



# Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, February 13, 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  
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Joe Senackerib  
Tony Ferraro  
Andy Hudson



photo by Keira Burtch

*Commodore and Dianne Silver*  
View more photos from the  
Commodore's Reception  
in this Digital Edition page 6

## MYC 75th Anniversary

In preparation for MYC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016, we invite you to send interesting artifacts, pictures and stories from the club's past. We are particularly interested in things from the last twenty-five years. Please contact Rear Commodore Art Basley at [abasley@optonline.net](mailto:abasley@optonline.net)

## From Commodore Kevin Silver:

Mother Nature didn't stand a chance against the warm camaraderie of friends enjoying an afternoon of celebration and good food at the Commodore's reception. Bill Gooley and the social committee commandos did an outstanding job.

Summer and winter, our members are engaged in all sorts of activities to maintain the club facilities. The de-ice committee, chaired by Joe Paccione, has been diligently maintaining the circulators keeping our docks and pilings free of ice. Three cheers to the Building Maintenance crew, chaired by Frank Covino, who have kept the pipes in the house from freezing. The snow plow team has been doing a great job as well, especially after the blizzard we all suffered through a few weeks back. For those members in Florida, a blizzard results in large quantities of a substance we call snow that piles up and needs to be removed from walkways, driveways and roads to be able to continue working on our boats in the winter.

The New Clubhouse Committee met with the Board for a preliminary review of the new clubhouse plans. A presentation to the membership is forthcoming. All members will be encouraged to participate. Sharing your opinions and making suggestions are imperative to insure that the new club house meets the needs of all members for generations to come.

The general meeting minutes were emailed to all members last month. The goal is to keep all members informed of the business of the club. For members who attend the meeting this serves as a visual recap of discussions during the meeting. Please email Secretary Burtch if any corrections are required. The minutes will still be read, corrected and voted on at the next general meeting. Please be sure to apprise Andy Hudson, who maintains the email distribution list, of any changes in your email address.

Mark your calendars! There was a motion which resulted in a vote during the general membership meeting in January to change the date for Opening Day Celebration to Sunday, May 17, 2015.

Don't forget the "Winter Land Cruise" to Annapolis the weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup>. What??!! You haven't made your reservations?! Good grief make your reservations today at The Historic Inns of Annapolis - Maryland Inn. <http://www.historicinnsofannapolis.com> or telephone 410-263-2641 before it's too late! Annapolis is a wonderful place to visit, summer or winter and I can attest the MYC land cruise is a lot of fun. If you have any questions please contact Keira Burtch.

And last but not least, only 89 days until boating season!

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday, February 25, 2015.**

## Cruising Fleet

*From Chairman Don Rubin:*

**Reminder - Cruising Fleet winter cruise to Annapolis** Weekend of March 20-22; Call before it's too late; reservations 410-263-2641 (<http://www.historicinnsofannapolis.com>).

**Cruising fleet potluck lunch Sunday, Feb 8 at 1pm;** bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert. RSVP to Don Rubin. We may discuss the cruising plans for 2015 season. Tentative date for the MYC Dock-Go-Round is June 20 (maybe June 28). More details to follow- the DJ is checking his schedule.

The next favorite harbor in the series is a more exotic destination. I'm not sure if I'm qualified to classify it as a favorite harbor because I've only been there by bicycle. Of course, I'm talking about South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island on the west coast of Florida. Captiva Island is north of Sanibel Island and west of Fort Meyers. This area is practically the seashell capital of the world—no exaggeration. Be sure to check your charts and guidebooks for detailed info about the area. The tidal range is roughly 1.5 to 2.8 feet in the general area and currents in the area can be 1- 2.5 knots depending on conditions. The approach to South Seas Island Resort Marina had depths of 5-7 feet with deeper water at the docks. Watch for manatees that slowly swim through these waters.

I found the docks to be in excellent condition with dockage for boats up to 120 feet. Of course you will find water ,electric, internet, phone and cable hookups. Several manatees are known to hang out at the marina especially if someone is running an air conditioner and the cooling water is being discharged overboard. Marina facilities include a pumpout and fuel dock, fancy restaurant and snack bar and several boutiques. The restrooms are excellent with clean showers and a coin laundry. Adjacent to the marina are many of the resort facilities, hotel rooms, pools, tennis courts, and golf course across the street.

The marina is located at the far end of the resort from the main gate. The resort jitney will carry you throughout the entire resort. Doc Fords restaurant for excellent seafood and a wide beer selection is located at the entrance. Across the street from the entrance are a Starbucks, a small grocery and other local shops. A short walk around the corner are several well known local restaurants including the Mucky Duck, the Bubble Room and Key Lime Bistro. These restaurant are also known for their local entertainment. A small strip mall also has several local shops. South Seas Island Resort might be worth a trip by boat. (Editor's note: We have enjoyed this resort/marina by boat. Well marked deep water access, and well worth the price.)

## Race Fleet News

*From Chairman Bob Weismantel:*

As am writing this article looking out my window on a very cold and snowy January morning, I am thinking of our upcoming *Sail Seminar with "Z" sails on February 4*. Looks like we have an almost full house of MYC and HRYRA members. I hope that the weather cooperates and all will make it to MYC.

A reminder that the *annual Race Fleet organization meeting will be on February 21, 2015, at 10:00 am*. We will be discussing the race schedule for the 2015 season. Also the Sutherland Regatta, Laser Regatta and Junior Sailing Program will be on the agenda. The dates for the Sutherland Regatta have been set, for Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, 2015.

## Sunshine

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

♥ Our best wishes for speedy recovery to Marvin Raber after eye surgery.

♥ Our sincere condolences to the family of Ralph Goldsmith, a founding and life member of MYC. He passed away peacefully at home in Stony Point on January 10, 2015. He was 102 years old. He is survived by his Son-in-law, Granddaughter and Great Granddaughter who remember his fondness for Minisceongo.

## The Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

*From Captain Karen Hudson:*

As I write this we are expecting a blizzard. So far it has not reached us here in south eastern Orange County. With any luck it will stay south and east of us. Folks on Long Island and points east are getting the worst of it at the moment. However, the thermometer in my backyard is only reading 16 and we are getting snow. I am trying to think warm thoughts and dreaming of sun and summer breezes.

I am also looking forward to the Auxiliary's annual spring dinner and bridge installation. It will be on April 10, 2015 at Lynch's. The menu, cost and sign-up form will be in the next Ship to Shore. Until then stay safe and warm. I hope to see many of you on the Cruising Fleet winter cruise down in Annapolis.

JR Sail Fleet Presents the first ever:  
**MYC Raingutter Regatta**

March 15, 2015 1PM in the MYC Clubhouse

**Overview:**

The Raingutter regatta gets its name from the racecourse that it is raced on...a 10ft section of raingutter! Teams of TWO people, in a round robin match race format, race hand-made sailboats. Boats are propelled by the use of a straw being blown in to the sail. Hands are NOT allowed to touch the boats while racing. Teams can compete in the One Design fleet, the Open Fleet (box rule...see below) or BOTH.

**Cost:**

\$10 registration fee at the door includes pizza and drinks. If you have no interest in putting your own boat kit or Box Rule Boat together on your own, you may charter a boat for an additional \$20.

**Race Course:**

The course is made of a pair of standard raingutters, 10ft long, set in grooves on a long table. We then fill the gutters with approximately 4 inches of water. Each team must blow their boat from one end of the gutter to the other end while wearing a lifejacket (provided). The winner of each heat is the team that gets their boat back to the start/finish line first. This team will move on to the next round.



**Fleets:**

There will be two separate fleets that your team can enter in. The first fleet will be the "One Design" Fleet, which will be the Raingutter Regatta boat kits. You must use all the pieces of the kit. You may sand the boats but you may not alter the general shape of the hull. The kits will all be THE SAME. If you choose to enter the "One Design" Fleet, you may purchase your kit at an MYC general meeting, by purchasing one online or at a Boy Scout Store.

**Fleet number 2** will be "Box Rule" Fleet, and these boats are designed and built by YOU with whatever materials you choose, as long as you adhere to the "Box Rule."

**Box Rule:**

(the boat will be placed into a box and MUST fit!)

**Hull Material:** Any

**Hull Length:** No longer than 7" or shorter than 6" from stem to stern (including the rudder).

**Beam Width:** more than 4" at its widest point.

**Mast Height:** No higher than 6.5" from the deck to the top of the mast section.

**Keel:** Allowed, but not to exceed 2" below the bottom of the hull.

**Rudder:** allowed but not to exceed 2" below the bottom of the hull.

**Sail:** Any material but not to exceed 24 square inches. (Ex. 4"x6" or 3"x8") Questions? Contact Jessie Fitzgerald.

**Yard Committee Report**

*From Chairman Roger Wieland:*

The winter is half over and it's time to think about and plan those boat projects you want to complete before we launch your boat. The boats that are stored in the aisles must be launched first. Your time frame is in April.

As a reminder when working on your boat, secure your ladder and be sure to unplug your electric before you leave.

If your boat is shrink wrapped, it is your responsibility to remove it. Take it home and do not put it in one of the dumpsters at MYC.

Thanks for your cooperation, Rog

**De-Ice Committee Report**

*From Chairman Joe Paccione:*

The basin has been icing over and the docks covered with snow. As you know there have been both non members and members going onto the docks. It is very dangerous and risky for anyone to walk the docks. The De-Ice Chairman is asking everyone to stay off the docks for their own safety. If there is an issue and someone needs to go out on the docks, please call Joe Paccione and we will see if it is possible.

## Minisceongo Yacht Club History



photo provided by Chris Durland

### *Lightning Class Boats Entering the gap in the late 1940's.*

The accompanying pictures and memories are from Associate Member Chris Durland. His parents were members of Nyack Boat Club, and sailed lighting class boats alongside MYC sailors. Please see this digital edition (page 5) for more pictures and memories.

## Report for January 2015 From the Board of Directors

*From Senior Director Ed Gutierrez*

- ☞ Elevated the following members to Life status: Dominick Ferrara, John Funk, Don Minerick, Ed Occhino, Bill Piggott, Guy Plassart, and Bob Weismantel.
- ☞ Affirmed that Rich Brienza successfully completed probationary period to become a regular member.
- ☞ Accepted a regular member's request to change status to associate until the member can resume his work requirements.
- ☞ Renewed insurance policy.
- ☞ Voted on the 2015 Calendar.

Minisceongo is planning to move toward more digital communication. If you did *not* receive the *January Membership Meeting Minutes by email*, take a moment and update your email address with Andy Hudson.

## A Look at the Future

Wednesday, February 4	1900	Clubhouse	Sail Trim Seminar
Sunday February 8	1300	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Pot Luck
Tuesday, February 10	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, February 13	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Sunday, February 15	1300	Clubhouse	ACBS Meeting
Thursday, February 19	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, February 21	1000	Clubhouse	Race Fleet Breakfast/Meeting
Wednesday, February 25		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Weekend of March 20-22		Annapolis	Cruising Fleet Winter Trip
April 11 and 12	0800	All Club Facilities	Work Weekend
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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- Please report changes of *address or phone number* to Frank Romano: 45 Cherry Ave., Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520
  - Please send *articles and e-mail address changes* to Keira Burtch:
  - Please send *items for the web page* to Andy Hudson:

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**From Associate Member  
Chris Durland**

“These photos are scans of my father’s pictures I recently found. Subsequent to piecing together and matching with what is on the MYC website, I concluded they are from sometime in the late ‘40s before I was born. The first one, (on page 4), of my parents sailing through “The Gap”, was the last picture I found and confirms the series represents their visit to MYC, because Stony Point is in the background. The picture next to the beer keg mooring buoy is with my mom on the bow and my dad at the tiller. As members of Nyack Boat Club they competed with MYC in their Lightning Class sloop and I have a trophy that reads “Stony Point to Nyack” from 1952. That was probably in a different boat my dad built, named “Win Dee”. These pictures are of “Little Dipper”.

Later on in the middle 50’s my parents built a store and established Durland Boat Co. on Route 59 in Nanuet (currently the Sterling National Bank location in front of Marshalls). Their intent was for Dad to build sailboats in the back of the store while my mom would sell boating supplies, small boats and outboard motors in front. “Win Dee” was co-designed by my dad and Ralph Winslow.

They were indeed hearty sailors. The last picture is of the same boat, being prepped for a race, at Nyack, including mom wet sanding the bottom. I’m thinking Magnus Pederson, Bill Sutherland and Doc Myles, who they knew personally, are probably who they raced against back then.”



*Photos supplied by  
Chris Durland*



*Above: Lightning Class boats in the basin ca. late 1940’s.*

*Left: Preparing for a race, Nyack*

*Below: Entering the Gap*



# Commodore's Reception 2015



*photos by John Verrengia, Dianne Silver and Keira Burtch*



MYC A toast to Commodore Silver 2015



MYC Members raising their glass to Toast Commodore Silver 2015

