



Ship to Shore

Special Web
Edition

Stony Point, NY 10980

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 14, 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

Harbor Committee

From Chairman John Kime

Reminder:

ALL outside contractors and vendors must file up to date insurance papers with the club annually. Contact John Kime if you have questions.

Work Weekend

April 22 and 23
Breakfast at 0700
Work parties at 0800 sharp

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From Commodore Art Basley:

Well I guess there is a reason we wait to hear from a Ground Hog. March weather threw us a curve with an eighteen inch snow fall on the 14th. At some points during the storm it was coming down two to three inches an hour. But our members know what to do during these events and we have the equipment to do it. Skip Turk managed to get to the club during the tail end of the storm and with the white truck, plowed us out. This helped a great deal the next day to get a jump on cleaning up the walkways and moving the piles of snow with the backhoe. Anyway we were back in business quickly and the snow is now almost all gone. With such a mild winter I guess Mother Nature was just showing us who is the boss.

But all this snow stuff didn't stop the work as John Kime, Harry Moser, Frank Covino and our members kept things moving at the ramp. A trench was dug for the utility connections from the old pits by the Travel Lift area for the finger 4 & 5 docks. Harry Moser and his crew framed out the utility area for a concrete pad to be poured. The new above ground utility hot box will be installed there and include adequate connections for all the electrical, water and communications needed for future expansion. All the service lines were installed in the trench and it was filled, compacted, and graded off making it ready for use. The next step will be to place the concrete sections at the base of the ramp and form the rest of the area. Additional rock will be placed at the top of the existing bulkhead wall and the area graded off and finished.

The old gap closure dock used for many decades to keep the ice flow out of our basin was finally decommissioned. Well that's a nice way of saying we cut it up and threw it in the dumpster. Peter Alfieri and Chris Durland led the saw brigade and made short order of the demolition. Through many bad icy winters it stayed afloat and did a great job keeping the ice flows out of our basin. It is now replaced with a floating concrete dock, figure that out.

Eric Vandenberg and his crew began the job of removing the many circulators and electrical cords from the dock systems. Guy Plassart and Joe Senackerib made sure the electrical meters are all working and opening season readings noted. And naturally Frank Covino and his crew were bouncing around the Club taking care of all the electrical needs.

On April 1, the new membership orientation will be held and run by Gurrán Kane [continued on page two](#)



photo by Art Basley



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The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Commodore: *continued from page one*

with help from the Membership Committee and the Social Committee. A Work Weekend Planning Committee meeting with the Committee Chairs was held on March 18 to help assess what work and equipment is needed. Rear Commodore John Verrengia ran the meeting and will coordinate the work events on both days. Be sure to mark your calendar for April 22 & 23 as it is **"all hands on deck"** during Work Weekend. These will be two very busy days preparing our grounds and facility for the boating season. We encourage Associate members who would like to volunteer to sign up with a committee on each day. Remember, you are not required to work but it is a great way to meet our members and get some hands-on experience should you be interested in becoming a Regular member in the future.

Now that spring is here, we are starting to get our boats ready for launch. A shrink wrap dumpster will be placed in the yard shortly for disposing and recycling the material. Remember that **only shrink wrap** can be rolled up and placed in the dumpster (no straps, clips or anything else). Check with Yard Chairman Roger Weiland for details on scheduling your launch date.

Our next membership meeting will be on April 14 at 8 PM in the clubhouse. We will discuss the planned activities for work weekend so please attend.

Security Committee

From Chairman Peter Alfieri

To members whose boats are stored near the perimeter of the yard, please be careful when removing your shrinkwrap, so you don't set off the yard alarm. If you need security to disable the system, contact Chris Durland, John Kime, or myself. Our telephone numbers are listed on the club telephone contact list. John Funk is on holiday and not available for security assistance until May 1.

Race Fleet Report

From Chairman Jessie Fitzgerald

Spring is here! Time to study up on those rules, get the boat ready, and mark those races down in your calendar! Don't forget to sign up for sail camp if you haven't already.

Club Race Schedule

May 20 – First Race
June 3 (2 races)
June 17 (2 races)
July 1 (2 races)
July 29 (2 races)
Aug 5 & Aug 19
Sept 23 & Sept 30 (2 races)

Other Events

JR Sail Camp - July 8 - 21
MYC Laser Regatta - Aug 12
Sept 2 - Sunset Cruise 6pm
MYC Sutherland Regatta:
September **16&17**

Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

From Captain Susan Koster

Welcome Spring! Regardless of the weather, boating season is just around the corner and it is time to start getting ready.

As the Bridge prepares for its official sign-off, we would like to thank all of the members who were a great help in giving so generously of your time and skills to make the past year a great success. It was not just a few who made the year a success - but the entire Auxiliary.

We'll kick off the year by introducing the new bridge at our Annual Installation Dinner, Friday, April 14, at 7:00 PM at Lynch's in Stony Point.

- * Captain - Lori Schweiker
- * First Mate - Susan Koster
- * Secretary - Marianne Frasco
- * Treasurer - Helen Brown

Make the dinner your first meeting! It's a fun way to get acquainted and meet fellow boaters. If you have not already made your reservation and would like to attend please call Helen Brown at 845-265-4051 so we can get a count for the restaurant.

Looking at the future, our first meeting of the season will take place at 8:00 PM, Friday, May 12 in the Snack Shack.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my year as Captain of the Auxiliary and I want to give congratulations and best wishes to the incoming Bridge for the 2017 season. Let's all continue to give them our full support.

Yard Committee

From Chairman Roger Weiland

By now I'm sure many of you are working on your boats. A couple of things to remember: secure your ladder, wear eye protection and a mask when scrapping or sanding and be sure to place tarps or plastic under your boat when working on the bottom. Police the area, ie clean up around your boat and unplug the electric before you leave for the day.

If your boat is blocking another boat you must be ready in April for launching. If you have a problem call me sooner rather than later.

We will be getting a dumpster for shrink wrap disposal. If you remove the shrink wrap before we have the dumpster in place, please secure it so that it doesn't blow around the Yard and into the beam path which will set off the alarm. Additionally you must remove the banding strap from the shrink wrap before you put it in the dumpster.

We have already started to launch boats. We launch on Saturdays and Wednesday mornings. Please call or email me to set up a date.

Cruising Fleet

From Chairman Don Rubin

It's getting much closer to the start of the 2017 boating season. The Wednesday crew is busy with some chores around the club that would not get done any other way. The circulators are being removed. Perhaps that's the end of ice in the harbor for this season. We will have a meeting and pizza party on Saturday, May 6 at 5pm in the Clubhouse. Please bring an appy or dessert to share, and BYOB. Sorry we had to cancel the flea market, I'm sure you were all looking forward to cleaning out the sail locker, but there were 4 feet of snow drifted under the pavilion. It has been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 3 at 9am.

First episode: This month we start our trip down the Hudson River and begin an adventure in Long Island Sound. I was much younger and less experienced, so a trip of this magnitude involved much pre-planning especially on a 25-foot sailboat. Once again the fearless crew was my favorite son Dan. Besides getting all the necessary equipment ready on the boat, we collected all the necessary charts and guidebooks. A brand new handheld GPS was purchased to help find our position on the paper charts. We checked the tide tables and current charts for the planned 2-week trip.

In a small sailboat you can't easily sail around Manhattan if the current is against you, even the trip down the Hudson can be excruciatingly slow against the current. We picked a weekend when the tides seemed favorable.

All the best plans can evaporate if the weather doesn't cooperate. We were approaching the Saturday departure date with some anxiety. The weather forecast called for late day rain and thunderstorms. We had to make a decision, follow our scheduled early morning departure with the outgoing tide or wait until the next day when the forecast was for heavy winds and rain again! We decided to take a chance, maybe the rain would hold off long enough to get around Manhattan and into the Sound. Leaving a little later than planned, we sailed against the current for a while before

MYC Gap Entrance, Channel Reminder:

Entrance buoys 1 & 2 are purposely staggered to offer a wider approach to our narrow channel. When entering, we will continue to utilize red buoy 2A as an indicator of the slight turn of the channel to starboard towards buoys 3 & 4 and beyond to the gap. Our channel depth is 7' at mean low water. Always sound your horn with a single 3 second blast when entering or exiting the gap. Boats entering the gap from the channel have right of way.

Sunshine

From Andy Hudson for MYC

Miriam Raber for MYCA

- ♥ Continuing member Bev Martin passed away on Wednesday, March 21. Her husband Ed Martin was a long time regular member, and she was active in the MYC Auxiliary for many years. Our condolences to her friends and family.
- ♥ Our condolences to Wayne and Maggie Bartow after the passing of her mother.
- ♥ Best wishes for speedy recovery to Louise Occhino.
- ♥ Our thoughts and prayers to Dominic and Diana Vistocco's son who is recuperating from a stroke.
- ♥ Congratulations to Kevin and Dianne Silver who are the proud grandparents to granddaughter Beatrice "Bea" Dorothy Silver.

From Rich Brienza:

"I would like to thank all the members for their thoughts and prayers. The calls and texts and the cards I found when I got home, many from the "snowbirds" in FL were really appreciated. MYC truly is a family and I'm proud to be part of it and have so many good friends."

heading up the East River. By then the skies had begun to darken and the wind came up. Why does the wind always have to be in your face? The light rain and salty spray would have been refreshing under different circumstances.

We slowly sailed by the South Street Seaport, but there did not appear to be any space for a couple sailors looking for a safe harbor. The next port in the storm appeared to be the 23rd Street Marina. We tied up at an open slip just before the heavy rain began. I don't think this marina is open to the public anymore. It may be a heliport now?

The crew at the marina suggested a fine East Side restaurant within easy walking distance. The adjacent complex of apartments and shops was mostly deserted. We were told that most residents get out of the City for the weekend. There were no other customers in the restaurant that evening. It didn't matter to us, the delicious dinner of roasted chicken and new potatoes and pasta primavera hit the spot. Dan had his eyes on the chocolate mousse cake on the desert cart! This was the first of many fine dining experiences on this trip. After a short walk around the neighborhood, we walked back to the boat for a couple games of cards and well deserved night's sleep. **To be continued next issue ...**

Director's Report for March 7, 2017

From Senior Director Joe Senackerib

- * A presentation on the Harbor committee's plans for the coming year was made to the Executive Committee by Harbor Chairman John Kime.
- * The Board decided that for legal reasons each Chairman will be required at years end to prepare a committee report on the committee's accomplishments for the year and the members that helped with each project.
- * The Board is evaluating a change in the bylaws that would require a member to attend a specific number of meetings in the previous twelve months to be eligible to vote.
- * The Board, after consulting our insurance agent, has decided that fueling boats while on the stands in the yard will not be permitted. Also, it is illegal to fuel boats in the water except at a fueling station.
- * The Board continued to discuss a standardized approach to becoming a probationary member.
- * The hoist, the type of hoist and the placement is still under discussion.
- * The MYC website is in the final stages of completion and is looking very good.
- * In the fall we will be adding to the boat storage contract a section requiring information on current insurance for each boat.
- * The Board approved payment of MYC club insurances.

- * John Verrengia reported on the preparations for work weekend.
- * A decision on the request by the Grounds chairman for a non-budgeted leaf vacuum was postponed until the fall.
- * A request for new straps for the travel lift will be decided after inspection of the current straps is completed.

Grounds Committee

From Chairman Chris Vicidomini

I hope we can really say spring is here and all come out from hibernation, boy I'm glad winter is behind us. As for spring, the grounds crew will be starting to clean up the grounds and get ready for work weekend, which will be April 22 and 23. We all look forward to work weekend because it's a great way to see old and new friends and enjoy the comradery of working together. If any members would like to join us, you're more than welcome to come. There are a lot of different projects going on so I'm sure there will be something for everyone. Just contact me if you would like to join us on grounds work. I will be having a meeting with the grounds crew April 8 so we can set up work groups for work weekend, hope to see you all that weekend.

A Look at the Future

Saturday, April 1	1000	Clubhouse	New Member Orientation
Tuesday, April 11	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, April 14	2000	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
April 22 and 23	0800	Grounds	Work Weekend
Wednesday, April 26		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Saturday, May 6	1700	Clubhouse	Cruising Fleet meeting/Pizza Party
Saturday, May 27	Noon	Pavilion	Opening Day
Saturday, June 3	0900	Pavilion	Nautical Flea Market
Sunday June 18	1100	Pavilion	Father's Day Brunch
July 8 - 22		Pavilion and River	Junior Sail Camp
Saturday, August 26	Noon	Pavilion	Annual Picnic
September 16 and 17		Pavilion and River	Sutherland Regatta
Saturday, October 14	0800	Grounds	Fall Work Day
Saturday November 18	1800		Change of Watch
Sunday, December 10	1400	Clubhouse	Holiday Party

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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:

Welcome New Members!

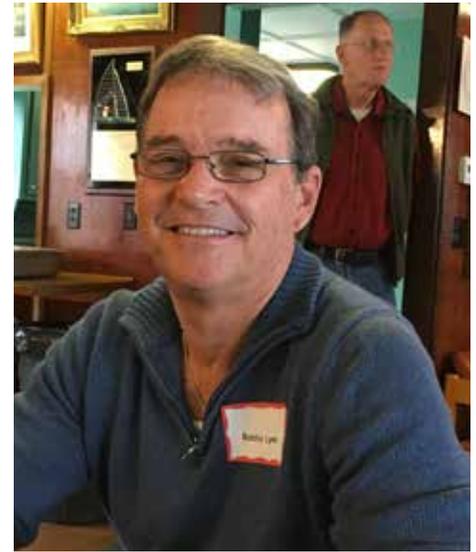
Not pictured: Dori Avishay, dock 5-10 and Regis Haines, Dry Sail



Shaun Foran
"The Clean Sweep" Dock 3-44



Tom (and Betsy) Hemmerle
"Magnolia" Dock 4-26



Bobby (and Elle) Lynn
"Twelve Feet Up" Dock 6-08



Jordan and Kelly Parker
Power - Dock 2-104



Andrew and Anna Sexton
"Surprise" Dock 4-20



Stephen Schultz
"Heron" Dock 1-35



Carlos and Constance Vega
Sail - Dock 1-15



Chris Tsanopoulos
"Anniversary" Dock 2-102

Snow Storm March 14, 2017 — Photos by Art Basley



*Say goodbye to the old gap closer,
Now replaced with a concrete dock.*



Work is nearing completion for the new launch ramp and utility pit. — Photos by Art Basley



*The electrical meters are checked and read.
New rail is placed between the launch pit and ramp.*

