



Ship to Shore

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Message from Commodore Bob Tamagny

September! Are you kidding? I'm not sure about you, but I haven't done enough boating yet and now I'm writing for the September issue of *Ship To Shore*.

Let's look back at some of the things that happened in August. Two of our "Probationary Members" have now become Regular Members. Congratulations to Frank Covino and Kevin Silver, both are hardworking individuals who will continue to be a big contribution to MYC.

Our Annual Picnic again was a great success. Don Rubin, the Social Committee and all the volunteers worked hard so all of us could enjoy the day. And yes the kids had fun on the water slide. This year we even had a few more "older kids" going down the hill with me. My only regret was when I was told there was a weight limit for the pony rides. But the smaller kids had fun!



Photo by Karen Hudson

Some of the "kids" going down the water slide at the Annual Picnic on August 13, 2011.

A special "Thank You" goes to Jessie Fitzgerald for leading our Junior Sail Training Program. This week-long program was a big success. The kids that participated had fun as they learned to safely sail "Lasers." To all that helped I would also like to thank you.

Due to the car traffic by Dock 4, we are going to experiment and make that a "one way" road. After this "experiment" we will reevaluate and take things from there.

Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, September 9, 2011, at 8 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

Two reminders: Have you given John Funk your card reader/fob number? And second with the heavy use of the grills, please clean them after using them. I know it's a little thing, but it makes a big difference to the next griller.

With this being September, our next big club event will be the Sutherland Regatta. This is often thought of as a "Sail Fleet" event, but it really can't be done without the help of club members. We will again put on two breakfasts, one dinner and an end of event get together for the awards. The dinner is always good and all are welcome.

There is nothing as relaxing as being out on the open sea, listening to the waves and the wind and the sails and voices downstairs yelling, "How do you flush these toilets?"

— Dave Barry (Dave Barry Talks Back)

Yard Reminders

From Chairman Andy Hudson:

Don't forget to submit your haul-out forms to Roger Wieland or send an email to Andy. Forms were included in last month's issue of *Ship to Shore* and are available from the website:

<http://www.minisceongoyc.org>
under the Forms tab.

Those that are the last ones hauled will need to be ready to be launched by the last week in April.

The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Thursday, September 22, 2011.

Report for August from the Board of Directors

From Senior Director Tony De Hayes

- ✶ The Board voted to invite all associate members back for next year, with the exception of one.
- ✶ The Board voted to upgrade members Silver and Covino to regular membership after having completed their year of probationary membership.
- ✶ The Board approved a late fee of \$25 to be applied to any member's billing that becomes delinquent.
- ✶ Upon Commodore Tamagny's request, the Board approved that John Kime, Harbor Committee Chairman, ask Frank Lindsell to install an area security light on the utility pole of Dock 6 for safety reasons.
- ✶ The Board approved that a combination of a security camera, motion detectors and lights would be installed at the gap. It was agreed that this would be the best system to protect MYC grounds. \$3,000 was appropriated for this purchase.
- ✶ New blacktop resurfacing will be completed around the Clubhouse. Not only will this provide repairs, but will also be safer for our members. Approximate cost is \$2,500.
- ✶ A discussion of additional men's and women's showers took place. It was decided that the area of Dougie's Shed by Dock 1 would be the best location. The Board will report back at future date with update.
- ✶ A tick-spray "touch up" will be completed shortly.
- ✶ Perillo Sanitation Service is in the process of upgrading our dumpsters.
- ✶ Speed signs will be obtained and also a one-way sign — do not enter — to be placed by Dock 4 closest to the front gate.
- ✶ It is of paramount importance that all grills are to be left clean after use.

Last Sunday Coffee of the Year!

Coffee, Tea, Juice, Bagels, Muffins

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary

9 A.M.—11 A.M.

September 11, 2011



You must...

submit your security key fob and or security card information to John Funk.

Forms are available on the website:

<http://www.minisceongoyc.org/SecurityCardFOBForm.pdf>

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This bike is in new condition, with little use.

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Sunshine

From Dominick Ferrara for MYC and Janice Romano for MYCLA

Speedy recovery and get well wishes to Dottie Plassart.

The Ladies Auxiliary of MYC

From Captain Janice Senackerib: Here it is September and the days will be getting cooler and shorter, it also means the boating season is coming to an end.

On behalf of all the Ladies, I would like to extend a **big thank you** to the MYC members for constructing our new closet in the Snack Shack. It was a pleasure setting up for the Annual Picnic — **no more stairs**.

Also, thanks go to all the Ladies who volunteered their time and energy operating the Ship's Store during the Annual Picnic. The time and effort they extended is much appreciated.

Congratulations to Debbie Hechinger on winning our raffle.

A Nominating Committee was announced at the August meeting. Thanks to Louise Occhino, Linda Ferraro and Janice Romano for their willingness to pitch in when needed. At our next meeting the committee will be presenting the slate of officers for next year.

Our last Sunday Coffee Plus will be on September 11 from 9–11 A.M. Please join us in the Snack Shack as we wrap up another great summer with good friends.

Our next meeting will be September 9. Even if you haven't been to a meeting before, everyone is more than welcome.

Sail Fleet News

From Chairman St. John Forbes: August was a very busy month for the Sail Fleet. In addition to the normal weekly racing, we held our first Junior Sail Training. The course extended every evening for a week. The response from the club members was overwhelming in that we had so many requests for members' children and grand-children to learn to sail that we had to turn 16 away as we did not have sufficient boats and tutors. The Sail Training went wonderfully. All the kids had a great time. The course involved classroom instruction on boat handling, the basics of sailing, rules of the road and racing. This was followed by on-the-water training on what was taught in the class. The kids also played

all sorts of games, and had a race of sorts on Thursday night. On Wednesday they went out on the big boats to experience crewing during a scheduled race. We would like to thank Jessie Fitzgerald for running the course and all those members who loaned their boats and assisted Jessie in the chase boats and the on-shore activities. This was a great team effort by the MYC family and will be repeated in the years to come because of its success. This is a great boost for MYC as many clubs throughout the country have found that their junior sailing programs have paid great dividends in that it fostered interest in sailing and boating in general at the clubs and increased membership.

Ask Capt.. Dick

With a little bit of computer research, it becomes apparent that there are a lot of different opinions about lightning, ways to avoid it, and what to do if you get caught in a storm. One thing for sure, you don't want to get struck by lightning. Actually, you have a better chance of being killed in a car accident than being struck by lightning, and even then you have an 81% chance of surviving. You might walk around in a daze babbling about all those bright lights for the rest of your life, but you will survive. Theories abound on how to protect your boat from lightning; my personal preference is to park my boat near a very big sailboat. Let him attract the strike, not me. To get back to the original question, how safe are you in a boat at dock during an electrical storm, if you abide by the rule when you hear thunder, head for cover, you are most likely going to be okay, even if your boat is hit. As in a house, stay away from metal objects, especially grounded ones; and if your boat is hit, the biggest problem you might have is a fire or a hole in the hull.

Got a question from Commodore Bob Tamagny's Grandson Brendan Donnelly—as some of you know, I crew at the helm on Bob's boat for the Wednesday evening sail races. During the week of the sail training, we took the young sailors out on the boats for the race. Sometimes the race course takes us in the main channel. While crossing the channel, this big barge started blowing his horn at us. Brendan noticed that the barge was blowing his horn in groups of five blasts and wanted to know what it meant. Bob said that the barge wanted us out of his way, and I elaborated by saying that we were there first, and that the barge was just being obnoxious. Bob requested that we change course; and since I sometimes listen to him, we turned to get out of the way. I personally think that Bob was just being overprotective of his grandson.

Till next time,
Dick Myers



One of the Sail Training Lasers rounding the mark under the watchful eyes of the instructors.

In August we will also be hosting the MYC Laser Regatta which has grown in popularity over the few years with more boats every year. Unfortunately editorial deadline is before the event but the results will be in next month's *Ship to Shore*. This month HRYRA will be sponsoring the 1st Leukemia Cup which should be a great sailing and partying weekend to raise money for a very good cause with racing for large boats in Haverstraw Bay and One-designs at Nyack.

Lastly now's the time for MYC sailors to sharpen their sailing skills before the annual Sutherland Regatta on September 24-25. Notice and registration will be posted soon on the MYC and HRYRA websites and in the Clubhouse. All MYC members are welcome to join in the sailing; or if you're unable to get a berth, just come to the onshore activities and join in our great steak dinner after the race.

Watch website
www.minisceongoyc.org
for registration forms for the
Sutherland race and/or dinner.

Cruising Fleet News

From Chairman Jeff Burtch: Cruising Fleet enjoyed beautiful warm weather and smooth sailing during the cruise to Long Island Sound. Kevin and Dianne Silver, John and Barbara O'Brien, Frank and Janice Romano, and Gary and Fran Kahn met us in Oyster Bay, and then continued to Northport Yacht Club. The O'Blenises came along to Milford, CT, and everyone made it home safely with warm memories of good food, friends and relaxation. We hope to go again next summer.

I am sure that the Dinghy Safari will be lots of fun. Special thanks to John O'Brien for volunteering to organize while we are still cruising in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Cruising Destination of the Month: Cuttyhunk Island
Cuttyhunk is the last of the Elizabeth Islands. It sits just northwest of Martha's Vineyard, and at the western end of Buzzard's Bay. We departed Jamestown (Narragansett Bay, opposite Newport, Rhode Island) and turned east for about 20 nm. We chose to drop anchor in the outer harbor near a sandy beach well protected from the prevailing south and west winds. The town maintains some fixed docks and a tightly packed mooring field in the inner harbor as well as moorings in the outer harbor both north and south of the channel. All moorings are first come first served. There is no launch, so a dinghy is a must for going ashore.

The Island has many summer cottages and large homes, but very little shop-

ping. The Raw Bar will deliver to your boat, or you can pick up live or cooked lobsters on the dock. There is also a small deli and a bakery/ice cream shop. [There is also a small grocery store with strange hours.] Since there are almost no cars, walking around town is very pleasant. People drive golf carts and 4 wheelers or simply walk since nothing is very far. The view from the top of the hill of Martha's Vineyard and Buzzards Bay is spectacular. On the beach near where we anchored, there is a picturesque house with a large private dock with boats and their own small airstrip with a private plane. What a surprise the first time we saw it take off from the dunes. Equally surprising were the cows lounging on the beach and walking in the water on adjacent Nashawena Island. If you come this way, don't miss this wonderful quiet island paradise.

[Ed. note: In my opinion, one of the world's grandest views is the sunset while sitting on the ruins of the WWII bunker at the top of Cuttyhunk Island. People usually applaud as the sun sinks into the water.]



Photo by Ginger Weismantel

View from one of the bunkers on the top of Cuttyhunk Island, taken 7/15/2010, looking east-erly across the sand spit at the eastern end of Cuttyhunk, across the Canapitsit Channel to Nashawena Island. The land visible in the distance is Martha's Vineyard, about 10 nm away.

A Look at the Future

Saturday, September 3	1400 / ~1600	River	Sail Fleet Races #10 - Hudson & #11 - Rechtschaffer
Monday, September 5		Nyack	Nyack Laser Regatta
Tuesday, September 6	1930	Clubhouse	MYC Directors' Meeting
Friday, September 9	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Friday, September 9	2000	Snack Shack	MYCLA Meeting
Sunday, September 11	0900-1100	Snack Shack	Sunday Morning Coffee
Thursday, September 15	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, September 17	1400 / ~1600	River	Sail Fleet Races #12 - Bracken & #13 - Mehlig
Wednesday, September 21	AFTER RACE	Pavilion	Pizza Night
Thursday, September 22		Bob Weismantel	<i>Ship to Shore</i> Deadline
September 24-25	T.B.A.	Pavilion & River	Sutherland Regatta
Sunday, October 9	1100	River	Sail fleet Race #14 - Forbes
Saturday, October 22	T.B.A.	Entire property	Fall Work Day
Saturday, November 19	1830	The Clubhouse at Patriots Hill	Change of Watch