



Ship to Shore

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Message from the Commodore



Photo by Ginger Weismantel

Commodore Edgar Gutierrez at Opening Day, Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Here we are, at the start of 2010. Once again, I'd like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to steer the ship, as it were, this season. It is my great honor to serve as your Commodore; and I assure you, I'm up to the task. I've had so many great men to watch and follow; it is no surprise that we are one of the premiere boat clubs in the Hudson Valley.

I'd like to thank Tony Schweiker for running a transparent year, which was a great way to see what I'm in store for. It was not until after he became a life member, which takes 25 years as a regular member to accomplish, did Tony step up, when the club needed him most and fill the rear commodore vacancy three years ago. It's a true testament to his character and commitment to MYC that he took on the calling, and I know he will truly be a voice of reason in the next five years on the Board.

We had a truly wonderful time at the Change of Watch in November. It was a new venue for the club, the Nyack Seaport. The view was spectacular, the music got you moving and the food and service was top quality. It's always a tough decision to try something or someplace new. We sailors, being a salty bunch, don't

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

like to veer to far off course. I'm glad we chose Nyack Seaport and from the very positive reviews from some of the most critical members, I would have to say it was a great success. Special thanks go to Tony Schweiker for helping me with the planning, the Senackeribs, Joe as Social Committee chairman and Janice as the Ladies Auxiliary Captain, what a team. Emcee Tom Austin, did a great job. It's great to have someone like Tom to help out with the program. Tom, you're aces with me.

The grounds and equipment are nestled away for the winter, and Dan Adler's De-ice Committee have installed and tested all the circulators that keep our docks safe. Security rounds are important while activity at the club slows down for the winter. To borrow some sound advice from NYC, "If you see something, say something." This club belongs to all of us, and we all have a vested interest in the security of the club.

One of the most amazing accomplishments of 2009 was performed at the very end of the year. Our mortgage has been satisfied. Special thanks are in order for our treasurer, finance, membership and mooring committees and the Board. It takes a lot of work to keep the club full. Great work guys.

Every incoming commodore is looked upon to coordinate a major project, some take on more than one. It seems as though some of my predecessors took on the world. My vision is to begin our bulkhead rehabilitation project. This will take some time to complete in order to spread the expense over a period of time. It is absolutely crucial to the future of the club. Our bulkhead and basin is our most beloved asset, it is what provides our safe harbor for our boats.

Our budget is set, the committee assignments have been made, the Commodore's Reception is in a couple of weeks and before you know it, we'll be uncovering our boats and starting to get ready for another year of boating. I have a tall boat-prepping task this year, as I have *Asylum* in need of some preseason prepping and

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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, January 21, 2010

Report for December from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Roger Wieland

- Treasurer Gerber informed the Board that our mortgage is paid off. He also noted that the State of New York has reimbursed us \$35,000 for the new Pump Out installation.
- Commodore Elect Gutierrez reviewed his final budget, committee assignments and the MYC calendar for 2010.
- Director Tonnesson reassured the Board that Penny Bridge Marina will renew their lease in 2010.
- Senior Director Drago was applauded by the Executive Committee for his service and commitment to MYC over the last eight years.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Senackerib: The Holiday Party on December 6 was a joyous event initiating the spirit of the season. The food was terrific, and we were treated to a tasty array of delicious appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Santa even took time from his busy schedule to visit and give the children gifts.



Photo by Ginger Weismantel

Santa distributing gifts to the children at the Holiday Party.

Reminders

- **Recycle Your Antifreeze! Bottles and Boxes!** Place them under *Wizard* in the Boat Yard or call John Funk to coordinate.
- All **shrink wrap materials** must be removed from under your boat and the premises of MYC. It is the responsibility of the boat owner to leave our boat yard clean and organized. **Do not put the material in the MYC dumpsters!**
- **Check your jack stands** frequently! The freeze/thaw cycles can cause ground level changes and loosen the stands.

Thanks goes to everyone who contributed to help make the day so successful. Having a good team always makes the work easier and more enjoyable.

Although the Ladies Auxiliary will not be having any regular meetings again until April; I would like to remind all the ladies that it's time to renew your membership in the Ladies Auxiliary or to join if you have not yet done so. Dues are only \$10 and should be sent to First Mate Janice Romano.

I hope that everyone had a very happy holiday and that the New Year brings you health, happiness and laughter. Also hoping that the cold winter months go by quickly and we're back in the water where we belong.

Enjoy January by keeping warm, well and happy!


Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA
c/o Janice Romano
45 Cherry Avenue
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520



Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 17, 2010
at 2 P.M.

Hors d'Oeuvres

Cold Buffet

Cake and Coffee

Adult Beverages

Reservation Deadline—Monday, January 11, 2010

Enclosed check for \$ _____ made payable to:

Minisceongo Yacht Club

for _____ persons to attend at \$20.00 per person.

Name: _____

Mail to: Don Rubin
7 Prides Crossing
New City, NY 10956

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: As we start another year, I would like to wish all of you a healthy and happy 2010 with many more to follow. May you get to cruise where you want to and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends around you.

This is the start of my 97th article I've written for the Cruising Fleet, almost enough "Ask Captain Dick" articles to fill a bathroom break pamphlet. I must say I've enjoyed being your Cruising Fleet Director these past eight years and looking forward to one more.

Marvin and Miriam Raber have picked a trip to the Culinary Institute of America in March for the winter get together. Please contact them at [see hard copy for contact information] as soon as possible to join in on what will be a very interesting and rewarding trip (tasty).

Ask Captain Dick: Carbon monoxide, a deadly colorless, odorless, tasteless gas formed by the incomplete burning of carbon containing compounds. Carbon monoxide can also be made by the dehydration of formic acid such as sulfuric acid. That's why a **carbon monoxide detector** will also alarm when boat batteries are being over charged. The most popular type of CO₂ detector is an electrochemical sensor that produces a current related to the amount of CO₂ present in the atmosphere. The lifetime of this type of unit is five or more years.

A **fume detector** only senses unburned molecules in vapor form produced by the evaporation of leaking fuel or hydrogen from charging batteries. The fume detector is usually set to detect fumes at 20 percent of lel (lower explosive limit) of the type of fuel vapors it is most likely to encounter. A fume detector will not detect carbon monoxide and vice versa.

Gurran Kane wants to know the proper tongue weight for his trailered boat. Personally I try to keep my tongue in my mouth when I trailer my boat, although, there have been times...!

'til next time,

2009 HRYRA Trophy Winners

A Fleet

1 st	<i>Breakout</i>	John Nonenmacher
2 nd	<i>Boadicea</i>	Brett Kolfrat
3 rd	<i>Yankee Doodle</i>	Mike Colucci

B Fleet

1 st	<i>Freya</i>	Guy May
2 nd	<i>Lost in Space</i>	Frances Ross
3 rd	<i>Mad Mad Hatter</i>	Darrell Dwyer

C Fleet

1 st	<i>Standish</i>	Eric Baumes
2 nd	<i>Transformation</i>	Wayne Mitts
3 rd	<i>Izus</i>	John Kimmerle

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Asylum's new little brother (13' Boston Whaler). I hope to introduce my son, Michael, to the joys of working on boats. Michael is anxious to try out his new fishing pole on the mighty Hudson River.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the club whether it be working on a project or enjoying one of our great social events. I like to remind everyone every so often that the club's mission is to support the sport of yachting in the Hudson River valley. Here is an excerpt of our mission:

"The object of the club is to encourage the sport of yachting, particularly in the Hudson River Valley, to promote the science of seamanship and navigation and to provide and maintain a suitable clubhouse and anchorage for the recreation and use of its members and guests."

I'd like to close with a quote by Kenneth Grahame that really captures what it's all about. It applies to us as kids and as we grow old to be kids with gray hair.

"There is nothing absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

— Kenneth Grahame

Edgar Gutierrez
Commodore

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, January 5	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, January 8	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Monday, January 11		Don Rubin	Deadline for Commodore's Reception
Sunday, January 17	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception
Thursday, January 21		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Thursday, January 21	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting