



# Ship to Shore

*Special Web  
Edition*

Stony Point, NY 10980

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## **2016 Bridge Officers**

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**Special Thanks** to  
Nick Pastore for his generous  
donation of lighting fixtures  
for the pavilion.

## **MYC Reminders:**

### **Please:**

- *Don't park on the club lawns. There's plenty of graveled areas for parking.*
- *Don't walk your dogs on the club lawns. Use the wooded area near the Pavilion.*
- *Keep the dock gates closed and carry you card/fob.*
- *Politely question strangers on the property.*
- *If you see thirsty flowers, kindly give them some water. There are watering cans at each dock. The flowers will thank you with their smiles.*

### **➤ Ice at MYC:**

*The freezer is now stocked and operating perfectly. Six pound bags cost \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00. Look for the Ice Box next to the clubhouse.*

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on  
Friday, July 8, 2016, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## **From Commodore Wayne Mitts:**

Our big Opening Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has come and gone. The weather cooperated providing a beautiful day, the Club looked great, and our big event was well attended. The musical entertainment by Joe Hanchrow and his Dixieland band and Adam & The NewHearts was amazing. The barbecue provided by Baileys Smoke House was great, and the time capsule dig provided an interesting look at the past and brought back found memories for many members. I want to thank the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of Rich Brienza, Art Basley, and Tom Austin for all the work they did over the last year to bring us this special day. I also want to thank

Chris Vicidomini, the Grounds Committee, and all the volunteers that worked to get the club grounds prepared and looking great.

Our Fathers day brunch has also passed. I can tell you the food provided by Bill Gooley, the Social Committee and all the volunteers was outstanding. There is no

## **New Clubhouse Committee**

*From Chairman Ed Gutierrez*

The new Clubhouse committee will have an open meeting on **Saturday July 9, 2016 at 5:00pm** in the clubhouse. The committee will answer questions and take suggestions. Please see preliminary sketches from the architect in the clubhouse or on digital edition [page 6](#). *All are welcome.*

place I would rather spend Fathers Day than at Minisceongo Yacht Club enjoying an excellent brunch and the great company of my family and our MYC family. Again mother nature smiled on us providing a perfect day. The MYC Auxiliary had its first breakfast of the season on June 11. It was good to see so many members there enjoying the breakfast that was provided by the Auxiliary. The next breakfast is scheduled for Saturday July 9, and then again on Saturday August 13. I hope to see you all there.

Just a reminder; the Junior Sail Camp will run from July 9 to July 23. During that time there will be lots of kids around the club in the late afternoon and evening. Please be careful when driving around the Club property. If you have some time to assist with the camp please contact Sail Fleet Chair Jessie Fitzgerald. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

Some of our members have already gotten away for a cruise to Long Island Sound, and others have plans to go cruising over the summer. I hope you all have a safe and happy boating season, and I hope to see you all out there on the water. Last but not least, I would like to wish you all a very Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday July 27, 2016.**

## Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

*From Captain Susan Koster*

The boats are in the water and the weather is spectacular - it's summer at MYC!

At our June meeting, Tom Austin discussed the background to his book *The Bridge to the Riviera*. His comments and antidotes concerning the lavish nightclub in Fort Lee, NJ inspired us all to read his latest novel. Who can resist learning more about the night club where Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr. and Joey Bishop graced its revolving stage before they became known as the Rat Pack.

Marianne Frasco hosted a continental breakfast for the members on June 11. The generous monetary contributions made to support the breakfast are greatly appreciated and we hope to see you at our next breakfast on July 9.

### Saturday Coffee

*Come to the Snack from 9 - 11*

*July 9 and August 13*

*Coffee, tea, rolls, muffins*

*Sponsored by the MYCA*

*Donations gratefully accepted*

opportunity to return your raffle tickets in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, we encourage you to reply at your earliest convenience.

Gift baskets are included as part of the raffle prizes. Donations of wine, snacks and candy are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the Snack Shack on *MYCA meeting nights on July 8 and August 12*.

The Ship's Store can take your order for custom merchandise anytime. There are a variety of shirt and hat colors and styles available. Let us know what you need. See you around the docks!

### Security Breech

*From Rich Brienza*

There was breech of our club grounds on opening day. Two young males gained access, partied on a boat and took the boat for a joy ride. The Stony point PD was called and arrests were made. A report was given at the June meeting and it was decided that the dock gates must be kept closed. Yet, early Thursday morning the gate to dock 2-3 was found open, with nobody around. On Sunday the gate to dock 1 was found tied open, with nobody around. You may feel this is an inconvenience but it is not. It is for your own safety, and protection of property as well as your neighbors. Let's not be lax on the issue of security.

### MYC Recycles!

*From Tony Schweiker*

- \* The recycling bins located throughout the grounds are there for your convenience. PLEASE do not put trash into the recycle cans. Look for the recycle symbol on any beverage or product packaging.
- \* Do not place food containers and other non-recyclables in the bins.
- \* Dumpsters are for garbage, cardboard, paper, and food refuse.

## Sunshine

*From Andy Hudson*

♥ *The club has made a donation to the Mike Wieland Scholarship fund in lieu of flowers.*

♥ *Dominic Vistocco had surgery on his wrist and is resting and recuperating.*

## Sail Fleet

*From Chairman Jesse Fitzgerald*

Sailing season is in full swing! Celebrate summer by joining us Saturday, July 2nd for our regular MYC race followed by a BBQ. All are welcome! If you don't have a boat - just show up. There are always boats looking for crew.

Sail Camp is fast approaching. If you haven't put in an application, please do so. Registration forms went out for those who registered. If you have registered and have not received your packet, you can find them in the club house under the bulletin board.

As always we are looking for volunteers for Sail Camp. You do not have to be a sailor or know how to sail to help out. If you are interested, please email me for more details.

A special thank you to all those who came out to help clean the Optis and prep boats this past weekend. Great job!

## Security *From Chairman Peter Alfieri*

The boating season is in full swing, with the majority of the boats launched and docked at the marina. For safety reasons and per MYC guidelines, the dock gates need to remain closed after you've passed through. Please do not obstruct the operation of the gates by placing objects in front of the gate or by tying the gate doors. As always, members are responsible for their guests and contracted outside service providers visiting the club. Members should inform their guests of the guidelines to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy boating season.

Thank you, all, for your cooperation.

## Grounds Committee

*From Chairman Chris Vicidomini*

It's hard to believe it but summer is in full swing. Grounds has finished all the big projects for the winter and summer and everyone seems to like the way everything turned out. We will be back to the weekly maintenance to keep the grounds looking good. Once Pennybridge moves the boat by the road of dock 6, we will have the fence moved to increase the parking for that area, It should be finished by the beginning of July. Hope everyone has a healthy and safe summer.

## Cruising Fleet

*From Chairman Don Rubin*

The date for the club Dock-Go-Round is Saturday, June 25, but the Ship to Shore articles are due several days before, so I can only anticipate that the event went well and we all had a great time.

The annual dinghy safari is set for Sunday, July 31. We will meet at the flagpole at 11:30 am to discuss a suitable destination. Hopefully, we will wind up at some place on the river that serves food and drink.

And finally, we have 2 more groups of people that will be going on cruises over the summer. Group One will be leaving for Block Island on August 8 for about 2 weeks. Group Two will be leaving for Lake Champlain on July 8 for about 10 days. Of course you are free to choose all or part of the proposed destinations for each trip. We will also have an overnight trip to Croton or the Nyack Boat Club; we have been discussing potential dates.

Many years ago we "cruised" to a destination that some of you may have dreamed about. The island of Bermuda is situated 650 miles off the coast of North Carolina. Bermuda is often thought of as a honeymoon destination. When we were there, young honeymoon couples were all over the island. Bermuda beaches are known for their pink sand and turquoise water. The sand contains pink flecks that are the remains of small particles of broken shells and bits of coral. The warm, clear waters around the island were excellent for snorkeling. For the excitement, renting a motor scooter and sightseeing around the island while driving on the "wrong" side of the road was quite an adventure. It took great concentration to go through a rotary and figure out which side of the road you are supposed to be on.

The 635-mile Newport Bermuda Race is run every other year. Founded in 1906, the Bermuda Race is

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## Director's Report for June 2016

*From Director Bob Tamagny:*

\* Harbor Committee Chairman John Kime, Security Committee Chairman Peter Alfieri and Yard Committee Chairman Roger Wieland were all present to give reports. John reported on the possibility of moving the launch ramp and reasons for doing so. The project would require approximately 170 linear feet of stone at \$75 per foot, as opposed to using steel at \$1200 per foot. John and Roger spoke of the need to move and land store the existing floating dock now behind dock 5. Different land locations were reviewed to accommodate this. Peter reported on installation of a new security system. This update would include cameras and an upgrade of our internal bandwidth capability. Peter distributed information and pricing as well as how we could do this in stages. This upgrade will be re-examined in the future.

\* John Kime researched a solution to kill and control the growth of weeds in our basin. The club will seek a DEC application, then a liquid herbicide will be sprayed on the weeds. This all will be based on the DEC approval. A contract with Anchor Fence has been approved for the installation of a new fence along the roadway to Dock 6. This will allow for more parking along that roadway.

\* Rear Commodore Brienza gave a report on our security breach that occurred on Opening Day. Rich will review this with Membership.

\* Treasurer Jim Hawthorne gave his report on the Club's finances and on our aging late payments. The Club will be looking to place a judgement and lien on two boats that are being stored on our grounds.

\* Rear Commodore Brienza gave an in-depth report on our 75th Opening Day Celebration. The report included plans to rebury our time capsule on our Opening Day celebration 2017.

\* Shrink wrap disposal. The dumpster will be removed at the end of this month.

\* Memorial Plaque. A repair or replacement, depending on cost, of our plaque will be done so the plaque can be replaced out by the gazebo.

## Electrical and Maintenance

*From Chairman Frank Covino*

We are required by the Stony Point Fire Department to install CO2 sensors in the clubhouse, snack shack, laundry room and portable bathrooms. This work will be completed by the end of June.

## *Cruising Fleet*, continued from page three

held for the 50th time in 2016. The race is sponsored in Bermuda by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. The race starts off Newport, R.I., in front of many spectators, on the third Friday in June. It takes more than two hours to get the fleet started. Depending on the weather and the currents in the Gulf Stream, and the boat's size and speed, the race takes two to six days. The early finishing boats had started to arrive while we were visiting. Since security was fairly loose at the Royal Yacht Club, we made ourselves at home, grabbed a drink at the open bar and mingled with the arriving sailors.

There were several yachts in Hamilton Harbor for hire for a day-sail with a lunch stop for more snorkeling and rum punch. One evening we stopped at a cavern that was also reported to be night club/lounge. When we arrived it was exactly that, a damp cavern with dripping stalactites; I don't know what we were thinking!

For food you can of course expect fresh seafood. Although, you can find just about any type of food you are in the mood for. You can dress up or dress more casually and you can also pay more or you can pay less, but it will certainly be an experience.

## *To My MYC Family*

I want express my deep appreciation to the membership of MYC, for your thoughts, prayers and support you have given to "Mike" and I. The last few months were very difficult for "Mike". She did have many good moments especially when she was with her granddaughters, Liza and Caroline.

On the Monday morning May 23 we went out for

breakfast before going to 2 doctor appointments. During breakfast she asked when was Opening Day, and I said Saturday. She asked if we were going. I said yes if you want to. Then she said

that we hadn't missed one since we became members. Our first one was 1984. Sadly later that day she had a seizure and never regained consciousness. And on Thursday she died peacefully at the Villa Marie Clair hospice facility surrounded by her family.

I don't know how I would get through this without my MYC family.

Love You Guys, Rog

## Save the date: MYC Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 27, 2016  
starting at noon

**Great food, drink and games all day**

## *A Look at the Future*

Saturday, July 2	1400	River and grounds	PHRF Race #4 and BBQ - Tamagny
Tuesday, July 5	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, July 8	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, July 8	2000	Snack Shack	MYCA meeting
Saturday, July 9	0900	Snack Shack	MYCA Breakfast
Saturday, July 9	1700	Clubhouse	New Clubhouse - Open meeting
July 9 - 23		Pavilion and River	Jr. Sail Camp
Saturday, July 16	1400	River	PHRF Race #5 -
Thursday, July 21	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, July 27		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, July 30	1400	River	PHRF Race #6/7 - Fitz/Tsanopolous
Sunday July 31	11:30	Flag Pole/River	Dinghy Safari
Saturday, August 6		Pavilion	Dance Party and BBQ
August 20 - 21		Kingston	ACBS Antique Boat Show
Saturday, August 27	Noon	Pavilion and grounds	Annual Picnic
September 17 - 18		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 22	0800	All club Facilities	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 19			Change of Watch

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- Please send *articles and e-mail address changes* to Keira Burtch:
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# *Memories of Michaely Wieland*

*from Bill Pigott*

*My name is Bill Pigott. I would like to say a few words about my longest and dear friend, Michaely.*

*I know everyone called her Mike, but I only knew her as Michaely.*

*It all started 65 years ago in the quaint, little town of Saddle River, NJ. When we started school the entire grade fit into one classroom, with seats left over. We both did the usual Maypole Dancing and birthday parties. We even got our pictures taken by the local paper at one of those parties. Both our birthdays are in July. Unfortunately for us, most of our classmates were away during the summer, so no parties for us. Boo hoo!*

*In the second grade, I fell madly in love with Michaely but, unfortunately for me, I was too shy to tell her. So she never found out. In the fifth grade I moved to Ridgewood and lost contact with her. Twenty or so years ago, I was standing on the front lawn of our boat club in Stony Point, NY. It was Memorial Day weekend and Opening Day at the Club. I noticed a woman standing in front of me, so I looked around to see her face. Standing behind her I said, "Hi Michaely Beirbrier". Without moving a muscle you said, "No one has called me that in over 30 years." She turned around and said, "Hi Billy Pigott, you haven't changed one bit." We hugged and renewed our friendship.*

*Five years ago when Brigid, my wife, and I were sending out invitations for our combined July birthday party, we learned the party fell on Michaely's actual birthday. When the invitation arrived, Roger asked what she wanted to do. Her response still brings a smile to my face, "I want to go to Billy Pigott's birthday party."*

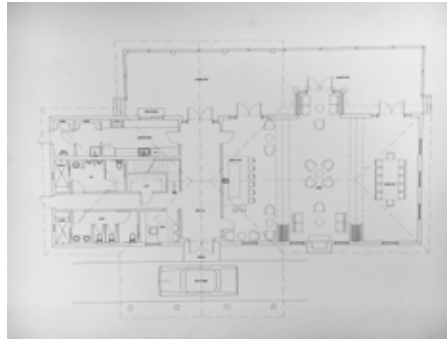
*These last 30 years I have enjoyed talking with her about our time in Saddle River and about our friends at MYC. And yes, Michaely, I still love you! Sorry Roger - I knew her first. Peace be with you my friend.*

*In her life Michaely touched so many people. I'm happy I was one of those people. Oh, one more thing; we now have a guardian angel to watch over all of us. Thank you.*



*These words were read at Mike's graveside to her family and friends. A butterfly circled the casket and the congregation after the service. Mike and her granddaughter loved butterflies.*

## *New Clubhouse Architect Sketches*



### *Junior Sailors help clean and get their boats/equipment ready for camp*

*photos by Barbara Fitzgerald*



### *Janice Romano and Bobbie Oblenis go for a kayak ride*

*photos by Barbara Fitzgerald*

