



# Ship to Shore

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Minisceongo Yacht Club will hold its next meeting on Friday, December 14 at 7 P.M. in the Clubhouse.

## 2018 Bridge Officers

Commodore Rich Brienza  
Vice Commodore John Verrengia  
Rear Commodore Chris Vicidomini  
Treasurer Jim Hawthorne  
Secretary Keira Burtch

## 2018 Board of Directors

Bob Tamagny  
Andy Hudson  
Kevin Silver  
Wayne Mitts  
Art Basley

## 2018 Finger Captains

Dock 1: Ray Testasecca  
Dock 2/3: Wayne Mitts  
Dock 4: Joe Senackerib  
Dock 5: Frank Romano  
Dock 6: Chris Vicidomini

## Save the Date

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
2PM in the Clubhouse  
**Commodore's Reception**

## Baked Goods for Veterans

### Saturday December 15

Join Janice Anderson in packing home baked goodies for delivery to the Montrose VA Hospital. Let Janice know if you plan to help so she can make plans.

If you can't attend, or don't bake, and would like to contribute, feel free to send a check to:

Janice Anderson  
2 South Lynn St  
Warwick, NY 10990

## From Commodore Brienza

November has come and gone, and I hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving. All the boats are out of the basin and the Harbor committee has prepped the docks for the winter. The big event for the month was our annual Change of Watch. It was a fun event and it seemed everybody that attended had a great time. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving Eric and the De-Ice committee, along with a few extra members set the circulators and cords on the dock, and they will complete the installation in the coming week. We are waiting for a low-low tide so one of the back hoe operators can fill in a hole at the bottom of the ramp where a few trailers dug in. As soon as the docks we purchased from Sound Marine come in, we will close the gap and settle down for the winter.



photo by John O'Blenis

This is my last Ship to Shore article, and like most commodores, it creates mixed feelings. At first, there is "relief" that you don't have to come up with things to write for the monthly article, but then you realize that writing the article is the least you have to do and really not that bad. You also reflect on the past year and ask yourself if you were able to accomplish the agenda you set and if so, is the club better off? I can tell you we had a successful year and that success falls squarely on the membership. The effort was all yours. Thank you to my bridge and Board of Directors, it all started with you accepting my proposed budget and agenda. But it was the membership that deserve the biggest recognition. You took the budget and that agenda and followed through making it happen. You placed a trust in me and the executive committee to handle the administrative end of the club while we all worked to make our club the best on the Hudson River. For that I thank you. It was my honor and privilege to serve the membership of MYC. Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year.

**The next Deadline for Ship to Shore is Wednesday December 26, 2018.**

## **Cruising Fleet** *From Chairman Kevin Silver*

Cruising aboard your boat beyond the Hudson River affords one some of the best that boating can offer. Preparation is the key. Now is the time to re-view your systems on the boat to insure your boat is ship shape in the spring. In my opinion the #1 nemesis for all cruisers has got to be the head. No matter what type of boat or toilet, plumbing is the bane of our existence. Be it holding tank issues, waste line, clogged toilets (electrical or mechanical), Joker valves, etc. It's safe to say no one is immune. Even Billy Joel commiserated with my dad one afternoon in Sag Harbor some 30+ years ago. Industry acclaimed expert, Peggie Hall, has written the "bible" on this topic titled "[Get Rid of Boat Odors](#)". Even when removed from the boat the venerable marine toilet can be re-purposed as noted in the photo (right) of a family heirloom.

Congratulations to Helen and Frank Brown for being recognized with this seasons cruising fleet award. The award is presented to a member who promotes cruising and traveling by sea. The Browns cruised this past summer to Lake Champlain and a second cruise out to Woods Hole.

The "Chairman's Choice" award, new this year, is bestowed upon a member for a period of twelve months as the caretaker of a precious family heirloom that's been in my family for over 50 years. The criteria for selection are at the sole discretion of the Cruising Chairman.

This year Kiki Michael and Seth Gannon have the honor of the award for closing on a purchase of a new boat from China, over 13,000 miles from NYC. And you thought my purchase of Silver Lining in CA was over the top. Ha! Seriously, it's all in good fun and we look forward to seeing the new Varka next spring!



photo by Kevin Silver

### ***Upcoming Cruising Fleet events:***

#### **Pot Luck dinner:**

Saturday, February 9, NYC Club House, 4:30PM

#### **Maritime College Tour:**

Thank you Dick Bracken for your assistance!

Saturday, March 2nd

Maritime College Fort Schuyler, NY

#### **Weekend Land Cruise to Cape May:**

***Time sensitive! Make your reservations now!***

March 29 and 30.

***Only 5 ½ months until boating season. :)***

### **Grounds Committee**

*From Chairman Chris Vicidomini*

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend and had a great time with their families and friends. As for grounds we are all done for the winter. We had good weather and picked up all the leaves on 12/1 and will start up again in the early spring. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season and thank all our membership for their help this year. Without you we wouldn't be the great club that we are.

***The Channel Buoys were retrieved for winter storage and lifted with the new travel lift crane.***



### **Sunshine**

*From Andy Hudson*

♥ Condolences to the family and friends of Sue Schulman, wife of Alan Schulman. They were active in the club and headed the social committee for many years. I remember taking them out sailing with our little son David. He was just learning to talk, and had quite a conversation with them!

♥ Best wishes to Andy Hudson and family whose brother is being treated for cancer.

## Minisceongo Yacht Club Auxiliary

*From Captain Lori Schweiker*

Although our monthly meetings finish at the end of boating season (October), MYCA is always out there to support the club and its members. The weekend after Thanksgiving, a few of us gathered in the Club House to decorate for the holidays.

The tree, which last year was totally renovated and drew a lot of oooohs and ahhhs, is even lovelier this year. Fully decked out with lights and ornaments, it shimmers with layers of white organza and glittering silver mesh thanks to Beverly V's magic. Janice Senackerib, Beverly Vandenberg, Lorraine Austin, Louise Occhino, Ann Poltorack, Heidi Swerdloff, her brother Steve, Joe Senackerib, Tony Schweiker all joined me to bring some holiday spirit to MYC. Stop by the Club House and see why we enjoyed the day. Decorations are on-going, but you'll see the changes to the fireplace mantle, the wooden pillars wrapped in white organza and red glittered mesh, an updated Candy Cane look, the wagon wheel light fixture sporting double lengths of red beaded garland with 4 of the ornaments we learned how to make at our October meeting, dangling from the middle. Fifty more intricate ornaments will go to the PTSD Veterans mentioned further along in this article.

The scheduled Holiday party is less than a week away, and there's still a lot to do. A flurry of rsvp's just arrived this week. Janice Senackerib and I will be busy shopping and setting up for the Dec 2 event. Sue Koster and Roxy Raffa have already signed on to help. We'll fill you in next month on whether Santa showed or not and if Alexa on the Amazon Tap chose a good shuffle of Holiday tunes.

**IF YOU WANT TO PLAY SANTA ...** On December 15, a few of us are meeting with Janice Andersen to fill containers with cookies that we've baked for her on-going project supporting Veterans with PTSD. Janice still needs cookies, as the goal is to provide 3 or 4 dozen for each of 50 veterans. Any and all home baked cookies will be much appreciated. If you want to join us in the club house on December 15, contact Janice.

Wishing you all a wonderfully memorable holiday and year's end. May life be good to you and yours.

## Yard Committee

*From Chairman Roger Wieland*

This year we hauled 115 boats. The following Members helped during the hauling season: Associates, John O'Brien, John Hellik, Steve Altomonte, Warren and Seth Gannon. Probationary Dave Schrage, and Regular members Erik Vandenberg, Chris Durlan, John Kime and Commadore Brienza Thanks for your hard work.

A special thanks to Bill Gooley for going above and beyond week after week to provide us with coffee, buns and lunch.

Thanks to the Members and Winter Guests who donated to our coffee fund and those who provided, dough-

nuts, bagels and liquid refreshment.

My thanks and gratitude go to the Yard Committee for their dedication, strong work ethic and great attitude. You Guys are the best.

Here are some things to remember when you visit your boat this winter:

- \* Secure your ladder to your boat before climbing aboard.
- \* If you plug into the electric, be sure to unplug before you leave.
- \* Do not tie the lines for your cover to the jack stands.
- \* When checking your boat, if something doesn't look right in the Yard, call me.
- \* Check your cover to insure that it is secure and will not end up in the beam path, which will set off the alarm for our security system. Which means someone on the Security Committee must respond.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year ~ Rog

**PS** In 20019 we will have a change in the leadership of the Boatyard Committee. Effective January 1 Don Rubin will be the Yard Chairman.

Don brings many years of experience working on Yard and has been invaluable to me. He has a great work ethic and has the leadership skills to Chair the Committee.



photo by John O'Brien

### **MYCA Decorating the Clubhouse**



## Director's Report for November 6, 2018

From Senior Director Bob Tamagny

- \* **Boat Give-A-Way:** Harvey Rosenberg's sailboat is looking for a new home. His son, Jerry Rosenberg, is asking anyone that wants it to contact him. He is requesting in lieu of payment a tax deductible donation be given to a charity that supports children needing dental care. If you are interested, contact Jerry Rosenberg, [jerryrose1@comcast.com](mailto:jerryrose1@comcast.com) Cell #: 732-710-8988.
- \* **George Samalot:** Sent an invitation to attend a presentation on Nyack Boat Club's "Ideal 18 Program". This is a sailing program that is being used to teach sailing and attract new members to their club.
- \* **An update from Director Basley:** Explained some problems that we were having with the new travel lift. All repairs were made under warranty work.
- \* **Secretary Burtch:** Gave an update on the gathering of information needed for the electric algorithm form. If you have not filled this form out please go to MYC's website and do so.
- \* **2019 Budget:** Vice Commodore John Verrengia distributed the club's budget for 2019. This was reviewed in great detail and was approved by the Board.

## Final Voyage

Bob Weismantel



photo by Ginger Weismantel

Until very recently, Bob was an active life member of MYC. Throughout the years he was involved in many areas of our club including plumbing, buoy maintenance, Ship-to-Shore editor for over 18 years and most dear to his heart, Junior Sailing. Bob was instrumental in keeping the fleet in good shape. Bob was an accomplished sailor. His encyclopedic knowledge about boats was truly remarkable. He enjoyed racing on Wednesday nights as well as long range cruising throughout the Northeast with Ginger aboard their beloved Tartan 33 Sailboat, which no surprise to anyone who knew Bob, was meticulously maintained. Our Condolences to Ginger, their family and friends.

## A Look at the Future

Tuesday, December 11	1900	Clubhouse	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, December 14	1900	Clubhouse	MYC Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 20	2000	Clubhouse	Coast Guard Auxiliary Meeting
Saturday, November 17	1800	The Hudson Terrace	Change of Watch
Wednesday, December 26		Keira Burtch	Ship To Shore Deadline
Sunday, January 13	1400	Clubhouse	Commodore's Reception

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# *Change of Watch*

*photos by John O'Blenis (more on the web site)*





# *What's Happening at MYC*

*Assorted photos by John O'Blenis, Art Basley, Kevin Silver and Chris Vicidomini*

