



## Board of Directors Report - July, 2020

*From Director Wayne Mitts*

~ Director Brienza, with advice from Tom Austin, came up with an estimated value for the new club house. The town will appraise it and we can fight it if we feel it is too high. The house is now insured for \$985k

~ Director Basley distributed a proposed policy for selling/buying boats for the board's review.

~ Director Basley did a survey of many other boat clubs. Most have a guest registry in their club house. Secretary Burtch will research an on-line form with web site access.

~ The board revisited the clicker deposit issue. It was decided that the refund will be issued to anyone requesting it in the form of a \$40.00 credit on their 2021 bill.

~ The board discussed the rates for the 2021 season. It was decided that given the Corona virus pandemic and the effect it has had on many of our members, the rates will remain the same as the 2020 season.

~ Commodore Vicidomini made some suggestions for the annual picnic which included pre-packaged food and couples only. It was decided it would not be wise given the current pandemic. We will try for a Decommissioning Ceremony in the fall.

~ Secretary Burtch presented a proposal from Kiki Gannon to restore and reframe the Miller painting for display in the new clubhouse.

## Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson*

♥ Condolences to the family and friends of Manny Fanarjian, former member, who passed away in Florida from COVID.

♥ Double Congratulations to Janice and Joe Senackerib. They have a new Great-Grand Child. Jackson Joseph Sendackerib born on July 16. Also their Granddaughter was married on July 17.

♥ Congratulations to Dianne and Kevin Silver on the arrival of their grandson Theo Walden Silver, 7 lbs. 10 oz, born on July 6, 2020.

♥ Best wishes for speedy recovery to Beverly Vandenberg who got a new knee. Seems to run in the family!

## Anchor Rode For Sale

250' x 3/4" nylon double braid, 18,000# tensile

Barely used, \$150

Dick Bracken

Valley Cottage, NY

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

Tuesday, August 11	1900	Pavilion	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, August 14	1900	Pavilion	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, August 20	2000	Cancelled	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, August 26		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

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# *Junior Sail Camp*

*photos by Keira Burtch*





# Electric Work and Repairs

*photos by Art Basley*



## **Thanks for the Great Job!**

Paul Adao  
Art Basley  
Frank Covino  
Seth Gannon  
John Kime  
Joe Leone  
Frank Lindsell  
John Rodway  
Erik Vandenberg

