



# Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club meeting on  
Friday, December 11, 2020

## 2020 Bridge Officers

Commodore Chris Vicidomini  
Vice Commodore Nick Galetta  
Rear Commodore Dave Schrage  
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne  
Secretary Keira Burtch

## 2020 Board of Directors

Kevin Silver  
Wayne Mitts  
Art Basley  
Rich Brienza  
John Verrengia

## 2020 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Peter Alfieri  
Dock 2/3: Bob Tamagny  
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib  
Dock 5: Malcolm Coyle  
Dock 6: Rich Brienza

## Sunshine

*from Andy Hudson*

*Sending best wishes for  
speedy recovery to:*

♥ Chris Vicidomini is home  
from the hospital and  
recuperating from COVID.

♥ John Bogert is home  
recuperating from shoulder  
surgery and doing well.

♥ Bert Rechtschaffer's wife  
is being treated for cancer.



## From Commodore Chris Vicidomini

*As I finally come to the last STS  
letter to our members, I'm thinking  
where do I really start?*

*2020 will go down in the history  
books as one the most challenging  
years. As we started the Jan. 2020  
meeting we had a light dinner and  
started the meeting and the 2020  
season in a great direction. I was  
looking for some great parties,  
fun times and to improve our club  
to the next phase with our new  
clubhouse. In March we found out  
about covid-19 and this changed  
our club for the rest of the year.*

*With so many differences of  
opinion from our board and bridge,  
it was very important to me to  
make the best decisions for our club  
and to keep it running on a day to  
day basis. Unfortunately we had  
so many restrictions on what we  
couldn't do. This limited us to keep  
in small groups and keep social  
distancing.*

*The summer did turn out to be  
one of the best for great weather  
with many people traveling on  
the water.*

*I for one traveled the most this  
summer since we had our boat, and  
enjoyed every weekend at the club.*

*As for projects the first that comes  
to mind is our new clubhouse. We  
should have the CO by the end of  
this month. Dougies is all set with  
the new flooring and will be used  
as the new home for De-ice and a*

*small workshop. Grounds expanded  
the area north of the pavilion to  
improve the horse shoe pit and  
make more room for trailer boat  
storage. The week of Nov. 30 we  
hope to start to dismantle the old  
clubhouse for the final phase to the  
new clubhouse.*

*In closing I would like to thank  
each and every committee  
chairman, BOD's Bridge and  
members for working with me this  
year and get us through these hard  
times. Hopefully 2021 will bring our  
club back on the path to success.*

*I would like to congratulate  
Commodore elect Nick Galetta and  
his bridge to have a great 2021  
season with much success.*

*I wish everyone a Merry  
Christmas, Happy holidays, happy  
New Year, and a safe and healthy  
2021 year. BE SAFE!!*



photo by Kevin Silver

**Kiki Michael painting  
the pit dock rails**  
(more photos page 5)

## Yard Committee

From Chairman Don Rubin

MYC Friends,  
Hope you are all well. I can't remember a Thanksgiving holiday season quite like this!

Now that all the boats are out of the water and most have been winterized and covered for the winter. The yard committee has a few suggestions for a successful winter storage season.

We know some of you think that you have finished preparing the boat for a harsh winter, but actually you've only just begun. Periodically over the winter it would be prudent to come down to the club and take a look around at your boat and other boats around you.

**Check** that your stands and chains (if you use them) are still tight and in the same position that you left them. If you see a problem with your stands or blocking, contact a member of the yard committee.

**Check** that your cover or shrink wrap is still in good condition and not ripped or flapping around. You especially don't want the cover flapping in the security beam path or creating unnecessary windage that could upset the boat.

**Do not** leave your boat plugged in if you are not on MYC property, our security team will disconnect any power cords that are left plugged in.

I know Kevin Silver does a countdown to the spring launching of boats. Check his Cruising Fleet column for an update.

All boats in the aisles be ready to go!

## Grounds Committee

From Chairman Dave Schrage

Hi everyone as the winter is starting to set in and grounds work is coming to the end for the year I like to thank Seth, Warren and Stan Grom for picking up the leaves that I piled up. I would like to thank the grounds committee for a great productive year we did a lot of work.

Thanks Again.

### **The MYC Crew At Work! Taking Wayne Batrow's mast to the Pavilion**

Photo by John O'Blenis



### **Update** from Art Basley

Doug's floor is now finished thanks to Steve Morris' (at right) final touches later on Saturday. Once this side cures we will reinstall the front door and then Erik can start setting up the selves. The plan is to install ceiling lighting, additional electrical outlets and a propane wall heater on the north corner of the building. Future considerations for insulation and interior painting will provide year round use for circulator repairs and grill maintenance.

## Ice Committee

From Chairman Erik van den Berg

We have been hard at work preparing Duggies for its transformation into the new home for the De Ice Committee.



photo by Art Basley

A new floor was installed on the right side of the building two weeks ago. The old concrete on the left side was pulled up and is now almost ready for a new floor to be installed.

All the circulators have been moved to their respective docks ready for installation. We have purchased 3 new circulators and will be ready for operations within the next month. I will need help soon to finish their placement.

I would like to give credit to all who have helped including Shaun Foran, Bob Lynn, and Steve Morris and the regular members who are on hand every Wednesday.

Thanks Erik



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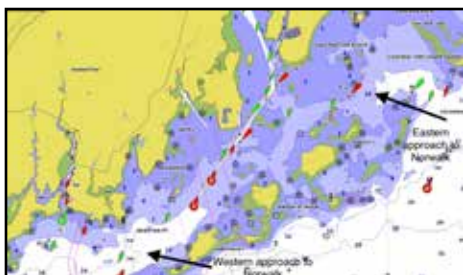


## Cruising Fleet *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

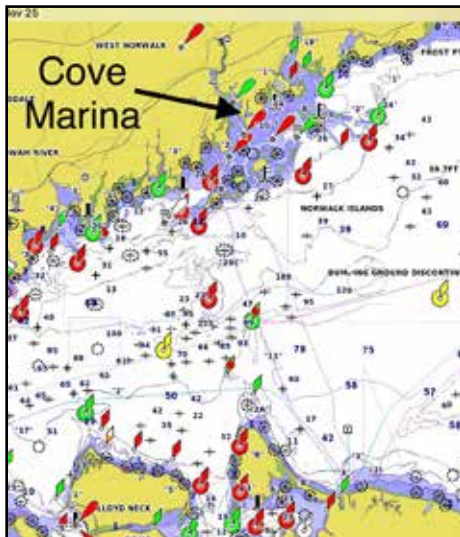
It seems that The North Shore of Long Island including Manhasset Bay, Hempstead Harbor, Oysterbay and Northport are always the goto destinations when traveling to Long Island Sound. Connecticut also has its fair share of wonderful destinations that are "close" to home.

One such destination is **Norwalk Connecticut.**

The Western approach to Norwalk is clearly marked and offers deep water access. If you are approaching Norwalk from the east on your way back to MYC pay attention to your charts and other aids to navigation. Keep a watchful eye for nets and lobster pots which are dotted throughout this passage. There is a multitude of Marinas and clubs offering transient slips. My favorite is Cove Marina for an assortment of reasons.



**Cove Marina** hasn't changed much over the past fifty years. It has excellent floating docks, a small ship store, eateries nearby, and an excellent fuel and pump out dock.



For me it's a bit more personal. When I was a young boy, my parents and other members of the Palisades Yacht Club would travel once or twice a year to Cove Marina. From my 12 year old perspective, it was a dream come true. There was a mini amusement park on the premises. There was miniature golf, trampolines and best of all, **Flying Cages!** The ride action is very simple and relies on the physical exertion of its passengers to keep it moving; stopping it is another matter altogether! Basically through human strength, a single rider rocks the counter-weighted cage back and fourth until it swings over the top. It was the best!

But wait, there's more. In 1964, while staying at Cove Marine on my birthday, I was given a fold up portable bicycle. WooHoo! I couldn't wait to check out this new bicycle. We set it up on the dock, I headed off to terra firm and off I went! Upon my return four hours later, I returned and rode down the ramp. I realized too late that the ramp was a little more steep than I recalled due to the drop in the tide 😬

Whoa Baby! It sure would've been fun to watch all those 40 to 50-year-old dads hanging on the dock, talking all kinds of boat stuff and seeing this kid come down the ramp at warp speed. They all jumped back and yours truly on that bike accelerated down the ramp, the full length of the dock and was launched right into the water! What a sight that must have been! Ah yes... good times. 😄



**Only 130 Days until Boating Season**  
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I look forward to hearing from other members of their fun childhood memories,

FYI, we had a very successful cruising fleet meeting via Zoom with over 20 in attendance. Please join us in January when we plan our summer cruise destination.

## Board of Directors Report for November 10, 2020 *From Senior Director Kevin Siver*

~ Security Committee Chairman Peter Alfieri and Seth Gannon presented a proposal for a replacement to the old gate "Clicker" system. To be presented to the membership for discussion.

~ Director Brienza read 3 Associate Applications. The applicants names to be presented to the membership at the General Meeting.

~ Vice Commodore Galetta presented his 2021 Budget. The budget will be distributed at the General Meeting and emailed to the membership Friday for review and discussion at the December meeting.

~ Director Basley reported that "Dougies" east side concrete was poured and is curing well. Erik Vandenberg is now moving/installing the equipment from the west side. The concrete floor will be poured on the west side of the building before Thanksgiving.

~ After review by Yard and Harbor, Director Brienza made a motion to adopt the MYC Buy/Sell boat policy. It was seconded and carried.

~ Director Brienza reviewed the proposed New Winter Guest Contract policy with Membership, Yard and Harbor. The contract was adopted.

~ Commodore Vicidomini reported that the upstairs sub-tiles in the old club house tested positive for asbestos enough to need abatement. The test samples cost \$975. The abatement will be \$10k-\$12k. Ed Gutierrez is interviewing contractors and will proceed as fast as possible. If we do not have a CO we will need a better location for the December meeting.

~ Commodore Vicidomini met with Wayne Bartow and discussed concerns from members about the wording of the contract. There will be further discussion in the winter.

~ Mr. Bartow also expressed his concern about the maintenance of the Opti's. He suggests that we include the youth sailors in learning repairs to the hulls and rigging. Action: Director Mitts will work with Jessie Fitzgerald and other members involved in the program to formulate a plan.

~ Director Basley reported that the travel lift straps did not pass inspection. They will need to be replaced and he will investigate having appropriate custom-made straps. He is still working to resolve the moisture in the electronics box issue with the company.

~ RC Schrage said he will coordinate members to get the club ready for winter. There will be no food served. Masks will be required when not social distanced.

~ Vice Commodore Galetta reviewed the calendar noting that many events may still need to be cancelled or delayed.

~ Vice Commodore Galetta distributed his draft copy of Committee Assignments.

~ The swearing in ceremony of Executive Committee to be held at the December membership meeting. All Executive committee members to be in uniform.

~ The new bylaws will be posted on the web site and emailed to the members.

### 2020 Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 8	1800	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, December 11	1900	MYC Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 23		Ship To Shore Deadline
Sunday, January 17	TBA	Commodore's Reception
		Keira Burtch Clubhouse

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*Wayne Bartow's Mast Parade*  
*photos by John O'Blenis*



*The Pit Gets Fresh Paint - Thanks Kiki*  
*photos by Kevin Silver*





*The Ice House Part 2 - the West End - aka Dougies* Photos by Art Basley

