



Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 8 at 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

2019 Bridge Officers

Commodore John Verrengia
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Dock 2/3: Wayne Mitts
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib
Dock 5: Frank Romano
Dock 6: Chris Vicidomini

USCGA Boating Safety Course at MYC

USCGA will present the Boating Safety Course at MYC on Sat, Feb 23 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The class will cost: \$30.00 per person, including lunch, payable at the door.

Please email Keira Burtch at info@minisceongoyc.org if you plan to attend.

This course leads to the NY State Certificate and is a good way to sharpen and refresh your skills.

NY State Rules and Regulations:

https://www.boat-ed.com/newyork/boating_law.html

Everyone born after May 1, 1996 must have certificate to operate a boat with a motor. All people over age 14 must have this certificate to operate a PWC.

From Commodore John Verrengia

I'd like to start by thanking all that attended the Commodore's Reception. The support was overwhelming and to see all the Associates that were there I hope demonstrates their increased involvement in the club. After all, they are the future of MYC. I also have to give a big thanks to Dave Schrage who did an amazing job getting the event organized and purchased the food and beverages. Also several people outside the social committee chipped in and worked hard all day setting up and decorating the tables (thank you Lori). I know I'm not supposed to mention regular members who helped but too bad ... thank you John Bogart, Joe & Janis Senackeribe, Peter Alfieri and associates George Saba and Warren Gannon. With all the commotion I'm not absolutely sure I got everyone, if not please let me know.



photo by Peter Alfieri

So far, all is well at the club and without extended low freezing temperatures our circulators have been on light duty, however, there is a cold snap of single digits coming as I write this article so De-Ice is in full swing and the electric meter is spinning. Please, please, please be careful when you're checking the docks ... safety is #1. I sincerely hope you have all fared well through the snow and ice. I would also like to remind everyone they are not to go on the docks without a buddy.

I don't know if you are all aware that we have a problem with our work boat motor which has been determined that repairing it is not feasible due to the cost. We will be taking a much closer look at other options as well as possible alternatives. We will keep you posted as progress is made.

Another thanks has to go out to Dave from Max Marine for shrink wrapping all our grills. We were discussing purchasing covers for the grills just for the winter. Somehow Dave caught wind of this and before we knew it they were done. Great job ... thank you Dave.

Believe it or not the new clubhouse project is coming along nicely. There were a few hick ups but they are quickly being addressed. With any kind of luck and weather permitting a shovel will hit the ground the 1st half of February. Fingers crossed.

Not much else to report at this time of the year. I would like to encourage everyone to join us the 2nd Friday of every month for our general membership meeting. See what's going on and put your 2 cents in. Safe travels.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday February 20, 2019.

Sunshine

From Andy Hudson

- ♥ Our condolences to John and Jean Nonenmacher whose sister passed away last month.
- ♥ Condolences to the family and friends of Dave Hoskin an associate member who took good care of our grills for many years. He would work on them in the winter, and often donated parts from his business.
- ♥ Ted Mehlig's wife is very ill with cancer, and he's a very busy caregiver.
- ♥ Congratulations to Dave Tonneson who now has two daughters engaged to be married.

Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Kevin Silver

Our **Pot Luck dinner** is coming up soon! Saturday, February 9, MYC Club House at 4:30PM. Bring an appetizer, a tasty meal, side dish or yummy desert. You never know what delicious food will be consumed but you can always count on having a good time with friends. We'll have a short planning meeting before dinner. Please RSVP via email if you will be attending and what kind of food you intend to bring.

Many thanks to MYC member and Maritime College graduate, Dick Bracken, for his invaluable assistance scheduling a fantastic tour of the Maritime Industry Museum at Fort Schuyler.

The museum is a fascinating place and will give you a true insight to the importance of shipping and the seafaring way of life. Our tour will commence 11:00AM on March 2. There's so much more than just a museum to see since it's located within a fort inside SUNY Maritime College. Lunch will be in the cafeteria around 1:00PM. It's going to be a fun day. Please email me to reserve your spot on the tour!

Our land cruise to Cape May is fast approaching! The window to make your reservation at the Virginia Hotel and cottages may be gone before the end of January. If you haven't made your reservation and want to attend please call the Hotel at 800-732-4236. Hopefully there will be rooms available. Be sure to reference an existing reservation by Minisceongo Yacht Club for the [Virginia Red and Pink Cottages](#) for Friday and Saturday night stay. (March 29 and 30) Please e-mail me at when you've made your reservation.

Less than 90 days 'till boating season!

Sail Fleet

From Chairman Jessie Fitzgerald-Keller

Hello Sailors! Let's talk about Junior Sailing. It's only February, but we can dream of warmer days. This year, Sail Camp will run from July 6 through July 19. General information about camp and a sign up form can be found through the link below. We encourage you to sign up now and ensure your spot. If you have any questions regarding sail camp, feel free to reach out.

Jr. Sail Camp Application Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/uUG21MGAA9YarRHR2>

I grew up racing against Bob Weismantel. Its hard to imagine a little girl wanting to hang out with a bunch of "old guys." I have fond memories of sitting on the benches in front of the club house with Bob W and the guys. They would share stories from that day's race as well as races past. I was always enamored of Bob and Ginger's cruising stories. Growing up in a racing family I never did any cruising. I was always so impressed by their knowledge of navigation. After I started sail camp, he made it a point to take pictures of every club that had a Junior Sailing program so that I could see what they were doing. Anything to promote boating and sailing.

The outpouring of support for the new chase boat has been staggering. Bob Weismantel was an integral part of sail camp. When we acquired new boats for the camp, Bob cleaned them, evaluated them, and fixed any issues. For years, he would get the boats ready for camp. Making sure the kids had reliable equipment for the summer. These donations are a wonderful tribute to his contributions to the program.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. We just need to get through February, and we can all start thinking about the 2019 boating season (can't wait). Grounds will be having a meeting mid-March to set up for the summer work crews. If everything goes well with the new clubhouse we may be very busy! I would like to thank Dave Mclean for covering the bathroom trailer and BBQ's for us. It's a big help!

Look forward to seeing everyone at work weekend in April. It's a great time to meet and get to know our fellow boaters.

Yard Committee *From Chairman Don Rubin*

The yard committee would like to thank the yard new truck committee including Andy Hudson and Warren Gannon for locating and expediting the purchase of a new red truck. This vehicle in excellent condition and an even better price will replace the recently deceased yellow flame truck. We will be removing the bed of the flame truck and attaching the plywood bed to the red truck before spring launching.

Each time you visit your boat this winter:

- Check your jack stands, they could move in the freeze/thaw cycle and strong winds over the winter.
- Secure your ladder when getting on or off your boat.
- If you plug into the electric to charge your batteries be sure you unplug before you leave the Yard.
- Be sure your cover is secure and not blowing into the security beam path.
- Be a good neighbor and check the boats next to you.



Large Section of the Tappan Zee Bridge Goes Down

Special thanks to Bob, Peggy and Scott Tamagny for waiting in the cold to get these great pictures of one of the two remaining sections of the old bridge being dropped into the water. Photos by Scott Tamagny - taken from the Piermont waterfront.



MYC Historic Photos/Videos

From Art Basley

I am seeking help filling in some of the gaps in the club history archives. If you have any pictures or videos of MYC work projects or functions during the 60s or 70s please send to:

Art Basley
PO Box 581,
Stony Point NY 10980
Thank you

MYC History

In February 1995, Minisceongo was highlighted in the "Marina Profile" section of Offshore Magazine. I found the copy and scanned it while preparing the club documents for moving to the new clubhouse. (See [page 5](#) of the digital or web edition)

Director's Report for January 11, 2019

From Senior Director Andy Hudson

1. The security committee discussed modifications necessary for the new club house.
2. The electrical algorithm was explained to the board in great detail.
3. Various late payments by members, and open slips because of non-payment were discussed.
4. Negotiations regarding the MYC property used by the Goolers will continue through our attorney.
5. MYC will again host a veterans picnic in September.
6. MYC will host the Hudson River BYCA meeting on July 30, 2019
7. Director Basley will catalogue historic items in the clubhouse. The process to move, etc. items in the old club house will begin. Records will be under the direction of Secretary Burtch
8. Additionally an audit of MYC financial records was performed by Senior Director Hudson, Bob Tamagny, and Peter Alfieri. MYC processes were found to be sound, with invoices and payments properly accounted for.

MYC Insurance and Contract Explanation

From Rich Brienza and Keira Burtch

We are gathering all members' **insurance** COI (Certificate of Insurance). We only need it once per year at your renewal time and sent to Insurance@MinisceongoYC.org. The new contract reflects this requirement. If you have already sent the COI you don't need to send it again with the contract.

Please sign and send the contract to:

Jim Hawthorne

4534 Esherwood Lane

Charlotte, NC 28270

or sign, scan and email to info@minisceongoyc.org

This **contract** is an update of the back of the paper invoice that was sent each season and will now be sent with your invoice. Your signature shows that you have read and understand the terms and conditions. In future seasons you will need to sign and send the contract with your payment. We will keep your COI on file and will be notified of any change in your insurance coverage. My apologies for any confusion or inconvenience.

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, February 5	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, February 8	1900	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Saturday, February 9	1630	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Potluck
Wednesday, February 20		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Thursday, February 21	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, February 23	0830	Clubhouse	USCGA Boating Safety Course
Saturday, March 2	TBA	NY Maritime College	Cruising Fleet Day Trip
March 29-31		Cape May	Cruising Fleet Weekend Trip
April 13 & 14	0730	Grounds	Work Weekend
Saturday, May 18	Noon	Flagpole and Pavilion	Opening Day
Saturday, August 24	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 14 & 15		River and Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 19		Grounds	Fall Clean-Up
Saturday, November 23		TBA	Change of Watch

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MARINA PROFILE

Minisceongo Yacht Club

STONY POINT, NEW YORK

The Hudson River offers cruisers many charms: spectacular mountain scenery, easy navigation and plenty of places to stop for the night, out of the often swift tidal current and wakes kicked up by tow boats and freighters. In addition to the commercial marinas along the shores of nearly every town on the waterway, the yacht clubs merit visits.



When I cruise the Hudson River, I make sure to stop at the Minisceongo Yacht Club (MYC) at Stony Point. I enjoy the bucolic atmosphere and the family oriented spirit of this beautifully maintained club, located about 45 miles upriver from Sandy Hook Bay. I'm not alone. Minisceongo ranks as tops among transients who think of it as their yacht club away from home.

The club's protected yacht basin represents its greatest practical appeal. Sturdy stone bulkheads keep out the ubiquitous river chop, assuring a good night's rest. The tall flag pole on the club's grounds serves as a fine landmark. Pick up the channel markers south of the narrow entrance into the basin, and resist the urge to head straight in or you could find yourself aground. Once through the entrance channel, the gas dock lies to starboard, where the dockmaster will direct you to a slip. On a busy summer weekend, call ahead to ensure space is available.

MYC's lawns are always neat, its flower beds always well-tended. The club recently upgraded its showers and heads. They keep them in spotless condition, and you'll find a level of privacy seldom seen at even the priciest marinas.

The Snack Shack, where you can buy simple, delicious meals, or hang around and talk with other boaters, affords a fine view of the broad expanse of Haverstraw Bay. There are also a few barbecues and picnic tables.

The club has 126 slips, 10 of which are for transients, all with electric hook-ups. Dockage fees run \$1 per foot. If you don't need electricity, a couple of berths are available for smaller craft for \$10 a night

— one of the best dockage bargains on the river. A deli and convenience store, where you can buy beer and supplies, and some other shops, are within walking distance of MYC.

Minisceongo — it took me some doing to finally get it right (it's pronounced MINN-eh-see-on-go). The club's moniker is taken from a creek which runs along its northwest border. Credit for the tongue twister goes to the Tappan Indians. Another version of the name — Minniscongo, meaning "almost an island" — refers to Grassy Point, which comprises much of the club's present grounds.

Minisceongo Yacht Club was founded in 1941. Ancestors of the original members were Irish immigrants who settled in Rockland County during the 1800s to work in the scores of brick yards then thriving along the shores of Haverstraw Bay. The brick industry on the Hudson River burgeoned following improve-

ments in brick manufacturing methods after 1815. The market for bricks increased as New York City grew, and many deep clay beds were dug. Irishmen digging for clay hollowed out what later became MYC's harbor. It's fitting that MYC's founders chose kelly green, with a white M, for their club's burgee colors.

You won't find pomp and pretense and stewards decked out in blue blazers at this club. They don't fire a cannon when they raise or lower the flag, either. At MYC, you'll be greeted and treated like a friend, even if you're a complete stranger visiting for the first time. And, believe me, you'll want to come back again and again to enjoy this special place. ■



Minisceongo Yacht Club

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Feature	Y/N
Slips Available	Y
Mooring	N
Gas Available	Y
Diesel Available	N
Railway/Lift	Y
Launch Ramp	N
Pumpout	N
Engine Repair	N
Hull Repair	N
Marine Store	Y
Restaurant	Y
Showers	Y
Laundromat	N

Commodore's Reception

photos by Peter Alfieri

