



# Ship to Shore

*Special  
Web  
Edition*

Stony Point, NY 10980

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## **From Commodore Joe Senackerib**

Our Annual Picnic is rapidly approaching and the Social Committee is working hard to get everything prepared. You can help the committee by getting in your reservations early. This is a great time for families to get together and have fun.

The Opti's we purchased for the sail training program were ideal and the young sailors learned how to rig the sails, right the boat in the water and position the sails to catch the wind. It was really enjoyable to see how fast the young sailors learned to control the boats.

A cover over the grilling area by Dock 5 has been installed to give the members on Dock 5 some protection from the sun.

In light of the incident that happened on Long Island, I would like to remind everyone to practice boat safety, don't take too many people on your boat, have a life vest for each person and follow all boating safety rules.

With all the activity around the club please remember to be respectful of others. Please don't exceed five

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, August 10, 2012, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

miles per hour with your car to reduce the dust and protect our children. Please read and follow the MYC guidelines that can be found on our website.

The **North Jersey Concert Band** will be performing at the Pavilion on **August 11, at 4:00 P.M.** Last year everyone had a great time and really enjoyed the music. Come join us for a relaxing evening with a fabulous band.

On a personal note, I was on my boat taking four grandchildren through the Champlain Canal when my boat experienced mechanical problems. I called Boat US to get a tow; however, there is no towing service on the Champlain Canal. I called the Schuyler Yacht Basin where I was planning to stay for the

night and they gave me the name of a mechanic. I called the mechanic, and he was able to find a friend willing to tow me to the Schuyler Yacht Basin. The Schuyler Yacht Basin sent a boat to pick us up and take us to a hotel for the night. Because the grandchildren were with me I had to go with them and leave the boat anchored overnight. Fortunately the next day when I arrived with the tow boat it was still anchored where I left it. I am not writing this to tell of my adventures but to let you know the difficulties you may encounter if you travel the Champlain Canal. The boat was repaired and is now back at MYC.

## **Help Needed**

Help keep the Clubhouse and  
Snack Shack clean!

Please pick up after yourselves.

*The House Committee*

## **Reminder**

Dogs are to be kept on a leash. Please use poop-scoopers to clean up after your dog. In the interest of safety, dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse or pavilion during club events.

From the MYC Guidelines available at: [www.minisceongoyc.org/MYCGuidelines2010.pdf](http://www.minisceongoyc.org/MYCGuidelines2010.pdf)



MYC's Junior Sailing fleet out on the "new" Optimists in Stony Point Bay on July 10, 2012. Instructor Jessie Fitzgerald in the inflatable giving directions.



The Junior Sailors practicing capsizing and righting the Optimists inside the basin on July 13, 2012.

***The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, August 22, 2012.***

## Safety Item

*From Safety Committee Chairman John Funk:* New eye wash kits have been placed with each new first aid kit: Clubhouse galley, Snack Shack dining room, on the center pole in the Pavilion, and in Gerry's. Review the simple instructions on how to use these kits so you will be prepared when needed!

Address any questions to John Funk.

## The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

*From MYCLA Captain Deb Fass:* I can't believe it is August already. How time flies when you are having fun!

We had a full house for coffee, muffins and bagels in July—thanks to those that came and made it a success. Our next coffee will be on August 12. Please join us between 9 and 11 at the Snack Shack.

The ladies had a good time learning to tie knots at the July meeting. Ginger and Keira ran a great class. They did such a good job that, while we were on our cruise, I had the correct answer for Steve when he asked me what knot to use when tying two different size lines: *a sheet bend*.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, August 11, in the Snack Shack beginning at 8 P.M. Because we ran out of time with our knot tying class, we will finish the knot program at the meeting. If you missed it in July, come join us in August.

The Annual Picnic is just around the corner. The Ship's Store will be open, and we will be picking the winner of the raffle. Be sure to come prepared to leave some of your spending money behind on Ship's Store merchandise and raffle tickets.

*In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer!*



**Be sure to stop by  
our Ship's Store  
at the Picnic.**

*Take a good look at our merchandise  
and don't forget to buy raffle tickets!*

*Do you want something we  
don't have? Give us a call  
and we'll try to find it! We can  
also arrange for boat names  
or other personalizations.*

**Contact:**

Linda Ferraro

Deb Fass

Janice Romano

*[See hard copy for  
telephone numbers!]*

Hats  
T-Shirts  
Golf Shirts  
Jackets  
Totes  
Keychains  
Burgees

## Sunday Morning Coffees

Come to enjoy the view, the coffee and the camaraderie at the Snack Shack on the Sunday mornings on the weekends of the MYC and MYCLA meetings!



**9 A.M.—11 A.M.**

**August 12 and September 16**

*Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bagels, Muffins*

**Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary**

## Sail Fleet News

*From Sail Fleet Chairman Dennis Doyle:* Our **Junior Sailing Camp** has been successfully completed. The kids had a great time in addition to learning the fundamentals of sailing. I would like to thank the parents, club members, and especially Jessie Fitzgerald, Martin Keller, and Roy Stevenson for their help. I also want to thank all of the members who used their boats as chase safety boats. A special thanks to Slim Bartow, Bob Weismantel, Bob Tamagny, Kevin Silver, Andy Hudson, Wayne Mitts and Eric Schreck for the untold hours repairing and upgrading the boats for use. Without them the boats would not have been ready.

We now turn our attention to the **Sutherland Regatta**, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. All are welcome to participate, sailor and non-sailor alike, in the regatta as well as the Saturday evening steak dinner. **The registration form is enclosed and can also be found on the MYC web site.** For those members not sailing in the Regatta, your help is needed and would be most welcome in the areas of set-up, cooking, serving, and cleanup at the Saturday evening dinner.

## Sunshine

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

Best wishes go to  
Matthew Rabinowitz and  
Alyssa Erdman  
on their recent marriage.

## Ask Cptn Dick

*From Dick Myers:* Scope and Rode? There have been a few times that I have been at anchor, a bit of a wind has come up, and one or two boats decide to start pulling their anchor and drift into the mooring fields. Now this is not like anyone aboard has decided to do this, as usually they are all down below, maybe in the water, or just relaxing on deck. Their first clue that something is wrong is the frantic shouts from other boaters that their boat is about to crash into another boat. So what went wrong? Let's say said boat has 50 ft. of anchor line attached to a very substantial anchor. Said boater goes out one afternoon to his favorite cove with a depth of 8 ft. He throws out his anchor attached to his bow 2 ft. above the water, the anchor sets, and all is good. Looking at the numbers, he has 50 ft. of anchor line (rode), 8 ft. plus 2 ft. (the distance of the bow from the water, so 50 divided by 10 equals a scope of 5. Perfectly acceptable in calm waters and probably okay in a moderate chop. Now this boater takes his boat into a bit deeper waters, say 23 ft. He drops his anchor, the wind and the current is calm, and he stays put until the wind picks up, and he will pull his anchor and drift. By the numbers, rode is 50; water depth is 23 plus 2 ft. for the bow, 50 divided by 25 equals a scope of 2. You are not going to stay put unless you happen to fowl your anchor on a wreck or the crack in a big rock. Rule of thumb, scope should be minimum 5 to 7 unless you expect a big blow, and then you should put out more rode and keep a watch on your position.

Sometimes I find the biggest challenge to writing these articles is finding the nautical term to use in my articles. I like to have a word that I can say something to get a laugh from, and still impart a bit of information in the answer. This month's question comes from a member of the Vero Beach

Power Squadron. Nora Lichty would like to know what a scupper is. Well Nora, you have stumbled upon the Cptn Dick diet. I was going to publish my book in a few months, with lots of recipes for delicious snacks all at 200 calories or less for my recommended 8 eating times per day: breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, supper, scupper, and then the late night snack. To pre-purchase this book, please send 50 dollars American to my private Swiss bank account.

*Till next time.*

## Report for July from the Board of Directors

*From Senior Director Dave Tonneson*

- ✶ John Kime reported on completing the last two fingers on Dock #6. This will complete the project
- ✶ John Kime also gave a progress report on new bulk heading behind Dock #4. The Directors are promoting this improvement as soon as possible.
- ✶ The Board discussed how we should proceed when members do not provide their insurance and contract papers in a timely fashion.
- ✶ The Board reviewed complaints of speeding on club roads. One way signs will be installed at the entrance to the Dock #4 area.
- ✶ The Directors approved four new associate members for consideration at the Membership Meeting.
- ✶ The Board reviewed the new bathhouse project.
- ✶ Art Basley gave a detailed report on the travel lift and its misuse. A meeting of operators and signal persons is being planned.

## Annual Picnic on Saturday, August 25, at Noon

*For full information please see the July insert or  
the registration form on the website: [www.minisceongoyc.org/PicnicforPrinter.pdf](http://www.minisceongoyc.org/PicnicforPrinter.pdf)*

**This is your club event – it can't be done without your help.**

Please volunteer for a **one-hour** job in one of the following categories:

_____ Setup Friday Evening	_____ Food Service Lunch	_____ Cleanup
_____ Games	_____ Food Service Seafood	_____ Food Service Dinner

Yes, I/we will volunteer for the jobs checked above.

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

Time preferred: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Time preferred \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Members and immediate family 16 years and older	_____ @ \$ 20 each \$ _____
Adult Guests 16 years and older	_____ @ 22 each _____
Teens & Youths – ages 9 through 15	_____ @ 12 each _____
Children – ages 4 through 8	_____ @ 6 each _____
Children younger than 4	_____ @ 3 each _____

I agree to be responsible for the conduct of my guests.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number in party \_\_\_\_\_ Amount = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Minisceongo Yacht Club. (No cash please.)

Send to Wayne Mitts, 13 Lincoln Street, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

**Note: \$5.00 late fee per person at the door.**

**Reservation deadline: Friday, August 17, 2012**



## Cruising Fleet News

*From Cruising Fleet Chairman Jeff Burtch:* Our next event is the **Dinghy Safari** to be held on **Sunday, August 26**. We will meet at the Clubhouse at **2:00 p.m.** and plan to take a joy ride to Bowline followed by a picnic. Cruising Fleet will supply the hot dogs. Please bring a snack to share and BYOB.

As I write this we are preparing for our summer cruise to Long Island Sound. To get there we have to navigate the waters around New York City. Here are some thoughts and resources you might find useful when planning a trip.

Sailors need to go around the southern tip of Manhattan. Plan to arrive at the Battery between 2 and 3 hours after low water and you should have fair current up the East River, through Hell Gate and beyond. Many power boaters choose to go this way because it is spectacular to see the city from the water.

As you head south past the George Washington Bridge and on toward midtown, the traffic increases, as do the wakes and waves. Watch for the ferries and water taxis. They can move rather quickly, and approach and depart from their docks suddenly, going in all directions. Remember that the large commercial vessels have limited visibility, especially directly in front of them, and cannot stop or change course.

If you have timed things right, you will pick up the current in the East River, the waters will calm and the traffic will subside. You should have smooth sailing through Hell Gate and beyond.

The alternative for power boats is to go through Spuyten Duyvil at the north end of Manhattan and down the Harlem River. Call the bridge master on Channel 13 to ask for an opening. You may have to wait for a train to pass. All the commercial ships, barges, Circle Line and ferries monitor Channel 13 as well. You can hear their broadcasts, and contact them if necessary.

[www.hrfanj.org/river\\_conditions.htm](http://www.hrfanj.org/river_conditions.htm) — Hudson River Fisherman's Association web site has tides and currents up and down the Hudson, and information about fishing these waters.

[www.iboatnyharbor.com/index.htm](http://www.iboatnyharbor.com/index.htm) — A very comprehensive site with tide and current charts with diagrams as well as information/links about all things relating to boating around NYC.

[www.boatsman.info/lisound.html](http://www.boatsman.info/lisound.html) — Among other things, this site is linked to NOAA weather predictions and NOAA Data Buoy Observations where you can click on a specific location and get a live weather and sea condition report.

[www.ActiveCaptain.com](http://www.ActiveCaptain.com) has many features including information and reviews of marinas and anchorages all linked on charts. This is a wonderful resource for choosing where to go and what to do when you get there.

## A Look at the Future

Saturday, August 4	0900-1200	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Opti Races
Saturday, August 4	1400	River	PHRF Race #13 - Tamagny
August 4-6	ALL DAY	Pavilion Reserved	Wayne Hose Co.
Sunday August 5	1400	Stony Point Bay	Laser Races
Tuesday, August 7	1930	Clubhouse	Board of Directors' Meeting
<b>Friday, August 10</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Clubhouse</b>	<b>MYC Membership Meeting</b>
Friday, August 10	2000	Snack Shack	MYCLA Meeting
Saturday, August 11	0900-1200	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Opti Races
Saturday, August 11	1600	River	PHRF Race #14 - Walt Moser
Saturday, August 11	1600	Pavilion	North Jersey Concert Band
Sunday, August 12	0900-1100	Snack Shack	Sunday Morning Coffee
Sunday, August 12	1400	Stony Point Bay	Laser Races
Thursday, August 16	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Friday, August 17		Wayne Mitts	Deadline for Annual Picnic Reservations
Saturday, August 18	0900-1200	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Opti Races
August 18-19	1000-1800	HRMM, Kingston, NY	ACBS Boat Show
Sunday, August 19	1400	Stony Point Bay	Laser Races
<b>Wednesday, August 22</b>		<b>Bob Weismantel</b>	<b>Ship to Shore Deadline</b>
Saturday, August 25	0900-1200	Stony Point Bay	Junior Sailing Opti Races
<b>Saturday, August 25</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Annual Picnic</b>
Sunday, August 26	1400	Stony Point Bay	Laser Races
Sunday, August 26	1400	River	Dinghy Safari
Sunday September 2	1400	Stony Point Bay	Laser Races
<b>September 22-23</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Pavilion and River</b>	<b>Sutherland Regatta</b>
<b>Saturday, October 6</b>	<b>T.B.A.</b>	<b>Club Grounds</b>	<b>Fall Workday</b>
<b>Saturday, November 17</b>	<b>18:30-23:30</b>	<b>Town &amp; Country, Congers, NY</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>