



Ship to Shore

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From Commodore Joe Senackerib

As I write my final article as Commodore, I have been reflecting on the year and what makes MYC such a great Club. It is the dedication of the membership, the camaraderie, the club spirit and the cooperation that makes MYC the best yacht club on the Hudson.

My year as Commodore started out like a lamb but is ending up like a lion thanks to Sandy. We did suffer some damage but nothing like the damage suffered by the marinas around us. When we finally were able to get to MYC, we found debris everywhere. Thankfully many members and associates showed up to help with the cleanup. Without the large number of people who turned out to help, it would have taken days to clear everything. No words can really thank all the people who came to help, so all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you.

The Change of Watch is now behind us, and we all enjoyed the laughter, the dancing and food, but now it is time

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 14, 2012, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

to look ahead to the coming year. Join me in wishing the new Bridge and especially our new Commodore Tony Ferraro a fantastic year.

I would love to list all the people who helped me this year, but if I did it would take up the entire *Ship to Shore*. However, I do need to give special thanks to Mark Hechinger and the Workboat Committee for researching and purchasing our new workboat. I also need to thank Roger Wieland and the Yard Committee for the super job of reconfiguring the boatyard to increase the number of boats we can store in the Yard. I don't want to forget the Wednesday Crew who haul a significant number of boats and do many other jobs around the club. I certainly don't want to forget Jessica Fitzgerald for the work she did with the youth sailing program. And last but certainly not least I need to thank all the members and associates for their time and effort put into MYC.

Before I close I want all the members to know that I believe MYC is the best harbor on the Hudson; and after Sandy, everyone else knows it also. I am proud to be a small part of such a great club.

It has been an enjoyable year and a great experience being Commodore, and I thank all of you for making 2012 such a wonderful year. I would be remiss if I did not thank my fellow Bridge officers and the Board for all their help, cooperation and guidance. Thank you all for making my job so easy. I also need to give a special thanks to the membership for their support and encouragement. It has been my privilege serving as your Commodore.

For me the opportunity to work with and to get to know better both new and old members was an enriching experience. I will never forget the help, support and encouragement I received from the members.

My last official act as your Commodore is to *wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.*

Safety Alert

From Security Chairman John Funk



Photo by Bob Weismantel

The boat storage yard is packed. Fire extinguishers may not be visible from your boat; check their location in your area! Each boat should have several extinguishers within close range.

Suggestion from Tom Austin

Because the water in the Yard was pretty deep and probably most of the people storing on land leave their drain plugs out (so their boats drain if rain, etc. gets in), it might be possible for some of the boats to have taken on water that the boat owners are unaware of. If water filled the bilge and then receded, there would be evidence of water remaining in the engine pans. I checked the pans under my engines, and they were dry; but some of the others with lower jack stands might not have fared so well. I suggest that you check your bilges for damage.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Tuesday, December 18, 2012.

Report for November from the Board of Directors

From Director Tony Schweiker for Senior Director Dave Tomneson

The meeting took place on November 6, 2012, at 7:00 P.M.

☞ John Kime, Chairman of our Harbor Committee, was invited to report on the condition of MYC's facilities in regard to damages from hurricane Sandy.

- John Kime reported that vessels owned by Galetta, Carpenter, Latimer and Rabinowitz needed to be lifted and repositioned onto their jack stands. John had been in touch with the Olori Crane Service regarding costs.
- The Board members recommended that MYC contract with Olori Crane Service Inc. of Nanuet, NY to do the job for approximately \$2,500.00.
- The Board requested that Chairman Kime represent MYC in any and all negotiations with our insurance carrier regarding the damages sustained by hurricane Sandy.

☞ The chairman of MYC's Electric Committee, Frank Lindsell, was in attendance and had asked the incom-

ing commodore budget additional funds for upgrading the electric in the boatyard, and for new outdoor LED lighting. He also reported on plans to restore electric service to all areas of the club due to the storm.

☞ The Commodore and Vice Commodore started to make plans for the restoration of MYC's east breakwater. There had been substantial loss of height and breadth of the breakwater caused by hurricane Irene (last year) and hurricane Sandy. Plans were made to acquire large stones to be placed on the outside as soon as feasible. Funds will be allocated for breakwater improvement in our 2013 budget.

☞ A repair or replacement heater for the Snack Shack was discussed.

☞ The Board of Directors recommended to the incoming commodore that regular members be assigned up to two working committee assignments for the upcoming year.

Yard Committee Year End Report

From Chairman Roger Wieland

The good news is all the boats have been hauled, winterized and covered. The bad news is our boats have been hauled, and now we must endure four months of winter weather before we can get them ready for the 2013 season.

With that said, let me focus on the people who haul and launch your boats, The Yard Committee and the following Associate Volunteers: Bill Gooley, Dave Romeu, Chris Berger, Chris Vicidomini, Ray Testacecca, and John O'Brien.

Throughout my life I have worked with many different types of people. However, I have never worked with a more dedicated group than the Yard Committee. We are like a band of brothers. Although we are diverse in our backgrounds, we work together like a well-oiled machine. We joke around a lot; but when we are hauling or launching boats, the joking stops, and we are all business. Safety of our crew and our members is paramount.

We started launching in mid-April, and launched the last boat the end of August. The following week we hauled our first boat for winter storage. This year the Wednesday Crew and the Yard Committee hauled a total of 106 boats for winter storage, the last one on Wednesday, November 14. Additionally, during the summer there are always emergencies that require either a short or long haul.

My sincere thanks go to the Committee members: Mark, Lou, Malcolm, Don, Nick, Skip, Joe H., Joe C., Slim, Jeff, Andy, our Director Liaison Tony, our Treasurer Frank (not officially on the committee but always there to help) and the Associates I mentioned above, and the Members who helped out on the day that their boats were hauled. I also want to thank those who donated to our coffee fund or brought doughnuts or other goodies. You are great people, and it is our honor and pleasure to serve you.

Over the winter, check your boat, your jack stands and your neighbor's boat! Be careful working on your boats and be sure to secure your ladder. If you have any questions or concerns call me on my cell, 201-788-7317.

Stay warm, stay safe, have a wonderful holiday and a happy and healthy new year!

Post Script: On the day the crane arrived to lift the four boats that came off of their jack stands during Hurricane Sandy, we had many of the people I mentioned above there to help, including four of our Board Members: Dave, Art, Tony and Bob. Thanks for your support.



Crane lifting the boats after Hurricane Sandy.

Photo by John Funk

Sail Fleet News

From Chairman Dennis Doyle and Kevin Silver

Sail Fleet Summary for 2012: The 2012 MYC sailing season was a great success. It started off with the acquisition of 10 Optis for our Junior Sailing Camp. Then came the enthusiastic participation of the Sail Fleet sailors in repairing and upgrading the Optis. The two-week Sailing Camp, blessed with good sailing weather, kept the 20 kids who signed up for instructions busy and challenged. The MYC racing season, although often beset with poor sailing conditions, proved to be a credit to those who participated. At the Change of Watch dinner, awards were presented to the top three participants. [See listing below.] Congratulations to all. The Sutherland Regatta, with 29 participants, concluded the active sailing season with great sailing wind, good food, camaraderie, and stiff sailing competition. Then came super storm Sandy, with winds in excess of 50 knots plus, Hudson River water almost to the Clubhouse, and flooding in the Boat Yard. The Optis and related equipment were stored under the Pavilion and escaped any damage. What a year!

While Vice Commodore-elect Andy die-hard Hudson is still trying to figure a way to jump the gap closure to sail this winter, most of us are content to work towards next year's season. Initial reviews of the Optis by Bob Weismantel and Wayne Bartow have taken place, and work schedules will be organized in the near future. Jessie Fitzgerald has already been thinking of ways to improve the already successful Junior Sailing program. One idea is for volunteers to participate in a class designed by US Sailing and specifically geared to teaching/assisting in a junior sailing program. More news to come. If you are interested in attending or simply have suggestions on ways to improve the program call/email Jessie.

Just an added reminder, *every* Wednesday evening is pizza or Chinese at the Clubhouse. The conversations range from Aids to navigation to Zephyr and everything in between. Oh yeah, there are discussions about cars, skiing, etc., just about anything on your mind actually. Got a free Wednesday evening? Try us—you'll like us! All are welcome!

We will have an organizational meeting in the spring to plan the race schedule and review any upgrades and repairs to the Optis. We will need your participation.

Have Happy Holidays and a joyful New Year!

Final Results for MYC PHRF 2012 Race Season

Place	Boat	Captain
1	<i>Gusto</i>	Jessie Fitzgerald
2	<i>Transformation</i>	Wayne Mitts
3	<i>Anne M</i>	Walt Moser
4	<i>Dream Chaser</i>	Bob Tamagny
5	<i>A-Train</i>	Bert Rechtschaffer

Other participants: *J-Ale Time*, *Oscar*, *Thomas A. Hawke*, *Wind Breaker*, *Xanadu*

Sunshine

*From Dominick Ferrara for MYC
and Miriam Raber for MYCLA*

Get well wishes go to:

- Don Minerick seriously burned in a Sandy related generator accident,
- Ed Gutierrez who was hospitalized with kidney stones,
- Frank and Debbie Lindsell's son who was involved in a motorcycle accident,
- Roger and Mike Wieland's son, Tim, who had appendicitis.
- St. John Forbes with double knee replacement surgery.
- Lorraine Austin with gall bladder surgery.

Happy 80th Birthday wishes go to Eric Schreck

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Debra Fass: Now that the boats are tucked away for the winter, and the Change of Watch has come and gone, it's time to prepare for the holidays. The holidays at Minisceongo start a bit early so the ladies have already been busy decorating the Clubhouse and hosting the annual Holiday Party, which was held on December 2. I am certain that everyone had a good time—especially the kids (the young ones as well as those over 30). Many thanks to all of you who helped make the event a success!

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I want to extend my sincere thanks for the support that you have given to the us this year and would like to wish everyone

*Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy
and Prosperous New Year.*

Need a Last Minute Gift Idea?



Contact:

Linda Ferraro
Deb Fass
Janice Romano

Reminders from De-ice Committee

From Chairman Joe Paccione: Now that your boat has been removed from the slip, all personal items on the docks (e.g. water hoses, lines, fenders, electrical cords, flower pots, etc.) must be removed for the winter.

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Jeff Burtch: Today, November 14, 2012, finds us in Charleston, SC. We plan to be in Florida when you read this. The Charleston Maritime Center is in the center of the city with easy access to all the attractions. Next door is the Aquarium, tour boats to Fort Sumter and Patriots Point (Naval Museum) and other water taxi tours. We are also within walking distance of all the museums, shopping and dining you could want. If you want to ride, there is a free trolley system that loops through town. It is a cosmopolitan city with bustling city streets and a great destination by land or sea.

This is in contrast to last week, spent coming through some beautiful sections of the Intracoastal Waterway from Beaufort, NC to Charleston, SC. The first section runs through man-made canals that are inside the barrier islands including some great beach towns like Wrightsville Beach. The next section takes you down the Cape Fear River and the landscape changes into a wide tree-lined river with sandbars, swift current and commercial shipping. We spent a day in Southport walking the small town and watching a "Pirate Regatta." The sailors were all in costume. It had been scheduled for Halloween, but was postponed for two weeks because of Sandy. We followed the "ditch" past Myrtle Beach and other communities and inlets in SC to the Waccamaw River. It is remote and beautiful, with tree-lined shores and every turn has another pleasant cove or creek for anchoring. The last section passes through salt marsh that has very few communities, and many miles of meandering creeks with dinghy access to the beach.

If you want to see pictures, check out our blog:

www.GoodTidingstrip.blogspot.com

Wishing you all Happy Holidays!

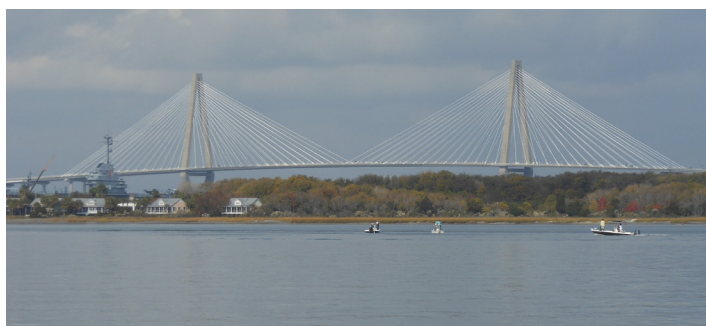


Photo by Keira Burtch

Ravenel Bridge across the Cooper River in Charleston, SC.

Cruising Fleet Meeting

Sunday, January 13, 2013

2 P.M. — Clubhouse

From Bob Tamagny: There will be a Cruising Fleet meeting to discuss our winter "Land Trip." Please bring your own beverage, snack to share and your ideas for a winter trip.

Ask Cptn. Dick

Here it is, December and I find myself talking about air conditioning. For this answer I turned to the unofficial MYC expert Dick Myers, who I found basking in the sun with his lovely wife Bonnie aboard their new boat *Dolphin Run*. They said that they were awaiting the arrival of MYC's Cruising Fleet Captain Jeff Burtch and Keira in Vero Beach. Dick said that I was totally wrong last month—so what else is new? You can't make cold, you can only make heat. Fortunately heat can be transferred elsewhere. If you were to light a match in a room, you would be creating heat that will never cease to exist. Fortunately, heat can be absorbed by its surroundings and will eventually radiate into outer space. Getting back to air conditioning, heat can be moved, and that is what an air conditioner does. If you could pump all the air out of a room, and compress it into a little box, all the heat that was in the room would now be in the box, and the box would be super hot. Now take the box outside and cool the box in the river, or blow cool air across it to dissipate most of the heat. Now take that compressed air back inside and release it. There would be a dramatic drop in temperature of the air as it is released. This is how an air conditioner works, compress a gas, move the hot gas outside, cool the gas, then return the gas inside, release the pressure. Since this is all done in a closed system, you then compress the gas again and repeat the process.

A while back Dennis Doyle asked me what a breast line was. I wasn't going to answer that one; after all, this is a family club. But now that I am safely away in Florida, I can reply to that one. Actually Dan Adler gave me the answer. He fancies himself an expert in the field. Actually, I suspect that he got the answer from his wife Lonnie. It seems that a breast line is the string that you tie to the chicken breast so that when you go out crabbing, the crabs won't take the chicken out of the trap.

'til next time,

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, December 11	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
Friday, December 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Tuesday, December 18		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Thursday, December 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday, January 6	1300	Clubhouse	Undecorating of Clubhouse
Sunday, January 13	1400	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Planning Meeting
Monday, January 14		Wayne Mitts	Deadline for Commodore's Reception
Sunday, January 27	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception

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Please send articles and e-mail address changes to Bob Weismantel. Report changes of address or phone number to Frank Romano.



Commodore's Reception

Sunday, January 27, 2013
at 2:00 P.M. in the Clubhouse

Reservation Deadline – Monday, January 14, 2013

Hors d'Oeuvres

Buffet

Cake and Coffee

Adult Beverages

The cost is \$20.00 per person.

The number of persons in my party will be _____

Enclosed is a check for \$_____

Please make checks payable to: *Minisceongo Yacht Club*

Name: _____

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