



Ship to Shore

special
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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.



2017 Bridge Officers

Commodore Art Basley
Vice Commodore Rich Brienza
Rear Commodore John Verrengia
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne
Secretary Keira Burtch

2017 Board of Directors

Joe Senackerib
Bob Tamagny
Andy Hudson
Kevin Silver
Wayne Mitts

2017 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Ray Testasecca
Dock 2/3: Wayne Mitts
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib
Dock 5: John Funk
Dock 6: Chris Vicidomini

Membership Meeting Time Change

Beginning January 2018
all monthly membership
meetings will begin at **7pm**
Don't Be late!



Commodore-Elect Rich Brienza's

Fra Diavlo

*Especially delicious
and beautiful cake at the
Change of Watch*

From Commodore Basley

Well the Holidays are approaching and all our boats have been hauled so we can officially say the 2017 boating season is over. It was a great season giving us good weather, a lot of boating, great parties and a variety of fun summer activities. For a change in pace, we will have a few in-water stored boats this winter. But all things considered, haul out went very well and although we now prepare our harbor with all the circulators and ice fighting gear, a hope for mild weather and an early spring is on our minds.

For all who joined us at the Change of Watch Dinner Dance on Saturday at Patriot Hills I'm sure will agree that it was a wonderful affair. From the cocktail hour to the food service and entertainment, everything was splendid. Our Commodore elect Richard Brienza did an outstanding job coordinating the whole affair, even though we know he had a little help from Stacey. Our new Bridge was sworn in by Gurran Kane and a 20 year pin was presented to Daniel Adler for his years of service to the Club. It was a great venue which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our Holiday Party is right around the corner and I guess it's a good time to reflect on some of our accomplishments this year. It all started with the moving of the launch ramp from its

original position at the bottom of the finger 4 road to a position adjacent to the launch pit. This project was really a bit out of our comfort zone but John Kime took the lead, did his homework and with the help of our members, made it a successful one. The finger 4



MYC 2018 Officers are sworn in

photo by John O'Brien

wall was extended past the old ramp area, filled and later landscaped by Chris Vicidomini's Grounds crew. To finish the job, Moe Moser fabricated railing sections and they were installed. While this was going on, Harry Moser removed our flow preventer valve system and plumbing, and with a little trench work by Jeff Conklin, pipe and wiring, reinstalled it in a Hot Box Unit next to the Launch Pit. The Electrical Committee under Frank Covino installed new LED fixtures on all the Yard poles and other areas around the Club as well as assist with the Hot Box project. Now Harbor Chairman John Kime and his crew didn't have enough to do with the Ramp project so he designed and constructed an Opti Dock system at the bulkhead where the old ramp was including a walkway system. Oh Yeah, he also coordinated the expansion of the Opti storage area opposite the new ramp and Grounds landscaped and seeded the hill on the back side.

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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday December 27, 2017.

MYC History

from Club Historian George Basley

Last month in the digital edition you saw this picture, taken below and north-west of the dock 5 gazebo, at an extreme low tide. I asked if anyone knew what the wood frame used to be, or anything about it. I received this answer from club historian George Basley:

"To answer the question posed in Ship to Shore, the skeletal wooden framework that Dave Horne photographed was ID'd during a similar low tide about 25 years ago. This is the remains of a Hudson River brickyard schooner, mainly the ribs, keel and gun'l or whatever pieces still remain. That artifact may be close to 100 years old!"

One year we had a low tide with a west wind and the flats were dry all the way to the Battlefield. You could see the many abandoned motor blocks that were once used for anchors.....they looked like little dots. I knew what they were because my father helped put many of them there."



photo by Dave Horne

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

By the time everyone is reading this, Thanksgiving will have passed, and we are now on to Christmas and Hanukkah. Where does the time go? Hope you all had a great thanksgiving and will be ready to rake some leaves soon. Grounds will be trying to clean up the property if the leaves will finally come down, hopefully sooner rather than later. We will try 12/2 or 12/9. I will send out an email for anyone interested to help. I would like to thank the ground crew and all the volunteers over the past year for all their help. It was greatly appreciated. I would like wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and hope we can get back to boating soon.

MYC Auxiliary

From Captain Lori Schweiker

There are no scheduled monthly meetings for MYCA until next Spring, but we are busy getting ready for the Annual Holiday Party on December 3. Janice Senakerib and Lori Schweiker are co-chairing the event which entails putting a bit of Holiday Magic on and around the Club House.

The tree will feature all new decorations, additional lights, a gorgeous ornament created by Diane Silver and enhanced with some festive adornments to become the topper of the tree. Word has it that there is a myriad of great ornaments to ooh and ahh over; for instance, ship knots that hold up the red organza garland, and a nut cracker figure to represent each office of the MYC leadership, plus lots more to enjoy.

The mantle, uprights and other areas of the club house will be decorated as well, and we will even have a bit of diversity. You will see it all when you visit, after November 26.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring the entire party... decorations, food and drink, plus a treat from Santa to any of the children who come with parents or grandparents. (Remember to bring a present for your child/ children...nothing elaborate. We suggest that you keep the cost to under \$25.)

Food this year will be on the light side, with wonderful appetizers, samplings, and small desserts...nothing heavy but everything delicious.

We also plan to provide you with a showing of digitized photos, dating back decades...a small sampling of the History Project we endeavor to have finished by next year's Opening Day which marks the date of the MYCA's 70th Anniversary. You can help us out tremendously by checking out the photos during the Holiday Party and identifying some of the persons who are a mystery to us. And, if you have any terrific photos taken on MYC grounds during the last 75 years, we would love to borrow, digitize then return. We hope to have an interesting script to include with the digitized album (thumb drive) as it is destined for the Time Capsule.

The Annual Party is a wonderful way to welcome the beginning of the Holidays. Please contact Helen Brown and let her know if you plan to attend, and how many will be attending. The cost is minimal, and can be paid at the door, but make sure that you inform Helen, so that we have enough food, drink, paper goods for all, and treats for the children.

Wishing you all the generosity of spirit, love, and camaraderie I often see practiced around MYC.

Happy Holidays!

Commodore:

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The Maintenance Crew led by Joe Carpenter put in a vehicle Lift in Jerry's, installed a waste oil storage tank and hung sheet rock on the ceiling. The Picnic Pavilion got a customized enclosure on the wall in the kitchen area, new concrete walkways on the west side and new electric food warmers for the service line area. Our Director Andy Hudson and Secretary Keira Burtch worked together on getting up a new Website, Ed Gutierrez and his committee moved the new clubhouse project along and Security Chairman Peter Alfieri completed the fencing of the north side of the storage yard. All this and much more was done seamlessly through our many committee's efforts. And it couldn't be accomplished without the help of Associate members who show up and volunteer their time to work with our Regular members. We appreciate your contributions and efforts.

Now there is not enough fitting words for me to say about our Club and its members. It has been a privilege to serve as your officer on the Bridge. I truly enjoy everything Minisceongo and so I will soon move to the Board to continue my service to the Club. I want to congratulate Chris Vicidomini with his election to Rear Commodore and wish our Officers and the Auxiliary success and good health in 2018.

Cruising Fleet Report

From Chairman Don Rubin

The cruising fleet had a successful fall meeting. Italian food was provided by a local merchant, Rocco's in New City; stuffed shells, eggplant rollatini, meatballs, and sausage and peppers. Appetizers and desserts provided by members. We are checking into a winter trip to Philadelphia over the 3rd weekend in March 2018.

I can tell the boating season is over, on our trip to Rochester to visit my son and wife for Thanksgiving dinner, we were greeted by a coating of snow across the fields about 20 minutes south of my son's house, what a shock. At least the ice had melted on the highway by then. Perhaps we should have visited my daughter in Savannah, she was complaining about the 80-degree temperature while roasting her turkey!

If any of you have a log of your cruise over the summer and you would like to be published in future Ship to Shore issues, send them to me, remember "spelling and grammar" don't count. Otherwise I will be forced to write up more stories about my recent adventures to my favorite harbors on Long Island Sound.

Yard Committee

From Chairman Roger Wieland

This year we hauled 107 boats. The following Members helped during the hauling season: Associates, John O'Blenis, John Hellik, Gary Raffa, Shaun Foran, Warren and Seth Gannon. And Regular members Erik Vandenberg, Chris Durland and John Kime. Thanks for your hard work.

A special thanks to Bill Gooley for going above and beyond to provide us with coffee, buns and lunch.

Thanks to the Members and Winter Guests who donated to our coffee fund and those who provided doughnuts, bagels and liquid refreshment.

My thanks and gratitude go to the Yard Committee for their dedication, strong work ethic and great attitude. You Guys are the best and it makes me proud to be your Chairman.

Here are some things to remember when you visit your boat this winter:

- * *Secure your ladder to your boat before climbing aboard.*
- * *If you plug into the electric, be sure to unplug before you leave.*
- * *Do not tie the lines for your cover to the jack stands.*

When checking your boat, if something doesn't look right in the Yard, call me. Check your cover to insure that it is secure and will not end up in the beam path, which will set off the alarm for our security system.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Reminder:

During the winter months there are 2 dumpsters and recycling areas in use. One near the Clubhouse and the other near the Yard gate/Snack Shack. Please do not use any other dumpsters or bins.

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

Reminder: Everyone should keep debris out of the security beam path while working on their boat in preparation for winter storage.

If anyone requires the beam to be turned off during shrinking or major work activities, please call me.

Director's Report for October, 2017

From Senior Director Joe Senackerib

1. Frank Covino Chairman of the Electric Committee and Harry Moser Chairman of the Plumbing Committee were invited to the Executive Committee Meeting to discuss their accomplishments for the past year and their requirements for the future.
2. Treasurer Hawthorne informed the Board that he has sent the required information to the bank to keep open our \$250,000 line of credit.
3. Brooker Engineering submitted a written proposal for site engineering services for the new clubhouse.
4. The Board reaffirmed the rule that an Associate member (not dry sail) must pay for an assigned in water slip or must remove their boat from MYC property.
5. Incoming Commodore Brienza presented his planned budget for 2018.
6. Commodore Basley updated the Board about the Travel Lift Selection Committee's current status.
7. Vice Commodore Brienza advised about the procedures for in water winter guest's storage.
8. Director Silver advised the Board that the Bylaw Committee is reviewing the proposed change and will not present the change to the membership at this Friday meeting.
9. Commodore Basley advised the Board that he has updated the Officer's Manual.
10. Commodore Basley informed the Board that from November through April Waste Management will pick up only two dumpsters. One by the snack shack and one by the clubhouse. This is a money saving move.
11. The Board's concern that our buildings and equipment are assessed at too low a rate was again expressed. The Insurance Committee for 2018 will address this concern.
12. Future awards, pins, uniforms, etc. were discussed. The incoming Commodore will address the issue.
13. Vice Commodore Brienza updated the Board on the Change of Watch.
14. Vice Commodore Brienza discussed an advertising plan designed to generate additional moneys for MYC.
15. Incoming Commodore Brienza presented his preliminary Committee assignments.
16. Commodore Basley expressed concern that the lights on the channel buoys were removed while boats were still using the channel. This is a Coast Guard listed channel and as long as boats can use the channel the lights must remain.
17. Rear Commodore Verrengia expressed concern that committees over their budget have no procedure for purchasing required materials to complete a job. He would like the establishment of a written procedure for purchases by committees that have exceeded their annual budget.

Sunshine

From Andy Hudson

♥ Michael Baker will have back surgery soon. Best wishes for speedy recovery.

♥ Gary Kahn is doing better after a fall and more rehab. Get well soon!



A Look at the Future

Sunday December 3	1300	Clubhouse	Holiday Party
Tuesday, December 5	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, December 8	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 21	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, December 27		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Sunday January 14	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception

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- Please report changes of **address or phone number** to Jim Hawthorne:
- Please send **articles and e-mail address changes** to Keira Burtch:
 - Please send **items for the web page** to Andy Hudson:

Change of Watch Ceremony - photos by John O'Blenis



Change of Watch Tables - photos by John O'Brien

Many more pictures on the [website](#)

