



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Gutierrez

Hello all, it's Spring! Or at least I hope it will feel like it when you read this. St. Patrick's Day has just passed, and we had a bit of a warming trend in the weather after that horrible Nor'easter. With the warm weather, the club comes alive. We got a new dock delivery and the travel lift is all serviced and ready for the Spring's work. There's a lot going on at the club these days—plenty of work to be done on our boats and maintenance on our facilities for another season of boating. It takes a lot of work to have the club operate smoothly and look good. We should all be proud of our final product.

The De-ice guys have removed the circulators from the docks under the direct supervision of Dan "The Ice Man Adler." Breakfast was served by yours truly. Fresh bagels, bacon and eggs were served. I have to remember to get the secret omelet recipe from Ed Occhino. He serves a mean breakfast at the annual Sail Fleet meeting.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 9, 2010, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

We are all preparing for Work Weekend. Woo-hoo. I always enjoy Work Weekend. It's a great day to meet new members and see members who we haven't seen in a while. It's amazing how quiet it is around the club in the cold months. Please remember to check on your boats; the recent thaw and all the rain have made the ground soft, which allows for the stands to sink in.

Don Rubin and the Social Committee should be finalizing our Work Weekend menu about now. It's always nice to see the ladies helping the guys out. This is Don's first Work Weekend. I hope he got the memo on the surf and turf luncheon. Just kidding. Everyone knows we all love hot dogs and chili after a long day's work. Yum.

A couple of weeks ago, I put a crew together to pick up our new zero-turn mower. The crew consisted of myself, Mark Hechinger, Tony Schweiker and Tony Ferraro. What a Motley crew! I have to admit, Michael and Nina are better behaved in the back of the truck than that cast of characters. Hmmm, I wonder if I had put on **Dora the Explorer** on the DVD, could I have quieted the guys down. Well anyway, we picked up the mower way below the budgeted amount, and it is a welcome addition to our equipment fleet. If you have never operated a ZTR, they are great—very fast and efficient. In fact, if anyone is interested in learning, I'm sure we can setup a training session and possibly even "weekly practice sessions." While we're at it, those weed whackers are a holler to operate.

The bulkhead rehabilitation project should be getting finalized soon with work to begin before Opening Day. We are trying to coordinate everything to minimize any inconveniences during the boating season. This is a big project, and I ask you bear with us as we shore up our bulkheads for additional decades of boating fun.

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Work Weekend Reminder

April 10–11

**0730 Sign in, meeting
and coffee at the
Clubhouse**

0800 Work begins

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, April 22, 2010.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Senackerib: Finally, the temperature has risen and the sun seems to shine more often. That means we'll be preparing for our long awaited boating season.

This will be my last report as Captain of the MYC Ladies Auxiliary. My experiences in this position have been rewarding, fulfilling and lots and lots of fun.

As I wind down my year as Captain, I would like to thank each of you for giving so generously of your time to make the year such fun and a great success.

Finally, I want to thank our '09 Bridge: Janice Romano, Sandy Brophy and Ginger Weismantel, and our Sunshine person, Dianne Silver and all the MYCLA members for all their hard work and support this past year.

Special congratulations and best wishes go to our incoming Bridge for the 2010 season,

Captain: Janice Romano
First Mate: Sandy Brophy
Treasurer: Dianne Silver
Secretary: Lorraine Austin

As a last reminder, our Installation Dinner is on April 9, at 7:00 P.M., in Noel's Pub.

For any ladies who will not be able to attend our Installation Dinner, please note that our first regular meeting will be held on Friday, May 14, at 8:00 P.M. in the Snack Shack.

Lastly, if you have not sent in your dues, please submit the coupon below with your payment.

The Ladies Auxiliary will continue the tradition of helping serve lunch on Work Weekend, April 10-11. Anyone able to lend a hand for a few hours either day, please contact Janice Romano [see mailed copy for number].

Let's have a great year!!!

Ladies Auxiliary of MYC Dues Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/E-mail: _____

Please send check (\$10) payable to MYCLA

Before April 9 to:

Janice Romano
45 Cherry Avenue
Cornwall on Hudson, NY 12520

After April 9 to:

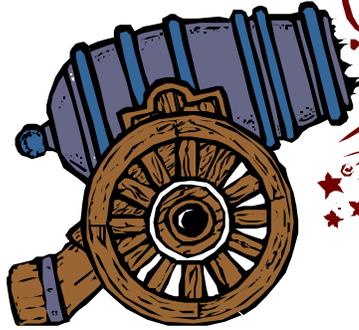
Sandy Brophy
31 Orchard St.
Stony Point, NY 10980

Report for March from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Roger Wieland

- ✎ The Executive Committee had a lengthy discussion concerning our members' electric meter billing. This has long been a concern mainly because of the problems we have had with the meters. Several years ago we tried to implement a flat-billing rate, which met with strong opposition, and was never implemented. In an effort to resolve the matter, the Commodore asked each Board member to submit a plan for electric billing. The Commodore, Secretary and Senior Director will review these plans and discuss them at April Board meeting.
- ✎ The Board approved two new Associate Members.
- ✎ Director Tonneson will install bollards to protect the utility's electric transformer for Dock 6.
- ✎ Director Martin discussed the estimate from Sound Marine to install the sheathing to repair the bulkhead. The Commodore and Director Martin have scheduled a meeting with another contractor for an estimate.
- ✎ The Board expressed appreciation for the donation of several chairs for the Clubhouse by Guy Plassart.

Mark Your Calendars!



**MYC's 69th
Opening Day
will start at Noon on
Sunday, May 30**

Reservation form will
be in the May edition of
Ship to Shore.

Yard News

From Yard Chairman Andy Hudson: All boaters whose boats are in the aisles, along the Dock 4 road or blocking the Snack Shack area should prepare to be launched on Saturday, April 24, and Saturday, May 1. Of course, those "up front" will be first. I'll give each boater an e-mail or call at a later time with the exact date.

Trailers, and boats dry stored on trailers will need an MYC sticker this year. If you have a trailer you intend to keep on MYC property, please inform the Yard Chairman. He will mail a sticker to you. It should be placed on the winch tower in the front of the trailer so it can easily be seen. This includes those who have stickers from the past. The yard will issue stickers on a yearly basis.

The best way to contact the Yard Chairman is by e-mail [see mailed copy for e-mail address]. It's much easier to be organized through e-mail. [See mailed copy for phone numbers.]

Sailing Instructions Available

From Andy Hudson: Anyone interested in sailing lessons for children or adults should contact Bob Tamagny or Andy Hudson. Those who took advantage of this last year had a great time. Several members have small sailing dinghies suitable for this purpose.

Reminders

You *must* remove all shrink wrap that is not in use from the club grounds. This means no shrink wrap is to be placed in any MYC dumpster or under any boat. When left on the grounds it sets off the alarm system when the winds blow.

Don't forget to check your jack stands during the spring rainy season!

Commodore, *continued from front page.*

The quotes are getting a little tougher now. I'm trying to pick quotes that blend with the upcoming events around the club. This month I'm using an excerpt from a poem that prepares us for the spring conditioning of our vessels.

The Building of the Ship

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Build me straight, O worthy Master!

Stanch and strong, a goodly vessel,

That shall laugh at all disaster,

And with wave and whirlwind wrestle!

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Dick Myers: With winter finally over, here's hoping for a nice warm summer. Even down here in sunny Florida we had record breaking cold, wind, and rain. It must have been all those global warming ice bergs floating south.

Many thanks go to Marvin and Miriam Raber for putting together the Culinary Institute trip. With warm weather and good food, I'm sure everyone had a good time.

Please mark your calendar for the **Spring Cruising Fleet Dinner** meeting, 5 P.M., Saturday, June 5, at the Clubhouse. Last year we had 45 people in attendance, and if you plan to attend again this year do nothing. Conversely if you plan to attend but didn't last year let me know at luckyusns@citlink.net so that I can adjust the amount of chicken gumbo. If your last name initial begins with A-L, please bring an appetizer if you like, and M-Z, a desert would be nice.

Ask Captain Dick: Ed Occhino explained to me why sailboats really do sail into the wind. Well,

almost. It seems if you point a sailboat slightly off the wind, the wind will hit the head of the sail and travel down both sides of the sail towards the tail. The wind that travels across the forward part of the sail encounters the convex portion of the sail and just like an airplane wing a vacuum is formed on the convex side of the sail, pulling the sail forward. This also has the effect of causing an increase in apparent wind speed that increases the effect of the wind on the sail. That's why an iceboat with very little friction can travel faster than actual wind speed.

Ron Drago wants to know, if sailors of old used Polaris to find their latitude, how did they figure out the longitude? I've heard that the old sailing ships carried a ball of string with them, and had knots on it to measure distance. Must be that when they came to the end of the string they would simply haul the string back aboard and start over.

Till next time,

A Look at the Future

Tuesday, April 6	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, April 9	1930	Noel's Irish Pub & Rest.	MYCLA Installation Dinner
Friday, April 9	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
April 10-11	0730	Club Property	Spring Work Weekend
Thursday, April 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Thursday, April 22		Bob Weismantel	Ship to Shore Deadline
Sunday, May 30	1200	Flag Pole & Pavilion	Opening Day
Saturday, June 5	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet Spring Dinner Meeting
Sunday, June 20	T.B.A.	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 21	T.B.A.	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 28	T.B.A.	Stony Pt. Bay/Pavilion	MYC Laser Regatta
September 25-26	T.B.A.	River/Pavilion	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 23	0800	Club Property	Fall Workday
Sunday, October 24	0800	Club Property	Fall Workday Rain Date
Saturday, November 20	T.B.A.	Nyack Seaport	Change of Watch
