

Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Bob Tamagny



Commodore Tamagny at the podium on Opening Day 2001.

Happy 4th of July!

It seems that I just sat down to write an article for June's *Ship to Shore*, and now I have a deadline for July's. Seems like we need to slow things down to sailboat speed.

Let's take a look at what has and will be happening around the club.

Last month's **Opening Day** was again filled with activity. I hope you had as much enjoyment as I did. As many of you know, I'm not always big on tradition just for tradition's sake. But Opening Day's tradition has a lot of meaning for me, and I hope for you as well. It's a day we can look back at the past and at the same time look to the future.

Parking

Docks 5&6

Please park in the designated parking areas *only*! With the floating of the wreath in the basin and the playing of taps, life gets put back into perspective for me. It puts all the little problems very low on the priority list.

Speaking of Opening Day, special thanks go to the *Bilge Rats* band. They do add class to our ceremony along with some humor.

Also, a thank you goes to our Social Committee and helpers for all their work. It's Opening Day, then Father's Day, so they do stay busy.

Mark July 9 on your calendar! The **North Jersey Concert Band** will return to MYC to entertain us at the Pavilion from 5 to 6 P.M. Bring a snack and your favorite drink, then sit back and enjoy!

In June's *Ship to Shore* I explained where our club was with regard to the report on renovating our Clubhouse. At the June membership meeting a vote was taken and passed not to look into renovation. I know the meeting was lengthy, but it is very healthy for our members to have the right to "speak out" on an issue before a vote is taken. Actually I thank all of you that expressed an opinion. It is good to hear other members' thoughts.

Now that a vote has been taken, the Clubhouse Committee can set its sights on what our options can be. We, as a club, have a long way to go before anything can be done, but at least one small step has been taken.

One problem that our club has had for some time now is letting our members know when a "club project" needs help. Our club policy is that all regular members must assist in these projects, besides working on your other work assignments as well. To help with the notification as to what and when projects are being done, I ask all project leaders to let me know your work schedule. If Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, July 8, 2011, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

given enough time, an e-mail can be sent and members can then make plans to help. More workers means less of a burden on everyone and that frees up more time to do what we at MYC like to do - go boating.

Don't forget to join the Cruising Fleet and Sail Fleet's many planned activities!

"Not all who wander are lost." - JRR Tolkien

A Note of Thanks

Roger and I would like to thank all those who helped with the "Volunteer in Protective Services" Kids/Mentor Outing on June 5. The kids' faces told the story—everyone was grinning from ear to ear as they climbed on their boats and left the dock. They were still grinning when they arrived back at MYC two hours later. I don't know who had more fun, the kids, mentors or generous club members. I'm sure they will never forget their fun day at MYC!

A special "thank you" to all the guys who donated money for the picnic, the ladies who made the amazing desserts, Don Rubin and his very special helpers and of course, the boaters and crew who made it all possible. It's people like you who make these kids know someone cares. It was a great day!

"Mike" and Roger

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Monday, July 18, 2011.

Report for June from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Tony De Hayes

- St. John Forbes requested that the Board approve a special presentation to the Membership of MYC to educate the members as to the mission of the Leukemia Society. This request is in addition to the Board's prior approval to allow the Leukemia Society to make use of the MYC facilities to hold their fund raising regatta. The Board agreed to allow the presentation to be made providing that it takes place prior to the meeting during the time slot of between 7:45 P.M. and ending sharply at 8:00 P.M.
- Cruising Fleet Chairman Jeff Burtch requested that the MYC budgeted line item amount of \$250.00 be made readily available for the Cruising Fleet's use. Director Tonneson motioned to approve the request. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.
- R Docks 5 and 6 update: Director Tonneson informed the Board that as of this day they had poured the concrete slab on Dock 5. He noted that the bent hand rail on the Dock 5 ramp had also been repaired and that the equipment operator who caused the damage was willing to pay for the accident. Director Martin added that chain link fencing was needed to complete the Dock 5 ramp entrance and then opined that, that if it seems appropriate for safety reasons, additional railing should be applied spanning the distance at least to the picnic platform behind Dock 5. A discussion ensued with the outcome being that Rear Commodore Ferraro would speak with Walter Moser and obtain prices for the fabrication of such a barrier made out of appropriate piping. It was further agreed by the Board that Wayside Fencing would be contacted to obtain prices for the chain link fence portion of the project. It was further agreed that the Security Committee would be kept informed as to progress of the fencing.
- Yard expansion: Director Tonneson reported that he is watching the weather reports so that when rain comes

and the ground softens, he will fire up his roller and compact the ground in the disturbed area of the Storage Yard.

- Boats to be moved away from Snack Shack area: Commodore Tamagny informed the Board that the boats that wintered in front of the Snack Shack should be moved by the weekend.
- Membership: Director DeHayes read the names of two new members. A motion was made by Director Martin to approve the names being read at the Friday meeting to the Membership so they may vote on their approval.
- The directors discussed in detail members who are of the opinion that they are only responsible to work on the committees they are assigned to. If there are any members spreading inaccurate information pertaining to this issue, it must be clearly understood that every regular member is required to assist in any ongoing project at any time. This has been an ongoing club policy.
- Plumber needed: Director Martin reported on the immediate necessity of finding a plumber to help Harry Moser with his jobs around the club. He stated that although there are other members on the Plumbing Committee, their competency level is below the standards needed to meet code requirements.
- Electrician needed: Director Martin expressed the need for a competent electrician. He noted that safety issues are at stake. He questioned the fact that in the event of a fire or mishap whether the level of competency of our uneducated and unlicensed committee members be acceptable to have our insurance company cover any incident that might occur.
- Bollards needed: Director Schweiker expressed his concerns about not having bollards installed to protect the transformers. Director Tonneson stated that he would take care of the matter.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Senackerib: Now that summer is officially here, the club has been buzzing with activity. It was great to see so many at our June meeting. We had a wonderful time playing "Bunco." Everyone that attended had a great time with lots of laughs and great prizes.

Our first Coffee Plus took place on Sunday, June 12. A big thank you goes to Janice Romano and Dianne Silver for overseeing the event; those attending had a delightful time. The serenity of the river, the good company and tasty food made for a perfect morning! Don't forget to put our next Coffee Plus, Sunday, July 10, on your calendar.

Our raffle is once again in full swing. Our prize is a \$200 Visa Card and a bucket full of boat cleaning supplies. All Ship's Store merchandise will be on sale at the Annual Picnic. Of course, as always, if you need anything in between just contact Linda Ferraro, 973-839-1066 or Janice Senackerib 201-871-1259.

At our next meeting on Friday, July 8, Barbara Hyman will share some of her cruising experiences with a slide

show presentation of her trip to the Bahamas. What a wealth of knowledge we have right here at MYC.

As always our meetings are opened to all; so if you are around please plan to join us. If you are off boating have a wonderful and safe boating experience.

| Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form | | | |
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| Name: | | | |
| Address: | | | |
| Phone | | | |
| E-mail: | | | |
| Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA c/o Dianne Silver, 493 Summit Avenue, Oradell NJ 0764 | | | |

News from the Sail Fleet

From Chairman St. John Forbes: The sailing season is now well underway. This is going to be a very active season with a lot of sailing events planned within MYC and on the river. The MYC sail fleet has been very active for both the club races and the HRYRA regattas, but we would like to see more participation in the races from those sailors who don't normally race.

The Hudson Cove Regatta was the first HRYRA regatta for the season. Five MYC boats signed up and three of them obtained trophies out of a fleet of 20 boats for the three divisions. Jessie Fitzgerald and the *Gusto Girls* got 1st place in the non-spinnaker C Division and Wayne Mitts skippering *Transformation* was 3rd. *Breakout* skippered by John Nonenmacher was 1st in the A spinnaker division. An excellent performance by the MYC sailors.

Time is rapidly approaching for the MYC **sail training for juniors** scheduled for August 8–13. This will be held between 4 and 7 P.M. Light refreshments will be available for the participants. This will be a great opportunity to have your young children, over the age of 8, or grandkids learn to sail. The participants should be able to swim and preferably have suitable life jackets. Training will be by the experienced sail fleet sailors who will provide both classroom and on the water training. Sign up soon as the number of places available is limited. The best news about this program is that it is free to MYC members. To sign up, please contact St John or Jessie at *tomahawke@frontiernet.net* or *jfitz41496@gmail.com*.

Ask Capt. Dick Myers

Wrong again, well what's new, I'm always wrong, but that's the fun of it. There are some definite advantages to diesel over gas, and one major disadvantage – cost. The gas engine came about in 1876, and although there was more than one inventor working on the concept at the time; Gottlieb Daimler is generally recognized as the inventor. The first gas engine produced less than one HP and burned gasoline, a by-product of kerosene production. (They used to burn it off or dump it.)The first gas powered boat was 15' and had a 1.1 HP engine. It was made by Daimler and went at 6 kt.

In 1893 Rudolf Diesel invented the diesel engine. Today's diesel can run at 40 to 50% efficiency, while a gas engine struggles to make 30%. Given the fact that diesel fuel has 15% more energy to start with, and it is a much harder fuel to light on fire, Diesel is the better choice for a boat fuel. The two drawbacks on diesel over gas is the weight of the engine and the high initial cost. Most pleasure boaters never reach the break-even point in fuel and durability savings.

Joe Paccione wants to know what broaching is. Wow, if a sailor doesn't know what broaching is, he's in trouble. Broaching is that little metal that you give to your wife or girlfriend for putting up with you and your desire to own a boat and spend a ridiculous amount of time and money on it. So Joe, you had better give Maryann her metal right away. (Hint: K Jewelers have a nice selection.)

Till next time.



The MYC sailors at the Hudson Cove Regatta on June 4–5, 2011. Winners holding trophies: standing - Wayne Mitts; kneeling - John and Jean Nonemacher and Jessie Fitzgerald on right.

Boat For Sale

2005 Rinker 320 Fiesta Vee Powerboat Fully equipped. Hardly used. Any serious interest, call. Richard Martishek at 845-634-0002 will discuss price.

Security Notices

From Security Chairman John Funk: The Boat Yard security will be turned off for the summer season; it will be reactivated for the fall haul out.

Reminder, keep the dock gates closed except when loading and unloading! Remember to keep your cards and fobs with you!

Yard Notes

From Chairman Andy Hudson: If you want to go in or out for a short haul, call Andy to make arrangements.

Please pick up any shrink wrap and dispose of same off of MYC property.

Sunshine

From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and Janice Romano for MYCLA

- Dan Adler has been hospitalized with serious surgery and is now doing well. Continued get well wishes go to him.
- Brett Ferrara has had several recent surgeries and at this writing is still in Valley Hospital.
- Speedy recovery and get well wishes go to Linda Basley, Deb Hechinger, Paulette Ferrara and Bert Rechtschaffer.

Come to the Concert!

The North Jersey Concert Band will be playing at the Pavilion on Saturday, July 9. 5 P.M.-6 P.M.

Bring snacks and beverages and enjoy a delightful early evening!

Sunday Coffee!

Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bagels, Muffins

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary



Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Jeff Burtch: The schedule of events with additional details are posted on the MYC website under the "Adjuncts" tab

On Saturday, June 11, we had the "Raft Up That Wasn't At Croton." Since the weather was cold and rainy, we enjoyed good food and company in the Clubhouse. Check out the pictures on the MYC web site.

Saturday, June 18, Guest Speaker Hugh Lupo from New England Marine Electronics was very informative and interesting, and we're sure the Dock-Go-Round will also be lots of fun (Sunday, June 26).

At the time of publication, the Cruising Fleet will be enjoying the Cruise to Catskill. If you couldn't make this trip you may want to join the group for *Saturday, July 16*, overnight at Nyack Boat Club and/or *Saturday, July 30*, Cruise to Oyster Bay, Northport/Huntington and beyond.

Cruising Destination of the Month: www.ActiveCaptain.com

This month I would like to highlight a wonderful web resource. It will take you to your own cruising destination. **Active Captain** was started by a cruising couple who wanted to share their first-hand knowledge of marinas, anchorages, parks, towns, dinghy landings, pet stops and just about anything else that pertains to cruising. It is **free** to register and create an account, and easy to navigate within the site, thanks to their user friendly instructions and layout.

The site centers on their "Interactive Cruising Guidebook." The view can be NOAA charts, street map, satellite image, or hybrid. Each point of interest is marked by a color coded flag in all views. If you click on MYC's flag, you can get basic information about the club, our facilities, navigational information, Latitude and Longitude as well as reviews. All the entries and reviews are submitted by people like you and me. Details are then checked and verified by the Active Captain crew and posted to the web.

Increasingly, navigation software companies are linking to Active Captain, and even handheld devices such as iPhone/iPad can download their app as well. That is a great resource when out in the dinghy exploring on land or water.

Active Captain is a great way to find the marina or anchorage of your choice, whether you want a quiet, beautiful hideaway, or the marina in the center of the action. Join in, choose where you want to go, and when you get home, sit down and add your favorite spots or give the places you stayed a review to help someone else choose their cruising destination.

| | | A Look at the Future | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Saturday, July 2 | | Catskill | Cruising Fleet Cruise to Catskill and Beyond |
| Tuesday, July 5 | 1930 | Clubhouse | MYC Directors' Meeting |
| Friday, July 8 | 2000 | Clubhouse | MYC Membership Meeting |
| Friday, July 8 | 2000 | Snack Shack | MYCLA Meeting |
| Saturday, July 9 | 1700-1800 | Pavilion | North Jersey Concert Band |
| Sunday, July 10 | 0900-1100 | Snack Shack | Sunday Morning Coffee |
| Saturday, July 16 | | Nyack | Cruising Fleet Overnight at Nyack |
| Saturday, July 16 | 1000-1700 | Greenwood Lake | ACBS Show |
| Sunday, July 17 | 1400 | Stony Point Bay | MYC Laser Races |
| Monday, July 18 | E-MAIL ONLY | Bob Weismantel | Ship to Shore Deadline |
| Thursday, July 21 | 2000 | Clubhouse | Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting |
| Sunday, July 24 | 1400 | Stony Point Bay | MYC Laser Races |
| Wednesday, July 27 | AFTER RACES | Pavilion | Pizza Night |
| Saturday, July 30 | | Long Island Sound | Cruising Fleet Cruise to Mid Long Island Sound |
| Friday, August 5 | | Don Rubin | Deadline for Annual Picnic |
| August 8–12 | 1600-1900 | Stony Point Bay | Sail Training |
| Saturday, August 13 | NOON | Pavilion | Annual Picnic |
| Saturday, August 13 | т.в.А. | Stony Point Bay | Sailing Demo on Lasers |
| September 24–25 | т.в.А. | Pavilion | Sutherland Regatta |
| Saturday, October 22 | T.B.A. | Entire property | Fall Work Day |
| Saturday, November 19 | 1830 | The Clubhouse at Patriots Hill | Change of Watch |

MYC Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 13, 2011 – Starting at Noon



Minisceongo Yacht Club Youth Sail Week



Join us for our first ever Youth Sail Week. Learn to sail a Laser in a fun, controlled environment under the guidance of our club's racing sailors!

Ages 8 and Up

Free To All MYC Members!

Monday, August 8–Friday, August 12 5:30 р.м.–8:30 р.м.

(followed by the MYC picnic on Saturday, August 13)

To register or for more information please contact: Jessie Jfitz41496@gmail.com St John tomahawke@frontiernet.net

Please reserve your child's spot today as there is limited room!