



# Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on  
Friday, April 10, 2015, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## 2015 Bridge Officers

Commodore Kevin Silver  
Vice Commodore Wayne Mitts  
Rear Commodore Art Basley  
Treasurer Frank Romano  
Secretary Keira Burtch

## 2015 Board of Directors

Ed Gutierrez  
Bob Tamagny  
Joe Senackerib  
Tony Ferraro  
Andy Hudson

## Work Weekend

April 11 & 12 at 0800  
Meet at the Clubhouse

**Ship to Shore** will transition to digital publication this season. For the next few months everyone will receive both the digital and print editions. Sign-up forms for social events will come as a separate attachment for easy printing of a single page that can be printed and returned with your check as usual. *During the summer everyone will have the option of requesting to continue to receive the print edition.* Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

If you still have not filled out your membership information form, please go to [www.MinisceongoYC.org](http://www.MinisceongoYC.org) and find the form under "Documents" and email or snail mail to me.

If you did not have your boat registration information during the winter, please send me the Hull ID, State registration and Documentation numbers.

## From Commodore Kevin Silver:

It's been a busy month at MYC. The first annual Rain Gutter Regatta was a resounding success! Many thanks go to Jesse Fitzgerald for organizing the day, Skip Turk for constructing two, very classy, stainless steel rain gutters and all those who participated. The photographs, which may be viewed in the digital edition of **Ship to Shore**, clearly depict the serious fun and concentration of all racers, young and old alike.

This year's Cruising Fleet winter land cruise to Annapolis was a blast. You can view a more complete report by our Cruising Fleet Chairman Don Rubin, but spoiler alert, as predicted, there was a whole lot of laughing goin' on.

It's that time of year when we can finally kiss winter goodbye. Put a fork in it! We're done. Now it's "All hands on deck!" as work weekend is right around the corner. For those new members who are unaware of this annual ritual, it is the time when all the Chairmen and their committees make the club ready for the upcoming season. I personally love this weekend. I look forward to seeing all of our members again. I love the organized chaos. On Sunday afternoon, I particularly enjoy walking the grounds in wonder of seeing how much is accomplished in a mere 48 hours to transform the club from the closed-up place it was the week before to an alive and vibrant club ready to receive its boats. Truth be told, this didn't just happen in 48 hours. Behind the scenes planning by many members over the winter months ensures this weekend's success in preparing the club for the coming boating season. While Associate Members are not expected to participate, all

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## The Board of Directors Report for March 2015

*From Senior Director Ed Gutierrez:*

- \* The Board is reviewing alternative building methods to "stick build" for the new clubhouse.
- \* The Board discussed tender boats and how they are used at the club. A formal proposal is being worked on and a decision will be made soon.
- \* The Board discussed additional bathrooms at the snack shack and the possibility of trailerable bathroom/showers. Director Gutierrez will present a proposal to the membership.
- \* The Board made a policy that non-boat trailers are to be charged by overall length and can only be stored after an annual review by the board.
- \* The Board moved to change the "Life Member Award" to show uniformity.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, April 22, 2015.**

## Race Fleet News

*From Chairman Bob Weismantel:*

Welcome to spring but so far winter is still here. The skiers and ice boaters are not complaining but everyone else is.

A reminder that the Sail Fleet's first race is on May 16, 2015, with Wayne Mitts as PRO. All MYC races are on Saturdays, starting time at 1400.

On Wednesday April 15, 2015, 6 pm, at the MYC Clubhouse, the Sail Fleet will be hosting a Round Table discussion on proper procedures for the PRO (Race Marshal). Items that we will talk about: setting a course, shortening a course, course selection for given wind conditions and so on. The discussion will be moderated by Captain Dick Bracken. Hope to see you there, we will be ordering Pizza as our usual Wednesday night fare.

## Cruising Fleet

*From Chairman Don Rubin:*

The date for the MYC Dock-Go-Round is Saturday, June 27. We are planning on a dessert party after the dock visits. Everyone should bring their favorite dessert and extra goodies from the docks. There will be a fee of \$5.00 per person to cover the club costs. Our favorite DJ will be providing music for your dancing pleasure.

Planning still continues for the two cruising fleet trips this summer. There will be a group heading north to Lake Champlain. Another group, comprised of many of the same people, will be heading for Long Island Sound. If you are interested and have any ideas, let us know.

Bob Tamagny reports that a good time was had by all this weekend as the Cruising Fleet ventured out to Annapolis for it's yearly Spring Land Cruise. As we arrived on Friday the weather was wet and raw but by Saturday morning it turned into a beautiful Spring Day. Perfect for a day of sightseeing and shopping. We all at some point took a tour of the Naval Academy which was excellent, followed by checking out many other historic buildings. Of course we never missed a meal and Annapolis is full of restaurants with Maryland crab always on the menu. Walking by the harbor it was great to see so many boats already in the water as well as a Frostbite Regatta taking place. It gave us hope that Spring is really here. Saturday night we got together for cocktail hour before heading to Pusser's Caribbean Grill for dinner with the whole group. We were extremely happy to have two couples new to our Spring Land Cruise, Frank and Helen Brown and Curt and Susan Koster. For those of you who haven't joined us why don't you give some serious thought to joining us next year!



photo by John O'Brien

## Junior Sail "Rain Gutter Regatta"

*From Jessica Fitzgerald*



Photo by Barbara Fitzgerald

### MYC Junior Sailors at the Rain Gutter Regatta

March 15th we held our first ever Rain Gutter Regatta! For those of you who couldn't make it down to see what it's all about, it entails racing a hand made sailboat down a rain gutter filled with water. Contestants propel the boats by blowing air through a straw into the sail. We had participants from age 4 through 81. The styles of boats varied as well. There were trimarans and monohulls built from kits. There were custom designed boats built with myriad supplies: wine corks, plastic cups, soda cans, and paper plates. There was one intrepid, little boat that went by the name of flipper, named for its tendency to flip down the rain gutter rather than sail.

In addition to the regatta, a photo booth was set up for the kids to dress up and capture some memories of the day. Pizza and cake were available as refreshments; and some members donated other desserts for the event. Many thanks go out to the sail fleet members and volunteers who came to help set up and break down the event. Thanks to Michelle Austin for organizing all of the refreshments as well as Martin Keller and Megan Earl for keeping our scoring in order. A special thanks to Skip Turk who built and donated the rain gutters. Finally, thanks to all who participated in the day's events. It would not have been such a successful and fun time without you. We look forward to another day of stiff competition and good times next year. **The Winners:**

#### Trimaran:

1st - Meredith Tamagny  
2nd - Vonda Knezevic  
3rd - Owen Benedict

#### Box Rule:

1st - Lily Benedict  
2nd - Vonda Knezevic  
3rd - Justin Pawelczyk

#### Mono Hull:

1st - Caroline Wieland  
2nd - Alexa Austin  
3rd - Eric Shreck IV

#### Best Design:

Charlie Benedict

#### Most Humorous:

Vonda Knezevic

At left, Annapolis Cruisers: Helen and Frank Brown, Karen and Andy Hudson, Susan and Curt Koster, Suzanne and Wayne Mitts, Bobbie and John O'Brien, Janis and Frank Romano, Janice and Joe Senackerib, Dianne and Kevin Silver, and Peggy and Bob Tamagny (not pictured Miriam and Marv Raber)

## ***New Member Orientation***

***Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse***

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members are welcome to join in the fun. It is a great way to get to know everyone and get involved.

By now all members should be receiving the general meeting minutes via the MYC email member distribution list. If not, please give Andy Hudson your email address. Those who have received the minutes know that the committee report and recommendations were distributed by the New Club House Committee at the end of the March general meeting for contemplation and review by the membership. The proposed design and floor plan continue to be on view in the clubhouse.

The house discussion will be broken up into two parts. Part one, starting with April's meeting, will focus on fiscal issues relative to construction costs. Treasurer Romano will present a financial plan that will detail the size of the mortgage we can afford, allocation of a building fund and anticipated start dates based upon the overall cost of the project. Members will be asked to think about the funding plan for a month or so and then vote to accept or reject this plan.

Once a financial plan is accepted by the members, we will then be ready to address the house design. We need to consider our goals and vision for our club. This is the time where all members need to weigh in on specific concerns that you feel are important. For example, whether one feels the house is too small, too big, or just right, be prepared to voice your opinion. This will be the critical decision point of the particular house we may build. These decisions will dictate the future of our club and set a number of things in motion.

Senior Director Ed Gutierrez presented a motion, which was passed by the membership, to purchase a bath/shower trailer for use by the club. Thanks to the great efforts of Ed and Chris Vicidomini along with the support and guidance of Plumbing Chairman Harry Moser and Rear Commodore Art Basely, we now will have ample bathroom facilities at the club. As this trailer is portable, it can be conveniently moved to the pavilion during large club functions.

Last but certainly not least, only 30 days to go 'till boating season!

## ***Digital Edition Exclusive Photos:***

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## ***MYC Auxiliary Dues Form***

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

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

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send check (\$15) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Janice Romano, 45 Cherry Ave.,  
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

## ***MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner***

***Friday, April 10, 2015, at 7:00 PM***

***Lynch's Restaurant***

***79 S. Liberty Dr. (Route 9W), Stony Point NY***

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

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

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

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

Please send check (\$25) payable to MYCA,  
c/o Janice Romano, 45 Cherry Ave.,  
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## ***The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary***

***From Captain Karen Hudson:***

Happy Spring! If only the weather would catch up to the calendar. We finally have some snow bells coming up on the side of the house. Hopefully that is a sign of improving weather to come. Regardless of the weather, boating season is just around the corner and it is time to start getting ready.

The Cruising Fleet winter cruise was great fun and educational too. Many of us toured the campus of the Naval Academy. I was certainly impressed by what I saw and heard. Annapolis is a lovely place to visit if you have not been there.

Since this will be my last Ship to Shore article as Auxiliary Captain, let me take one last opportunity to thank all those who kept me on my toes and made this year a special one for me. Let me also assure the new Bridge officers that the outgoing Bridge will be around to help where we can. I wish the new officers the best for the coming year.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Installation Dinner on April 10 at Lynch's.

## Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson for MYC  
and Miriam Raber for MYCA*

### Final Voyage:

With great sadness we heard today of the passing of long time member Vic Haines. He has been an active member for 19 years, first as a sailor, then a cruiser. Vic is survived by his wife Penne, son Regis and daughter Wisteria. Our sincere condolences to the Haines family.

### Our best wishes to all for speedy recovery:

☞ Lorraine Austin had knee replacement surgery, and is doing well.

☞ Dave Tonneson had eye surgery, and is looking forward to improved vision.

☞ Dan Adler is still under the weather.

☞ Ted Mehlig had a serious boating accident while cruising. He had extensive hand surgery, and is now home and improving.

☞ Joe Haffner had a second operation removing more of his leg to above the knee as it was not healing properly. He is now doing better.

☞ John Kime's son-in-law had another operation and is improving.

## Yard Committee Report

*From Chairman Roger Wieland:*

By now I'm sure many of you are working on your boats. A couple of things to remember: secure your ladder, wear eye protection and a mask when scrapping or sanding and be sure to place tarps or plastic under your boat when working on the bottom. Police the area around your boat before you leave for the day. Clean up and unplug you boat before you leave.

If your boat is blocking another boat you must be ready in April for launching. If you have a problem call me sooner rather than later.

If your boat is shrink wrapped it is your responsibility to dispose of it...Take it home. Do not put it in the Club's dumpsters.

We have already started to launch boats. We launch on Saturdays and Wednesday mornings. Please call or email me to set up a date.

### For sale

1952 22' Chris Craft Sportsman  
Powered by 1967 Ford Cobra 428  
Bottom swells tight, engine runs great,  
Really fun user boat, looks great too,  
recently refinished with 10 coats

Best offer 973-800-2829 or [thomas.duym@adp.com](mailto:thomas.duym@adp.com)

## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, April 7	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, April 10	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, April 10	1900	Lynch's Restaurant	MYC Auxiliary Installation Dinner
April 11 and 12	0800	All Club Facilities	Work Weekend
Wednesday, April 15	1800	Clubhouse	Sail fleet round table discussion
Thursday, April 16	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Sunday April 19	1000	Clubhouse	New Member Orientation
Wednesday, April 22		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, May 16	1400	River	PHRF Race #1 - Mitts
Sunday, May 17	Noon	Flagpole	Opening Day
Sunday, June 21	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
August 15 and 16		Kingston	ACBS Wooden Boat Show
Saturday, August 22	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 19 and 20		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 24	0800	All Club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 21			Change of Watch

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# Rain Gutter Regatta

*Photos by John Verrengia*



*Photos by Barbara Fitzgerald*



# *Cruising Fleet Annapolis Trip*



*How well do you know the MYC women? Can you match the husbands with their wives?*

*Trip attendees (A-Z): Helen and Frank Brown, Karen and Andy Hudson, Susan and Curt Koster, Suzanne and Wayne Mitts, Bobbie and John O'Brien, Janis and Frank Romano, Janice and Joe Senackerib, Dianne and Kevin Silver, and Peggy and Bob Tamagny (not pictured Miriam and Marv Raber)*



*Pictures Provided by  
John and Bobbie  
O'Brien*

