



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web  
Edition*

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## *From Commodore Joe Senackerib*

The Yard Committee was hard at work last month when they had to open the gap and store Barry Martin's boat for the winter. Barry was returning from Long Island after having repairs completed to his boat. It was a cold day, and Barry and the Yard Committee were frozen, but they did what was required. Thank you to all who help store Barry's boat for the winter.

There are no boats in the water now, but there is still a lot going on at MYC. Bob Tamagny, Kevin Silver, Bob Weismantel and Andy Hudson drove up to Massachusetts and came back with eight Opti sailboats. These are the sailboats that will be used for the MYC Junior Sailing Program. The boats are in good condition, and they only cost five hundred

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dollars each. The Sail Fleet is planning a two week instructional program for July and a student's racing program during the summer. The program will be opened to twenty MYC members and their families. Thank you gentlemen for all you are doing for the MYC youth.

The special committee to acquire a new workboat has also been very active. The committee headed by Mark Hechinger and consisting of Wayne Bartow, Tony Schweiker, Tony Ferraro and Bob Weismantel spent a great deal of time evaluating potential workboats. They traveled to many locations in the Northeast in an attempt to find the best workboat for MYC. They found several boats that would fit the club's needs, and Chairman Hechinger reported his findings to the members at the February meeting. The cost range for the boats was from over twenty-one thousand dollars to a little under seven thousand dollars. After careful evaluation the committee recommended purchasing a seventeen foot Carolina Skiff. The Carolina Skiff is a durable and versatile boat used as a fishing boat and harbor workboat all around the country. The plus to all of this is that this boat is the one just under seven thousand dollars. Thanks to all the members of the special committee and to Mark Hechinger for the great job they did for MYC.

The old saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb is not true this year. March is starting like a lamb and may go out like a puppy dog. These winter days have been more like spring days with no ice and calm water in the harbor and a lot of members wishing they already had their boats in the water.

With spring just around the corner, a young man's fancy turns to **Work Weekend**. This year Work Weekend will be April 14 and 15. The committee heads should start thinking about what needs to be done by their committee and the amount of manpower it will require. I will be in contact with the committee heads to assure that all will be ready for Work Weekend.

## *New Workboat*



Photo by Bob Weismantel

Members Tony Schweiker and Chairman Mark Hechinger of the New Workboat Committee looking over the selected Carolina Skiff at "The Mooring Marina" in Oceanside, NY (Long Island).

The selected boat is a Carolina Skiff Model "DLX" 17'-2" long with a beam of 93". It features a front deck, rear deck/seat and a small starboard-side steering station.

Mark has written a full report which is available on the website [www.MinisceongoYC.org](http://www.MinisceongoYC.org) under the "Documents" tab.

Expected delivery is in March.

***The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, March 22, 2012.***

## The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

*From Captain Janice Senackerib:* Soon it will be time for us to begin working on our boats to get them ready for the summer season. Before that though, we'll have our first meeting of the season on Friday, April 13. This is our **Annual Installation Dinner**. This year it will be at **Sheeran's** located at **337 N. Liberty Drive (9W) in Tomkins Cove at 7P.M.** The cost remains the same, that is, \$30 per person. So mark your calendars and save the date. It's a great time to get together, a way to catch up on how everyone fared the long winter, an opportunity to welcome new friends and of course, to install our new bridge for 2012. So come on out Ladies—it's a fun night, good food and lots of laughter.

Our annual membership drive is in full swing. Please rejoin now for the 2012 boating season. All ladies are welcome, and it's a great way to meet your boating neighbors.

Our meetings are always held the same night as the men, and we meet in the Snack Shack. Please join us as we would very much like your support, friendship and ideas.

Please send in the coupons below to sign up for the Installation Dinner, and remember your dues as well. Both can be sent at the same time (save a stamp). I look forward to seeing you at the Installation Dinner.

Work Weekend is scheduled for April 14 and 15. The Social Committee could use some volunteers to serve lunch to the members on Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in helping serve lunch either day please

let me know. My phone number is 201-871-1259. This is another auxiliary activity that is lots of fun and a good way to meet fellow members. We need about six or seven servers each day.

### Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA  
c/o Dianne Silver, 493 Summit Avenue, Oradell NJ 07649

### Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Ask Cptn. Dick

*From Dick Myers:* Sometimes an answer leads to more questions, such as the term Northern Vernal Equinox. While this is the true term for the first point of Aries, you have to be familiar with the earth's trip around the sun and the tilt of the earth as it revolves about the sun. Because of this tilt of about 23°, as the earth travels around the sun on its yearly trip, the sun appears to travel in its daily crossing from east to west a little bit more to the north until about June 21. This is known as the **summer solstice**. At this point the sun will appear to start heading south, and will continue on its yearly journey south until it reaches its maximum southerly trip about December 22, or **winter solstice**. At some point on the sun's apparent trip from north to south and south to north we have a halfway point known as the equinox. So now you have the **vernal and the autumnal equinox**. Someone in the northern hemisphere decided to call the vernal equinox the Northern Vernal Equinox and named it the first point of Aries for celestial navigation. Here's a little tidbit for you. Aries was originally the constellation behind the sun when all the constellations were

named. Because of precession, the March equinox is now on March 20 when we are actually in Pisces.

John Rodway said that he had to fly a yellow flag when he crossed into Canada. They told him that his boat was in quarantine until it could be inspected. I personally think that that was just too have enough time for them to warn all the ladies in town that he had arrived. Actually, the yellow flag is the letter **q** in the signal flag code set. The practice of flying a quarantine flag started in Britain in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century as a way to prevent communicable diseases caused by crew and cargo from entering the country. Today, although the yellow flag can still mean that the ship has an infectious disease aboard; it generally has become a signal that the boat has not yet cleared customs.

Peter Rucci wants to know what Debbie Hechinger meant when she offered to take Peter for a ride on her punt. Sorry I don't know the answer to that one, but I think that it has something to do with kicking. If I were you Peter, I don't think I would want to stand in front of her while she is punting.

*Till next time.*

## Sail Fleet News

*From the Sail Fleet Committee:* Preparations for the 2012 season are well underway.

The second season of the MYC junior sailing program is on track for a banner season. Jessie Fitzgerald, captain of the Junior Sailing Fleet, has been busy planning this summer's instruction with members of the sailing committee. The enclosed sign-up form details the dates of our 11-day training program and the five scheduled races as well. Applications are on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay. Get your sign-up form in ASAP!

We are able to offer such an ambitious program thanks in part to Kevin Silver, Bob Tamagny, Andy Hudson and Bob Weismantel for acquiring eight Optimist prams from Duxbury Bay Sailing School in Duxbury, MA. The Junior Sailing Fleet, through the generosity of the Nyack Boat Club, is anticipating further enhancement by the generous donation of two additional Optimists and a 420. The 420 class boat is a double-handed monohull planing dinghy with centerboard, Bermuda rig and center sheeting. It's ideal for the older students in our Junior Program.

Through the efforts spearheaded by Wayne Bartow our MYC fleet will be in Bristol condition. The boats need some minor fiberglass work. The committee will be re-rigging them with new lines. They will also be checking the floatation bladders to make certain they are in tip-top shape. Anyone who would like to assist Wayne should contact him or come to the planning meeting on March 31.

Mark Hechinger exclaimed, "Seeing those eight Optis reminded me of MYC when I was a boy." Are there any of us who can really visualize Mark as a little boy? A thought too scary to contemplate, yet too compelling to ignore.

We hope all will share in our enthusiasm with your attendance at our Spring Planning and Breakfast meeting on March 31.

### Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC  
and Janice Romano for MYCLA*

Sincere condolences go to John and Marie Moreno and their family on the recent passing of John's mother and Marie's brother.

## Annual Sail Fleet Meeting



**Saturday, March 31**

**at 10A.M.**

**in the Clubhouse**

Meeting to be preceded by full breakfast  
prepared by our own Master Chefs

### Meeting Agenda

- Racing Program for Spring and Fall Series for Cruisers and Lasers
- Summer Program ideas welcomed
- Joint cruising destinations with the Cruising Fleet. Can we top 2011?
- Updates to the Sailing Manual
- Junior Sailing Program
- "Take a motor boater sailing" Day
- Discussion about the Laser racing program, and ways to improve upon it.
- Laser Regatta
- Sutherland Regatta critique and planning for 2012

***All Club Members Welcome!***



## Cruising Fleet News

*From Chairman Jeff Burtch:* At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Movie night (February 18) and our "Winter Cruise" to Mystic (March 2-4). We are looking forward to seeing good friends and enjoying the outings.

Mark your calendar with our organizational meeting on **Saturday, May 5, at 5:00 P.M.** Pizza and BYOB!

### The Cruising Destination of the Month is Milford, CT

We are hoping we can get many boats out to LI Sound this summer, and we have found Milford to always be a nice stopping spot along the Connecticut shore. There are several overnight options including anchoring off Charles Island in the Gulf, MYC (Milford Yacht Club) with a pool and restaurant and great views, but a mile walk to town, and our favorite, the Milford Landing, the town dock all the way up the creek in the center of town. The harbor is very crowded with sections of moored docks that keep the boats from swinging so they can pack the harbor full, and maintain a clear channel. Milford Landing is run by the town and is only for transients. As far as I know, there are no moorings for transients. On the weekends you will need a reservation. There are several shops and restaurants close by, and they have clean facilities and picnic area. There is even an ice cream shop on the premises, and a ship store in the next marina.

Our first visit happened to be when there was a large farmer's market on the town green with all kinds of food, arts, crafts and entertainment. Later that night we ate outside and danced to a live band covering old time rock and roll favorites. On another trip, cruising

with the Kahn's (*Oscar*), we had just settled in when the dock hands came down to warn us that there was a tornado watch. They helped us add extra lines, and we then anxiously watched the storm approach on our radar. Thankfully it passed to the north, followed by a beautiful sunset instead. If you like exploring, there are a number of mapped walking trail loops. John and Barbara O'Brien (*State Of Mind*) invited us to join them to explore on foot. We crossed the creek and strolled through a lovely shady park and residential neighborhood until we came to the beach with a snack bar and bath house. It was a lovely walk with great views of the Gulf, Gulf Pond and Milford Harbor. Some people like to kayak upstream past the bridge to the waterfalls to fish in the shade of the overhanging trees. This is indeed a lovely spot with lots to see and do.



Photo supplied by Keira Burtch.

Moored docks in Milford Harbor in 2008.

## A Look at the Future

March 2-4		Mystic, CT	Cruising Fleet Winter Trip
Tuesday, March 6	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors Meeting
<b>Friday, March 9</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>MYC Membership Meeting</b>
Thursday, March 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Thursday, March 22		Bob Weismantel	<i>Ship to Shore</i> Deadline
Saturday, March 31	1000	Clubhouse	Sail Fleet Breakfast/Planning Meeting
Friday, April 13	1900	Sheeran's Restaurant & Pub	MYCLA Installation Dinner
<b>April 14-15</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Club Grounds</b>	<b>Work Weekend</b>
<b>Sunday, April 22</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>New Member Orientation</b>
Saturday, May 5	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Organization/Pizza Meeting
<b>Sunday, May 27</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Flagpole &amp; Pavilion</b>	<b>Opening Day</b>
<b>Sunday June 17</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Father's Day Brunch</b>
Saturday, June 30	1630	Docks & Pavilion	Cruising Fleet Dock-Go-Round
<b>Saturday, August 25</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>
<b>Saturday, October 6</b>	T.B.A.	<b>Club Grounds</b>	<b>Fall Workday</b>

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