



# Ship to Shore

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## 2020 Bridge Officers

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Dock 4: Joe Senackerib  
Dock 5: Malcolm Coyle  
Dock 6: Chris Durland

## MYCA Report

*From Captain Corlin Carpenter*

Dear Auxiliary Members:

*Our meeting for May 8, 2020 has been cancelled until further notice due to the virus quarantine. We will have a meeting as soon as possible.*

## First Aid Equipment

*From Erik Vandenberg*

**Reminder** that the fully stocked First Aid Box with a tourniquet and a defibrillator are now located inside the small shed at the head of the pump out dock. The other defibrillator is inside the small brown shed near the old clubhouse in a clear plastic bag on the shelf.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, May, 8 is cancelled

## From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

*Hello to all, I hope all the April showers will bring May flowers and some sunshine and warmer weather. We have had a ruff few months to say the least, so I hope everyone is healthy and safe. Normally I would be writing about all past and up coming events that we would be having like new member orientation and work weekend, or opening day ceremony, Memorial Day weekend, or welcoming all the snowbirds back from Florida. Hopefully, they will be back soon.*

*Now that they are allowing marinas to open again under limited operation, it is nice to see everyone working on their boats and getting them ready for the upcoming season. We slowly started to get the marina open. All the circulators are out of the water, the buoy markers are out in the channel, the pump-out is hooked up, weed control is down, the grounds have been cleaned up and our docks and basin are almost ready for the season. I want to thank all the committee chairman and their crew that have helped our club get ready in these uncertain times. We could not have done it without their commitment.*

*The new clubhouse is just about finished. We are just waiting for the town to allow the road to be opened to connect the sewer and gas lines.*



photo by Dave Schrage

*The building looks beautiful, thanks to Keith Yodice and his team, and the new clubhouse committee. Our new security system is now in operation and is working great. Remember you will need to get your picture taken and get a new ID card to get into the marina.*

*With the current rules in place about social distancing and gathering of 10 or less I am asking everyone to please Have consideration for these rules and each other and abide by them. It will help to keep everyone safe. Looking forward to seeing everyone up at the club.*



photo by Keira Burtch

**New fence along property line installed in March.**

## MYC Member Profile - Tom Ausitn

During the 1990's Ship to Shore ran a series of member profiles. After re-printing a story about John Kime, I discovered the source of these articles. Tom Austin interviewed the members and wrote about many interesting men. Here is his own start in boating - Quite an adventure. **From January 1993 Ship to Shore**

"Mildred, I'm going to kill that boy," Dad said when he found me floating around our flooded basement on a make-shift raft I made out of lumber and doors he had planned to use in the old fixer-upper we moved into. I guess the year was 1948, I was nine years old, and Pop had just gotten started on the Fort Lee Police force.

Aside from the occasional 25-cent rides on the boats at Palisades Amusement Park, my next adventure in boating came when I found an old rotted canoe left at the curb on a garbage pick-up day. Most of it was good, I thought, as I dragged it through the streets of Coytesville, occasionally picking up other kids to help me pull it as we made our journey back to my cellar, where we could properly test it.

As luck would have it, we came across a marine lumber supply outlet. In other words, we found a new house being built where they left a bucket of tar and some plywood.

### Grounds Committee *From Chairman Dave Schrage*

*Hope everyone is doing well. Last week we had that storm and it knocked down a lot of branches all over the marina. One big tree limb fell behind the snack shack. We cleaned up most of it and cut up some dead stuff at the same time. Seth and I and with Nick took out about 10 truck-loads to the town dump and it's starting to look much better. Seth sprayed the weed*



**Photo by John O'Blenis  
75th Anniversary picnic**

As the days passed, we patched and tarred the bottom and cut the entire rotted end of the canoe. Now all we had to do was wait until a good rain came so my cellar could flood, and my crew and I could have our shake-down cruise. Finally, on a rainy school day the

*killer on the stone roadways and it should keep them down. I ordered the fertilizer and it should be going down soon. and then the grass cutting will start especially with all the rain we been having. Thanks Seth for all your help, Seth does a lot of grounds work during the week thank you. Everyone be safe - see you soon.*

ship's carpenters were summoned. When all were gathered down to the last man, we carefully waited and watched from the nearby woods until we saw my Mom leave for her weekly grocery shopping trip. We sprang from the bushes and beat tracks to the flooded cellar.

"Stand back, men, I'm the Captain," I shouted as I waded across the cellar to the waiting craft. "Climb on board, men," I boldly commanded, and the four of us gingerly sat down in the already leaking craft. As our combined weight gently settled in the bottom of the canoe, we felt the cellar's wetness come seeping through the seams of our canvas-less canoe.

"Austin, you're a dumb man!"  
"Yeah, you're dumb and we were dumb for thinking that this piece of junk could float," the mutinous crew shouted. They jumped to their feet slapping at their soaking pants.

Could it be that my faithful crew were losing confidence in me?

"Wait!" I shouted, "you can't leave now. I have some secret glue that will fix this thing up. It's gonna float," I pleaded as I heard that final slam of the cellar door.

Someday, just wait, someday I'll show them all. I'll get a real boat that really floats, and I won't let them come near it.

~ By Tom Austin



## Cruising Fleet *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

*(photos by Kevin Silver)*

### Continued from April Ship-to-Shore



A southerly 15 kt. breeze, increasing to 20-25 knots is predicted for tomorrow. We determined it was best to depart for Port Jefferson early Monday morning. Heading east we'll be in the lee of Long Island keeping the chop under 2-3'. With the beginning ebb tide, sailors headed out at 7:30AM. "West Wind" led the

sail fleet on a steady reach and they all arrived around 12:30-1:30PM." "Varka" and "Silver Lining" departed around 9:00 at max ebb current and arrived just ahead of the sailors. With building wind the sailors were in no great rush to get into port. "Janie Rose", "Sea-Clusion" and "Marianne" left shortly after the trawlers and arrived before lunch. Setauket Yacht Club is a transient friendly club and has excellent



mooring balls. The club has one pier for transients on a first come first serve basis. We were glad to arrive early and explore the town which is about a quarter mile walk from the club. The village is bustling with all sorts of shops. The LI/Bridgeport ferry insures there is always activity in town and the Shipyard Museum is on your way into town. You're hard pressed not to find a good restaurant or ice cream shop!



With increased winds overnight gusting to 25 knots and 4' to 5' seas we had to convince Don Rubin aboard "Lazy Susan" from heading out. We never knew just how fearless Don was until this

trip. I think the only reason he stayed was he spied Dianne pouring Margaritas.

The wind turned Northwest overnight and the fleet headed out to Safe Harbor Marina at Pilots Point. The Raber's were excited about this destination as they had never stopped there. Again, we left in stages as we had on Monday for a short 16 mile run and with plans to arrive before noon.

"Dream Chaser", "West Wind" and "Lazy Susan" had an informal race to pilots point. Bob thought he had it in the bag but Don would have nothing of this. Apparently a day of rest with Dianne's Margaritas was all he needed and arrived ten minutes ahead of "Dream Chaser" and "West Wind" (**I did say this was all imaginary**).



Pilots Point was where Keira Burtch almost got the Mud Hook. She had a mishap with a hose and virtually EVERYONE could hear her yell "Piece of S#!t hose!" Don't believe me? Stop by "Good Tidings" on dock 1 some time and get the 411. Pilots Point is a spectacular marina. They have a wonderful club house and the perfect spot for Barbeque. We had early afternoon hors d'oeuvres, cooked dinner on the grill and enjoyed each other's company until the mosquitos said nay, nay! Stay tuned for our cruise conclusion in next month's edition of Ship-to-Shore.

### Security Committee

*From Chairman Peter Alfieri*

The Security team continues to take pictures and distribute cards to members, vendors, winter storage guests and first responders. For all members that haven't received their access cards and are storing their boats on the property, please use the Telephone Entry system at the front gate. A security team member will open the gate for you.

The yard is actively alarmed, if you need to have the alarm in the yard turned off, please reach out to the Security Team by sending an email to [security@minisceongoyc.org](mailto:security@minisceongoyc.org). When removing shrink wrap from your boat please keep debris from the yard beam.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Peter Alfieri  
Security/IT Chairman

**Board of Directors Reports - April, 2020** *From Senior Director Kevin Silver*

**Special Executive Committee Meeting 3/30/20**

- ~ Emergency video conference meeting to discuss Covid -19 situation.
- ~ Plans to reconsider work weekend and opening day including scheduling smaller work parties without meals.
- ~ BOD to suspend the bylaws rule prohibiting remote voting for BOD.

**Special Board of Directors Meeting 4/6/20**

- ~ Majority of the BOD agreed that "essential" work should be done.
- ~ BOD meeting & General membership meeting will be canceled.
- ~ D Basley suggested we ask the membership via e-vote to give the board authority to review and pay all necessary bills.
- ~ Discussed definition of "Essential Business" and whether to close the club vs. keeping partially open.
- ~ Developed plans on how best to proceed. Commodore to send letter to membership regarding discussed rules and regulations during pandemic.
- ~ The board discussed and approved request for temporary transient in-water boat storage.

- ~ No additional boats are to be launched until we get an updated Covid-19 situation.
- ~ Board addressed member request to temporarily store a vehicle on site.

**Special Executive Committee Meeting 4/13/20**

- ~ State has ruled that marinas are "non-essential". MYC will comply.
- ~ C. Vicidomini to send a letter to the members updating the current situation.
- ~ The BOD discussed how to maintain financial solvency in light of Covid -19 emergency and ways to preserve capital.
- ~ The pump out is now operating.
- ~ RC Schrage expects to start mowing in 1-2 weeks and apply pre-emergent weed control and fertilizer.

**Sunshine**  
*From Andy Hudson*

♥ Our condolences to Susan and Kurt Koster and their family on the passing of her sister in April.

**2020 Upcoming Events** *All group events have been cancelled or postponed*

Tuesday, May 5	1900	Online Conference	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, May 8	1900	Cancelled	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, May 8		Cancelled	MYCA Meeting Cancelled
Thursday, May 21	2000	Cancelled	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday, May 27		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, May 30	noon	TBA	Opening Day Ceremony
Sunday, June 21		TBA	Father's Day Brunch
Saturday, August 29	noon	TBA	Annual Picnic
September 26 & 27		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, November 14	0700	Club Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 21		Bear Mountain Inn	Change of Watch

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# *New Clubhouse*

*photos by Keira Burch - more on the [website](#)*



*Deck and railing are now complete.*

